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# PRESENTATION OF NDCSD

The Network for Decentralized  
Cooperation and Sustainable  
Development.

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**Location**

Canada, USA, Europe, Africa

**Period**

Cyclic event



“The economic development of a country is not only measured by the wealth it produces, but also by the quality of life it offers to its citizens and its capacity to guarantee equitable opportunities for all. »

-- Ange Bagnia

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Sustainable and United Future »*

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# PRESENTATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL NGO NDCSD

The Network for Decentralized Cooperation and Sustainable Development (**NDCSD**) is a non-profit organization which works mainly in the field of international cooperation and community development. Although its head office is located in Cameroon, its impact and activities extend to several regions, notably in Alberta, where it works closely with local partners to promote development Fair and sustainable

# WHY PARTICIPATE? INTERESTS AND BENEFITS FOR CANADA, THE UNITED STATES AND EUROPE.

## INTRODUCTION TO THE FORUM NDCSD

*The **NDCSD** Forum (Meeting of Skills and Sustainable Development Opportunities) is a leading event that brings together political leaders, entrepreneurs, experts and investors from around the world to explore the most innovative and sustainable solutions in the energy, agriculture, infrastructure, green technology and economic development sectors. This forum provides an international platform to discuss how partnerships between Canada, the United States, Europe and Africa can help address global challenges while generating economic and environmental benefits.*



### FOR CANADA

- **Strengthening economic partnerships with Africa:** Canada seeks to develop its economic relations with Africa, a continent rich in natural and human resources. This forum helps open new avenues for partnerships in the infrastructure, energy, agriculture and technological innovation sectors.
- **Investment opportunities in green sectors:** Canada is a leader in green technologies and the energy transition. The forum is an excellent opportunity for Canadian companies to invest in renewable energy, sustainable infrastructure and smart agriculture projects in Africa.
- **Development of sustainable solutions on a global scale:** As a nation strongly committed to combating climate change, Canada can play a key role in supporting sustainable development projects in Africa. This forum helps strengthen Canada's commitment to implementing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

### FOR THE UNITED STATES



- **Access to new markets:** Africa is a high-growth market and represents a key destination for U.S. companies looking to expand internationally. The forum offers American companies the opportunity to meet African partners and explore new markets in the infrastructure, technology, and energy sectors.
- **Promotion of cooperation in energy and environmental security:** The United States has a strategic interest in access to Africa's natural resources, including critical minerals for green technologies and renewable energy. By fostering cooperation for sustainable resource management, the United States can ensure stable supplies of essential natural resources.
- **Innovation in sustainable solutions:** The forum provides American businesses and researchers with the opportunity to collaborate with their African counterparts in sustainable innovation, precision agriculture and natural resource management, with positive impact for both Africa and the rest of the world.



### FOR EUROPE

- **Strengthening trade and diplomatic relations with Africa:** Europe is already a key partner of Africa, particularly within the framework of trade agreements such as the Africa-EU partnership. The RC3D Forum offers an opportunity to strengthen these links, while exploring new avenues of cooperation, particularly in the technological and environmental sectors.
- **Partnerships in sustainable development and infrastructure:** Europe is heavily involved in financing infrastructure projects in Africa, particularly in the transport, renewable energy and water management sectors. The forum is an opportunity for European businesses and governments to discuss current projects and develop new initiatives.
- **Access to investment and financing opportunities:** European investors will be able to discover profitable and innovative projects in Africa, with high ROI potential in sectors such as green energy, sustainable agriculture and



# WHY PARTICIPATE? INTERESTS AND BENEFITS FOR THE AFRICAN DELEGATION

## ACCESS TO INTERNATIONAL MARKET OPPORTUNITIES

- **Expand business horizons:** The African delegation will be able to explore high-growth markets in Europe, the United States and Canada. This forum offers the opportunity to promote African products and services on a global scale, while building lasting partnerships with key private and public sector players in these regions.
- **Increase investments:** Africa is a continent rich in natural resources and development potential. The forum will allow African delegations to meet international investors and attract funds needed to finance large-scale projects in strategic sectors such as sustainable agriculture, renewable energy and resource management.

## TRANSFER OF SKILLS AND TECHNOLOGIES

- **Training and capacity building:** The forum will allow African delegates to participate in workshops and seminars led by international experts on best practices in sustainable development, green technologies and social innovation.
- **Sharing of cutting-edge technologies:** African delegations will have the opportunity to access advanced technological solutions in renewable energy production, water management, and sustainable agriculture, which can be adapted to local African realities.

## STRENGTHENING DIPLOMATIC AND COMMERCIAL RELATIONS

- **Economic diplomacy:** The forum is an opportunity for Africa to strengthen its diplomatic relations with the countries of Europe, the United States and Canada, with an emphasis on joint sustainable development projects.
- **South-North and South-South collaboration:** In addition to partnerships with the North, the forum also promotes South-South cooperation. African countries will have the opportunity to establish links with other developing countries, thus enriching their international network.

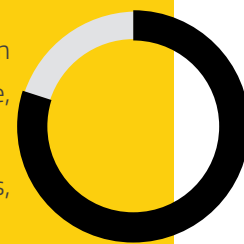
## PROMOTION OF AFRICA AS A POLE OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

- **Highlighting African initiatives:** Africa is becoming a leader in sustainable innovation. This forum will allow the African delegation to present its local initiatives and innovative solutions in areas such as renewable energies, sustainable management of natural resources, and agricultural technologies.
- **Strengthening the image of Africa:** Africa can position itself as a key player in the fight against the global challenges of climate change, food security, and the energy transition, while creating green jobs for its youth.

