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AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK GROUP
GROUPE DE LA BANQUE AFRICAINE DE DÉVELOPPEMENT

ANNUAL MEETINGS 2026 KNOWLEDGE EVENTS

PROGRAM AND RUN OF SHOW

"Mobilising Africa's Development Financing at Scale in a Fragmented World"

#AfDBAM2026

High-Level Plenary Knowledge Event: Launch of the 2026 African EconomicOutlook (AEO) report: "Mobilising Africa's Development Financing at Scale in a Fragmented World"

Date: 26 May 2026 | Time: 12.00 pm – 2.00 pm (Central African Time – GMT+1)
Venue: Plenary MFOA

(Lead Complexes: ECVP/SVP/AHVP/ FIVP/PEVP/PIVP/RDVP)

This knowledge event will provide the opportunity for the Bank to disseminate the findings of its key flagship report to a wide global audience and, as a result, influence policy discourse in the continent on effective mobilization and efficient utilization of capital. It will also give an opportunity to the Bank Governors, high-level stakeholders, and other participants to share their views on the relevance of the key findings and the soundness of policy recommendations contained in the report and benchmark them against their own (country's) experience.

SPEAKERS AND RUN OF SHOW

Welcome and Introduction:

Moderator:

Dr. Joy Kategekwa, Director, Regional Integration Coordination Office, African Development Bank Group

Opening Remarks:

Dr. Sidi Ould Tah, President, African Development Bank Group

Presentation of 2026 AEO Key Highlights:

Prof. Kevin Chika Urama, Chief Economist and Vice President for Economic Governance and Knowledge Management, African Development Bank Group

12:00 – 13:00 AEO Launch – Ministerial Panel Session 1

1. **Hon. Dr. Mwigulu Lameck Nchemba**, Prime Minister of the United Republic of Tanzania.

2. **Mr. Ndaba Nkosinathi Gaolathe**, Vice President and Minister of Finance and Governor for the Republic of Botswana.

3. **His Excellency Mr. Ludovic Ngatse**, Minister of Economy, Planning, and Regional Integration for the Republic of Congo and Chairperson of the Boards of Governors.

4. **Hon. Seedy K.M Keita**, Minister of Finance and Economic Affairs and Governor for the Republic of The Gambia.

5. **Rt Hon. Baroness Chapman**, Minister of State for International Development and Africa within Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO) and Governor for the United Kingdom.

6. **His Excellency Mr. Souleymane Diarrassouba**, Minister of Planning and Development and Governor for the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire.

7. **Hon. Victor Hugo Guilherme**, Minister of Planning and Governor for the Republic of Angola.

13:00 – 14:00 AEO Launch – Panel Session 2

1. **Mr. Claver Gatete**, Under-Secretary-General and Executive Secretary, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa.

2. **Dr. Katharina Stasch**, DG Global Alliances, European Union and Economic Development, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and Temporary Governor for the Federal Republic of Germany.

3. **Ms. Hilda Sandberg**, Deputy Director and Head of the MDB Group, Department for Multilateral Development Banks, Sustainability and Climate, Ministry for Foreign Affairs and Temporary Governor for the Kingdom of Sweden.

4. **Ms. Emmi Oikar**i, Director, Ministry for Foreign Affairs and Temporary Governor for the Republic of Finland.

5. **Ms. Diene Keita**, Executive Director, United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA).

6. **Mr. Antoine Nkodia**, Economic Advisor to the Minister of Finance, Budget and Public Portfolio of the Republic of Congo, Republic of Congo.

Closing remarks and key takeaways (Moderator)

Dr. Joy Kategekwa, Director, Regional Integration Coordination Office, African Development Bank Group.



