Global climate policies towards a ‘just transition’ under the Paris Agreement should align with and support African states’ national sustainable development priorities – in particular, the need for decent and fair job creation, as well as resilient and sustainable land, environment, and ecosystem management policies. Achieving green growth requires innovative and more accessible financing models, especially as wealthy nations’ financial pledges have fallen short. Ahead of the ‘African COP27’ set to take place in Egypt in November 2022, there is a need for transformational strategic thinking and context-specific action from African governments, civil society, businesses and financiers, in their green financing demands and national implementation plans.

Preservation of biodiversity and nature is not only critical in the global fight against climate change but is also vital for conservation-based economic development. Natural capital stocks, such as terrestrial and marine ecosystems and biodiversity, produce benefits that support societal and individual well-being and economic prosperity, such as clean air, fresh water, regulation of water flows and pollination of crops – while also acting as important carbon sinks. Financing environmental protection must go beyond compensation and contribute towards creating fair social and economic conditions for incentivizing conservation.

At this event in Libreville, participants will discuss green financing for nature-based solutions, particularly the integration of plans for job creation in conservation and rural resilience within just transition planning.

This event is part of a series on Towards Just Transition: Connecting Green Financing and Sustainable Job Creation in Africa, supported by the Chatham House Sustainability Accelerator.
11.15 – 11.30  **Coffee Break**

11.30 – 12.50  **Session 2: Nature-Based Solution Financing Priorities for COP27**

* African priorities for financing nature-based solutions at COP27
* Carbon markets and trading
* Financing priorities for ecosystem restoration in the Sahel
* Results-based financing and the Central African Forest Initiative (CAFI)
* The Congo Basin Forest Partnership (CBFP) as a funding model

12.50 – 13.00  **Closing Remarks**

*(All timings in Libreville, WAT)*