

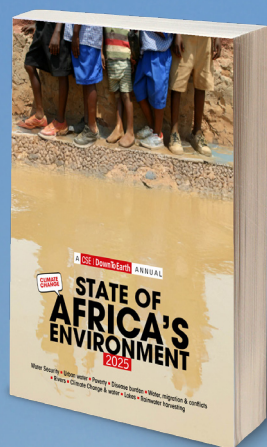


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STATE OF AFRICA'S 2025 ENVIRONMENT

AFRICA AND CLIMATE CHANGE

September 17-19, 2025 Addis Ababa, Ethiopia



PROGRAMME AGENDA

DAY 1: WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2025

Arrival of all outstation invitees and participants

7.00 PM Interactions followed by dinner

DAY 2: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2025

SESSION 1: THE INAUGURAL

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| 9.30-10.00 AM | Welcome Address
Mekonnen Teshome, Souparno Banerjee and Daniel Aghan |
| 10.00-11.00 AM | The state of Africa's environment in 2024-25 – an overview
Presented by Sunita Narain , Director General, CSE |
| 11.00-11.15 AM | Formal release of the report |

11.15-11.45 AM: COFFEE/TEA BREAK

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| 11.45 AM-1.30 PM | Addresses by Chief Guests <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lelise Neme, Director General, Ethiopian Environment Protection Authority• Dr Bayissa Bedada, State Minister, Ministry of Innovation and Technology, Government of Ethiopia*• Dr Rita Bissoonauth, UNESCO -- Director of Addis Ababa Liaison Office to AU and UNECA and Representative to Ethiopia• Professor Kassahun Tesfaye, Director General, Bio and Emerging Technology Institute (BETin), Ministry of Innovation and Technology, Ethiopia* |
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1.30-2.30 PM: LUNCH BREAK

SESSION 2: CONFLICTS, MIGRATION AND CLIMATE CHANGE

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| 2.30-3.15 PM | Overview
Richard Mahapatra , Managing Editor, Down To Earth |
| 3.15-3.45 PM | Climate change and human mobility in Africa
Dr Ahmed Zanya Bugre , MQR Senior Legal Advisor on Climate Change and Human Mobility, AU Commission, Addis Ababa (ONLINE) |

3.45-4.15 PM: COFFEE/TEA BREAK

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| 4.15-5.00 PM | Discussion Hour
Anchored by Richard Mahapatra and Mekonnen Teshome |
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DAY 3: FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2025

SESSION 3: AGRICULTURE, FOOD SECURITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE

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| 9.30-10.15 AM | Overview
Sunita Narain , Director General, CSE |
| 10.15-10.45 AM | Climate change and agriculture: How is Ethiopia coping?
Prof Firew Mekbib , Chairperson, Ethiopian Seed Variety Release Committee, Addis Ababa |

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SESSION 3: AGRICULTURE, FOOD SECURITY AND CLIMATE CHANGE

10.45-11.15 AM

Climate-smart agriculture: A template

David Ojigo, Ag Director-Research and Innovation, Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development, Kenya

11.15-11.45 AM: COFFEE/TEA BREAK

11.45 AM-1.00 PM

Discussion Hour

Anchored by **Daniel Aghan** and **Souparno Banerjee**

1.00-2.00 PM: LUNCH BREAK

SESSION 4: ADAPTATION

2.00-3.00 PM

Overview

Anumita Roychowdhury, Executive Director-Research and Advocacy, CSE

3.00-3.30 PM

The role of science in adapting to and mitigating climate change and its impacts

Professor Teketal Yohannes, Executive Director, Ethiopian Academy of Sciences

3.30-4.00 PM

Adaptation in the context of livestock and agriculture management

Richard-Mark MBaram, Special Advisor, Knowledge Mgt & Communication, Office of the Hon. Minister, Fed Ministry of Livestock Development, Nigeria (ONLINE)

4.00-4.30 PM: COFFEE/TEA BREAK

4.30-6.30 PM

WORKSHOP: Understanding and using data to report on climate change

Anchored by **Rajit Sengupta** and **Kiran Pandey**, Down To Earth, India

6.30-6.45 PM

Vote of thanks, conclusion and dispersals

Mekonnen and **Sukanya**

*Yet to be confirmed

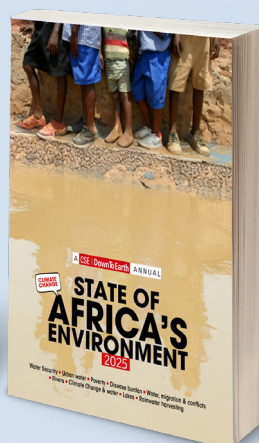
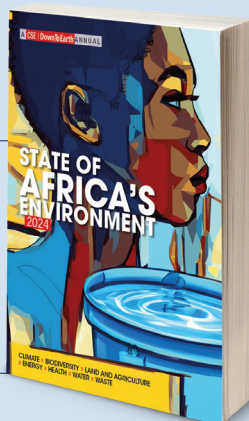
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