



## **Land Working Report Reviewer Information sheet**

**The policy context for the report:** The IPCC Special Report on Climate Change and Land (SRCCL) released in August 2019 states equivocally that land is critically important– both as a source of GHG emissions and as a climate solution. At COP25 (December 2019), the COP requested the Chair of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) to convene at its SB 52 session (June 2020) a dialogue on the relationship between land and climate change adaptation related matters. Parties and non-Party stakeholders were invited to submit inputs via the submission portal to inform the dialogue. Thereafter at COP26, the Glasgow Climate Pact<sup>[1]</sup>, Parties were invited to submit views on how to enhance climate action on land under the existing UNFCCC programmes and activities set out in paragraph 75 of the report on the dialogue on the relationship between land and climate change adaptation related matters. The SBSTA Chair was requested to prepare an informal summary of these views. This informal summary is to be presented for consideration at COP27 to be held in November 2022.

**It is against this backdrop that the working paper, [titled: “*Working Paper Report on Enhancing Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation Actions on Land in Africa*”], that you have been asked to review, has been prepared.**

**The working paper:** Recognising the recent dialogues having taken place, in preparation for UNFCCC COP27 negotiations as well as in the lead-up to CBD Phase 2 of COP15 , the *African Group of Negotiators Experts Support (AGNES)*, together with *Oppenheimer Research and Conservation*, *The University of the Witwatersrand Future Ecosystems for Africa (FEFA)* project and *AUDA-NEPAD* have developed working paper on how to enhance climate action on land to help inform a common African position on this topic. The specific aim is to deepen our understanding of the relationship between land and climate change mitigation and adaptation in the African context. The working paper is to be launched at COP27.

The paper is currently 91 pages in length and includes the following components: *a)* a literature review focused on Africa’s open ecosystems in the context of climate change mitigation and adaptation options, *b)* examples of actions that meet climate action objectives as well as other environmental co-benefits, through the lens of nature-based solutions in Africa, *c)* current data and research gaps preventing more African-appropriate climate mitigation and adaptation solutions and *d)* provides a potential starting point for a common African position on how to enhance climate action on land, emphasising environmental and social co-benefits and possible trade-offs.

**The review request:** We have identified you as an African expert in this field and consider you well-placed to provide meaningful review of this working paper. We thus kindly request your availability to provide review of the report, with a submission deadline of review comments by 19 August 2022. We also fully understand that the report is very long and do not expect you to read through everything, but rather to focus on the areas that are of most relevance to your expertise. Critical peer-review will give the messages contained within the document considerable credibility and legitimacy, giving the voice of the African position at the COP27 negotiations greater

prominence in discussions. We have carefully selected expert reviewers to ensure geographic coverage across the continent. We are asking for feedback on the report, points to emphasise, or reconsider or noted by you as critically absent in comment form on the document. All reviewers will be formally acknowledged in the final publication.

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[1] COP26 Cover Decision – paragraph 58. Paragraph 58 states that “Further welcomes the informal summary reports by the Chair of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) on ocean and climate change dialogue to consider how to strengthen adaptation and mitigation action and on the dialogue on the relationship between land and climate change adaptation related matter”; **Paragraph 59** invites parties to submit views on how to enhance climate action on land under the existing UNFCCC programmes and activities in paragraph 75 on the report of the dialogue on the relationship between land and climate change adaptation related matters referred to paragraph 58 and requests the Chair of the SBSTA to prepare an informal summary report thereon and make it available at COP27.