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Time (GMT+1)	**Session: Launch of the 2026 African Economic Outlook (AEO) report:** "Mobilising Africa's Development Financing at Scale in a Fragmented World"
12.00 pm – 12.05 pm (5 min)	**Opening Video and Welcome (Moderator):** **Dr. Joy Kategekwa**, Director, Regional Integration Coordination Office, African Development Bank Group
12:05 pm – 12.12 pm (7 min)	**Opening Remarks:** **Dr. Sidi Ould Tah**, President, African Development Bank Group.
12.12 pm – 12.15pm (3 min)	**Unveiling of the 2026 African Economic Outlook report by the Bank's President, Bank Group Senior Management and High-Level Delegates.**
12.15 pm – 12.35pm (20 min)	**Presentation of the AEO key highlights on:** "Mobilising Africa's Development Financing at Scale in a Fragmented World": **Prof. Kevin Chika Urama,** Chief Economist and Vice President for Economic Governance and Knowledge Management, African Development Bank Group
12.35 pm – 13.05 pm (30 min)	**Ministerial Panel Discussion– Panel Session 1** (Panelists listed above)
13.05pm – 13:10 pm (5 min)	**Transition to second panel**
13.10 pm – 13.40 pm (30 min)	**Panel Discussion – Panel Session 2** (Panelists listed above)
13.40 pm – 13:55pm (15 min)	**Q & A**
13:55pm – 14:00pm (5 min)	**Closing remarks and key takeaways (Moderator) & Family Photo with Panelists** **Dr. Joy Kategekwa**, Director, Regional Integration Coordination Office, African Development Bank Group

Knowledge Event 1: "Strengthening and Consolidating Africa's Financial Systems and Agency in the Changing World"

Date: 27 May 2026 | Time: 4.30 pm – 6.00 pm (Central African Time: GMT+1)
Venue: Plenary MFOA

(Lead Complexes: ECVP/FIVP/PIVP/AHVP/PEVP/RDVP)

This knowledge event will provide the opportunity for President of the Bank Group and Heads of Financial Institutions, Financial Supervisory and Regulatory Agencies from Africa and elsewhere to interrogate the findings of the thematic chapter of the AEO 2026 report which examines how Africa can strengthen and reform its financial architecture to make it fit for purpose, enhance financial sovereignty, and mobilize capital at scale through better coordination, risk management, and more efficient, integrated financial systems, and to discuss the policy actions required for implementation.

SPEAKERS AND RUN OF SHOW

Welcome and Introduction:

Moderator:

Ms. Hassatou N'sele, Vice-President for Finance and Chief Financial Officer, African Development Bank Group.

Confirmed Panelists:

PANEL SESSION 1

1. **Mr. Abdullah KH Almusaibeeh**, President of the Arab Bank for Economic Development in Africa.
2. **Mr. Nobumitsu Hayashi, Governor**, Japan Bank for International Cooperation.
3. **Mr. Manuel Moses, Chief Executive Officer**, The African Trade & Investment Development Insurance (ATIDI).
4. **Prof. Carlos Lopes**, Honorary Professor, Nelson Mandela School of Public Governance, University of Cape Town.
5. **Dr. George Elombi**, President and Chairman of the Board of Directors of Afreximbank

PANEL SESSION 2

1. **Mr. Dieudonné Fikiri Alimasi**, First Deputy-Governor of the Central Bank of Congo, Democratic Republic of Congo.

2. **Mr. Michel Dzombala**, Deputy Governor of the Bank of Central African States (BEAC).

3. **Mr. Ngueto Tiraïna Yambaye**, Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of the African Guarantee and Economic Cooperation Fund (FAGACE).

4. **Mr. Andrew McDowell**, Global Director General, European Investment Bank.

5. **Mr. Kalidou Gadio**, Co-Chair of US Africa Practice, DLA Piper, USA

Closing remarks and key takeaways (Moderator):

Ms. Hassatou N'sele, Vice-President for Finance and Chief Financial Officer, African Development Bank Group.



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Time (GMT+1)	Session: Strengthening and Consolidating Africa's Financial Systems and Agency in the Changing World
4.30 pm- 4.35 pm (5 min)	**Opening Video and Welcome (Moderator):** **Ms. Hassatou N'sele**, Vice-President for Finance and Chief Financial Officer, African Development Bank Group **Content Short** rationale for the session and brief explanation of its structure.
4.35 pm – 5.05 pm (30 min)	**Panel Discussion – Panel Session 1** (Panelists listed above)
5.05 pm – 5.10 pm (5 min)	**Transition**
5.10 pm – 5.40 pm (30 min)	**Panel Discussion – Panel Session 2**
5.40 pm – 5.55 pm (15 min)	**Q&A**
5.55 pm – 6.00pm (5 min)	**Closing remarks and key takeaways (Moderator):** **Ms. Hassatou N'sele,** Vice-President for Finance and Chief Financial Officer, African Development Bank Group

