

## Agenda – Side Event at Africa Climate Summit 2025

**Theme:** *Elevating Care Work in Climate Action: The Unpaid and Unseen*

**Duration:** 90 minutes

**Date:** 10 September 2025 | **Time:** 9:30-11:00

### Objectives of the Side Event

- Highlight how climate change impacts care work and social justice, especially for women and rural marginalized groups.
- Share evidence from community projects that demonstrate inclusive climate action approaches.
- Create dialogue among policymakers, partners, and CSOs on gender-responsive climate policies.
- Advocate for integrating unpaid care work into climate financing and adaptation strategies.
- Strengthening partnerships between governments, CSOs, and communities for sustainable solutions.

Time	Agenda Item	Lead / Speaker
09:30 – 09:35	Opening & Welcome Remarks	Moderator
09:35 – 09:45	Keynote Address	<b>Elise Nalbagian</b> (Head of the African Union Liaison Office for Oxfam)
9:45 – 10:00	Presentation of Research & Project Work (EXHIBITION)	Ashafa Abdulsalam
10:00 – 10:25	Panel Session 1 – Care Work, Gender, and Climate Resilience	Panel of 4 Speakers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kenneth Akpan Ph.D</li> <li>• Celine Charveriat</li> <li>• Amadou Mbodj</li> </ul>
10:25 – 10:30	Audience Q&A (for Panel 1)	Moderator

<b>10:30 – 10:50</b>	Panel Session 2 – Policy, Financing, and Sustainable Solutions	<p>Panel of 4 Speakers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• João Guilherme Rosado Maia Araújo</li> <li>• <i>Dr. Charles Akataobi Michael</i></li> <li>• Halru Ahmad Khalpha</li> </ul>
<b>10:50 – 10:55</b>	Audience Q&A (for Panel 2)	Moderator
<b>10:55 – 11:00</b>	Closing & Call to Action	Moderator & Organizers



## Interactive Panel Questions for the Side Event

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### Panel Session 1: Care Work, Gender, and Climate Resilience

**Theme:** *How climate change is reshaping unpaid care work and women's resilience.*

#### Proposed Questions:

1. In your experience, how has climate change intensified unpaid care work for women in African communities?
2. What are some real-life coping strategies women and caregivers are adopting to deal with climate impacts (e.g., drought, floods, food insecurity)?
3. How do cultural and social norms influence the distribution of care work during climate crises, and how can men and boys be engaged in sharing responsibilities?
4. Many women are excluded from climate decision-making spaces. What practical steps can ensure their voices are meaningfully included in policy dialogues?
5. What role can community-based initiatives (e.g., climate-smart agriculture, clean cooking, tree planting) play in reducing women's burden of care work?
6. From your perspective, what are the biggest gaps in existing adaptation policies when it comes to recognizing and valuing care work?

### Panel Session 2: Policy, Financing, and Sustainable Solutions

**Theme:** *Bringing care work into climate policy, financing, and global advocacy.*

#### Proposed Questions:

1. Climate finance is often technical and top-down. How can we ensure climate financing mechanisms (e.g., Green Climate Fund, adaptation funds) address the care economy?
2. What examples of policies or programs (local, national, or regional) have successfully integrated gender and care work into climate adaptation?
3. How can African governments and CSOs work together to mainstream care-responsive climate action into national climate strategies and NDCs?

4. What are the risks of ignoring unpaid care work in global climate policy and financing frameworks?
5. How can private sector and development partners support sustainable solutions (such as clean energy, childcare services, or social protection) that reduce the care burden?
6. Looking forward, what are the three most urgent advocacy priorities that should come out of this side event to influence the global climate agenda?

#### Audience-Engagement Questions (to throw to the floor)

- *For those here today: how many hours do you think women in rural Africa spend weekly on unpaid care tasks such as fetching water, cooking, or caring for the sick? (then reveal data).*
- *Raise your hand if you believe unpaid care work should be counted as part of a country's economy (GDP).*
- *Who here has seen a community-led solution that eased the care burden during climate shocks? Would you like to share in 1 minute?*

#### POTENTIAL Speakers

1. **João Guilherme Rosado Maia Araújo** (Minister's Advisor Ministry of Development and Social Assistance, Family and Fight Against Hunger)
2. **Celine Charveriat** (Member advisory board of the climate & care initiative.)
3. **Dr. Charles Akataobi Michael** DVM, MPH, MSc, FETP (*Senior Technical Officer Lead, Climate Change and Health Program, One Health Unit Africa Centres for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC)*)
4. **Amadou Mbodj** (Program Manager at Fundación Avina,) **KEY NOTE SPEAKER**
5. **Kenneth Akpan Ph.D. Ag.** Programme Manager, Acct Governance. Climate Justice and AACJ Project Lead, Nigeria Oxfam in Nigeria
6. **Halru Ahmad Khalpha**