



LCAW 2025 Workshop CONCEPT NOTE

Thursday, 26th June 2025

14:30pm – 15:30pm, London Stock Exchange Group (LSEG) LONDON

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| Theme | <p><i>Unlocking Nature Finance in Africa: Bridging Capital, Projects & Policy</i></p> <p>This event aims to explore how to unlock the full potential of nature finance across Africa by convening voices from the investment community, project developers, and policymakers. It will serve as a platform for ANCA members and partners to showcase their innovative approaches to nature finance, while fostering a holistic dialogue on scaling investment for nature across the African continent.</p> |
| Organizers and Partners | African Natural Capital Alliance and World Climate Foundation |
| Session Type | Presentations & Plenary Dialogue |
| Event Structure & Venue | Date and Time: Thursday 26 th June 14:30 pm – 15:30 pm 60 pax |
| Session Focus Areas | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Case studies of emerging nature finance projects in Africa. • Case studies of investor approaches to nature finance in Africa. • Examining financial instruments designed to support nature finance. • Strategies for navigating regulatory challenges and leveraging policy support including that of reporting and disclosures. |
| Expected Outcomes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greater investor awareness of the opportunities, risks, and enabling conditions for scaling nature finance across Africa. • Increased visibility of ANCA member initiatives and successful nature-based projects, highlighting investable pipelines across the continent. • Deeper cross-sector understanding of how regulatory frameworks, policy tools, and disclosure requirements can support the growth of nature finance. • New and strengthened partnerships among investors, project developers, and policymakers |
| Speakers & Run of Show | <p>Event Moderated by: Dorothy Maseke</p> <p>07 min Welcome and framing by Mark Napier Workshop purpose: <i>“Why this conversation now?”</i></p> <p>07 min Opening remarks: UK Special Representative for Nature: Ruth Davies, OBE</p> <p>24 min Lightning talks (appx. 8 minutes each). These will include: <i>Investor perspective on barriers and opportunities in African nature finance</i> by Allesandro Scalco, Blended Finance Lead, Rand Merchant Bank (RMB)</p> <p><i>Project developer perspective on on-the-ground realities and financing needs</i> by:</p> |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Viraj Sikand, CEO and Co-Founder, Earth Acre - Justine Sequeira - Director, Conservation Finance at Forested <p><i>Policy perspective on enabling environments by</i> Akanksha Khatri, Head of Nature Action Agenda, World Economic Forum (WEF)</p> <p>15 min Brief Dialogue moderated by Kelvin Massingham (max 3 comments from the floor)</p> <p>07 min Closing by Anne-Marie (including to slip in FSDAi plans on Nature Finance)</p> |
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