Knowledge Event 2: "Mobilising Capital at Scale for Accelerated, Inclusive and Resilient Growth in Africa"

Date: 28 May 2026 | Time: 9.00 am – 10.30 am (Central African Time – GMT+1)
Venue: Plenary MFOA

(Lead Complexes: ECVP/FIVP/PIVP/AHVP/PEVP/RDVP)

This knowledge event provides the platform for a deep dive on the findings of the thematic chapter of the AEO 2026, focused on mobilising capital at scale, to discuss practical policy actions with stakeholders on how Africa can catalyse the mobilisation of development financing for inclusive and resilient growth.

SPEAKERS AND RUN OF SHOW

Welcome and Introduction:

Moderator:

Mr. Solomon Quaynor, Vice-President for Private Sector, Infrastructure and Industrialization, African Development Bank Group.

Confirmed Panelists:

PANEL SESSION 1

1. **Mr. Admassu Tadesse**, Group President and Managing Director, Trade and Development Bank.
2. **Mr. Alain Ebobissé**, Chief Executive Officer, Africa50 Group.
3. **His Excellency Mr. Hervé Ndoba**, Minister of Finance and Budget of the Central African Republic, Alternate Governor the Central African Republic.
4. **Ms. Alexandra Celestin**, World Bank Group Country Manager, the Republic of Congo.

PANEL SESSION 2

1. **Mr. Ziad Oueslati**, Executive Founding Partner, AfricInvest.

2. **Mrs. Shanti Bobin**, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Multilateral Financial Affairs and Development at the Ministry of Finance, France.

3. **Mr. Felix Bikpo**, Group Chairman, African Guarantee Fund.

Closing remarks and key takeaways (Moderator):

Mr. Solomon Quaynor, Vice-President for Private Sector, Infrastructure and Industrialization, African Development Bank Group.



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Time (GMT+1)	Session: "Mobilising Capital at Scale for Accelerated, Inclusive and Resilient Growth in Africa"
9.00 am – 9.05 am (5 min)	**Opening Video and Welcome (Moderator):** **Mr. Solomon Quaynor**, Vice-President for Private Sector, Infrastructure and Industrialization, African Development Bank Group **Content:** Short rationale for the session and brief explanation of its structure.
9.05 am – 9.35 am (30 min)	**Panel Discussion – Panel Session 1** (Panelists listed above)
9.35 am – 9.40 am (5 min)	**Transition**
9.40 am – 10.10 am (30 mins)	**Panel Discussion – Panel Session 2**
10.10 am – 10.25 am (15 min)	**Q&A**
10.25 am – 10.30 am (5 min)	**Closing remarks and key takeaways (Moderator):** **Mr. Solomon Quaynor**, Vice-President for Private Sector, Infrastructure and Industrialization, African Development Bank Group

Knowledge Event 3: “Harnessing Africa’s Demographic Dividend for Accelerated Economic Transformation”

Date: 28 May 2026 | Time: 2.30 pm – 4.00 pm
Venue: Plenary MFOA

(Lead Complexes: ECVP/FIVP/PIVP/AHVP/PEVP/RDVP)

This knowledge event will convene policymakers, development partners, private sector actors, and youth and women leaders to share experiences and innovative approaches for turning demographic potential into tangible economic gains. The event will explore practical strategies to harness Africa’s demographic assets to accelerate industrialization, technological innovation, and inclusive growth.

SPEAKERS AND RUN OF SHOW

Welcome and Introduction:

Moderator:

Ms. Denise Epoté, Former Director of Information TV5 Afrique.

Confirmed Panelists:

PANEL SESSION 1

1. **Hon. Ericah B. Shafudah**, Minister of Finance and Governor for the Republic of Namibia.
2. **Dr. Sangheon Lee**, Chief Economist, Director-General, International Labour Organisation.
3. **Ms. Federica Diamanti**, Associate Vice President, External Relations Department, IFAD
4. **Mme Mouna El Jaouhari**, Représentante du Bureau des Nations Unies pour les services de projet pour la République démocratique du Congo, la République du Congo, le Burundi et le Rwanda

PANEL SESSION 2

1. **Mr. Bening Ahmed Wiisichong**, Secretary General of the Pan-African Youth Union Organisation (PYU).

2. **Mr. Ben Aziz Konate, President**, Côte d'Ivoire Federation of Young Entrepreneurs.

3. **Mr. Paulo Gomes, Managing Director of Orango Investment Corporation**, Chairman of the Advisory Board of the African and Southeast Asian Chamber of Commerce (ASEACC), Former Executive Director of the World Bank for the Africa Group II.

4. **Mr. Jide Okeke, Director of Regional Programmes**, Regional Bureau for Africa, United Nations Development Program (UNDP).

Closing remarks and key takeaways (Moderator):

Ms. Denise Epoté, Former Director of Information TV5 Afrique.



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Time (GMT+1)	Session: Harnessing Africa's Demographic Dividend for Accelerated Economic Transformation.
2.30 pm – 2.35 pm (5 min)	**Opening Video and Welcome (Moderator):** **Ms. Denise Epoté,** Former Director of Information of TV5 Afrique **Content** Short rationale for the session and brief explanation of its structure.
2.35 pm – 3.05 pm (30 min)	**Panel Discussion – Panel Session 1** (Panelists listed above)
3.05 pm – 3.10 pm (5 min)	**Transition**
3.10 pm – 3.40 pm (30 min)	**Panel Discussion – Panel Session 2**
3.40 pm – 3.55 pm (15 min)	**Q&A**
3.55 pm – 4.00 pm (5 mins)	**Closing remarks and key takeaways (Moderator):** **Ms. Denise Epoté**, Former Director of Information of TV5 Afrique

Knowledge Event 4: "Valuing the Green Wealth of Nations: Biodiversity and Carbon Credits, Ecosystem Services, and Economic Productivity in Africa"

Date: 29 May 2026 | Time: 9.00 am – 10.30 am (Central African Time – GMT+1)
Venue: Plenary MFOA

(Lead Complexes: ECVP/FIVP/PIVP/AHVP/PEVP/RDVP)

This knowledge event will provide a platform for the Bank to advance policy dialogue on the inclusion of the value of Africa's biodiversity, carbon credits and ecosystem services in GDP for enhanced economic productivity and sustainable development. The event will explore how valuing natural capital can expand fiscal space, unlock access to green and blue finance, and catalyze participation in emerging carbon and bio-credit markets.

SPEAKERS AND RUN OF SHOW

Welcome and Introduction:

Moderator:

Ms. Denise Epoté, Former Director of Information TV5 Afrique.

Confirmed Panelists:

PANEL SESSION 1

1. **Dr. Valérie Liechti**, Assistant Director General and Head of the Africa Division, The Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC).
2. **Prof. Gunnar Kohlin**, Associate Professor and Senior Advisor, Environment for Development Initiative, University of Gothenburg.
3. **Prof. Pushpam Kumar**, Chief Environmental Economist, United Nations Environment Programme.
4. **Dr. Claudine Uwera**, Senior Strategic Advisor, Office of the Prime Minister, Rwanda.

PANEL SESSION 2

1. **Ms. Arlette Soudan-Nonault**, Minister of the Environment, Sustainable Development and the Congo Basin.

2. **Mr. Thierno-Habib Hann**, Managing Director, Shelter Afrique.

3. **Prof. Rachel Kyte**, UK Special Representative for Climate.

4. **Ms. Sandra Kassab**, Director for Africa, French Development Agency Group.

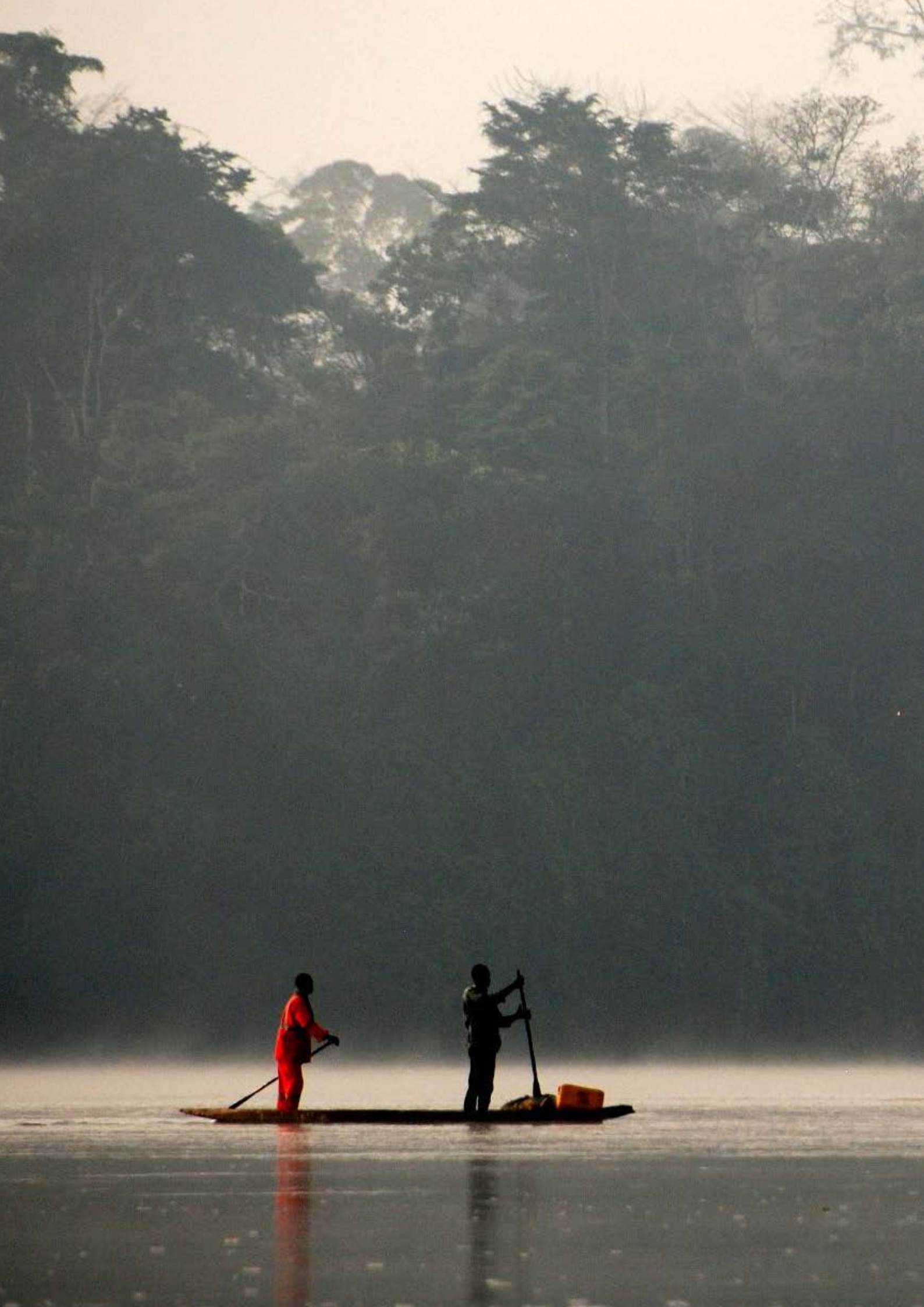
Closing remarks and key takeaways (Moderator):

Ms. Denise Epoté, Former Director of Information TV5 Afrique.



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Time (GMT+1)	Session: Valuing the Green Wealth of Nations: Biodiversity and Carbon Credits, Ecosystem Services, and Economic Productivity in Africa
9.00 am – 9.05 am (5 min)	**Opening Video and Welcome (Moderator):** **Ms. Denise Epoté**, F ormer Director of Information of TV5 Afrique
9.05 am – 9.35 am (30 min)	**Panel Discussion – Panel Session 1** (Panelists listed above)
9.35 am – 9.40 am (5 min)	**Transition**
9.40 am – 10.10 am (30 min)	**Panel Discussion – Panel Session 2**
10.10 am – 10.25 am (15 min)	**Q&A**
10.25 am – 10.30 am (5 min)	**Closing remarks and key takeaways (Moderator):** **Ms. Denise Epoté**, Former D irector of Information of TV5 Afrique.







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