# THE STRATEGIC SITUATION OF AFRICA

## A STRONGLY GROWING MARKET

- **Population growth and youth:** Africa is the youngest continent in the world. By 2050, Africa's population is expected to double, representing a dynamic workforce and strong demand for modern infrastructure, education, health services and technology.
- **Emerging market:** With more than 1.3 billion people, Africa offers a huge market for goods and services, attracting international investors looking for growth opportunities.



## ABUNDANT NATURAL RESOURCES

- **Renewable energies:** Africa has immense potential in terms of renewable energies (solar, wind, hydraulic), with regions benefiting from exceptional sunshine, vast areas for wind power and untapped hydraulic resources...
- **Mineral and agricultural resources:** The continent is home to natural wealth such as minerals (cobalt, lithium, gold, etc.), as well as vast arable land, making agriculture a priority for sustainable economic development.



## STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

- **Commercial agreements:** With the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA), the continent strengthens its position on the global market and creates an environment conducive to investments and regional cooperation.
- **South-South and North-South cooperation:** Africa is seeking to diversify its partnerships with players in the North (Europe, Canada, United States) while consolidating its relations with other developing regions (Asia, Latin America).



## TRANSITION TO A GREEN AND SUSTAINABLE ECONOMY

- **Commitment to the energy transition:** Africa is increasingly committed to policies aimed at reducing its carbon footprint, with a focus on renewable energy and green infrastructure projects.
- **Sustainable agriculture solutions:** The continent is a laboratory for innovative solutions in the field of sustainable agriculture and precision agriculture, which help to ensure food security while respecting the environment.



## POLITICAL STABILITY AND ECONOMIC REFORMS

- **Increasing stability:** Many African countries are experiencing increased political stability, bolstered by economic reforms and improved governance. This dynamic attracts more and more foreign investment.
- **Sustainable development initiatives:** Africa has adopted ambitious sustainable development goals, in alignment with the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which provides a favorable framework for investments in long-term projects.





# OBJECTIVES OF THE NDCSD FORUM

## FACILITATE EXCHANGES BETWEEN INTERNATIONAL ACTORS

- Create a global platform for dialogue between governments, businesses, institutions, and researchers in order to promote exchanges of skills and innovative solutions in the areas of sustainable development.
- Encourage collaboration between the public and private sectors to respond to global challenges related to sustainable development.

## SUPPORTING THE GLOBAL ENERGY TRANSITION

- Explore solutions to accelerate the energy transition, particularly with a focus on renewable energies and clean technologies.
- Promote initiatives aimed at reducing greenhouse gas emissions and promoting the decarbonization of economies.

## PROMOTING INNOVATION IN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT SECTORS

- Highlight the latest technological innovations and best practices in the energy, agriculture, infrastructure and natural resource management sectors.
- Stimulate research and development in ecological and sustainable solutions adapted to the local specificities of different regions of the world.

## STRENGTHENING LOCAL CAPACITIES AND SOUTH-SOUTH COOPERATION

- Support the strengthening of local capacities, particularly in Africa, through training, knowledge exchanges and cooperation projects with international actors.
- Promote South-South cooperation, emphasizing partnerships between African countries and other regions of the world for harmonious and inclusive development.

## CREATE INVESTMENT AND PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

- Identify and promote investment opportunities in sustainable infrastructure projects, renewable energies, and modern agriculture.
- Facilitate networking between international investors, governments, and local businesses for long-term strategic partnerships.





# OBJECTIVES OF THE NDCSD FORUM

## ACCELERATE THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDGs)

- Contribute to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) defined by the United Nations, in particular those related to clean and affordable energy, inclusive economic growth, sustainable agriculture and responsible resource management
- Help governments, businesses and organizations align their policies and actions with the SDGs, to ensure a more resilient and equitable future.

## PROMOTE COLLABORATION BETWEEN YOUNG PEOPLE AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT LEADERS

- Encourage the active participation of young talents and innovators in building a sustainable future, by providing them with a platform to share their ideas, vision and projects.
- Develop support programs for young entrepreneurs and start-ups in the field of clean technologies and sustainable development.

## ENCOURAGE THE SHARING OF KNOWLEDGE AND GOOD PRACTICES

- Allow participants to share experiences, know-how, and winning strategies for sustainable development, particularly in African, Canadian, American and European contexts.
- Organize workshops and conferences allowing actors from different continents to acquire new skills and deepen their expertise in sustainable resource management.

## CONTRIBUTING TO GLOBAL GOVERNANCE OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

- Play a key role in formulating policy and strategic recommendations for sustainable development globally, including voices from all regions and fostering inclusive dialogue.
- Participate in the creation of governance mechanisms to ensure the effective implementation of sustainable development initiatives.



## CONCLUSION AND CALL TO ACTION

The **NDCSD** Forum is an ideal platform for players from Canada, the United States and Europe to expand their business opportunities and strengthen their strategic partnerships with Africa. By participating in this event, these regions will have the opportunity to play a key role in Africa's sustainable development, while accessing fast-growing markets, abundant natural resources and innovative solutions.

The **NDCSD** Forum aims to contribute to more sustainable, inclusive and resilient global development, with a focus on concrete solutions, innovation, and strategic partnerships. It is an essential platform for decision-makers, businesses and communities wishing to take an active part in building a sustainable and equitable future for future generations.

# NDCSD FORUM ACTIVITIES

The forum's activities will be diverse and dynamic, meeting the needs of all participants, while promoting exchanges, learning and collaboration. They will focus on economic development, community empowerment and the creation of synergies between stakeholders.

## PLENARY SESSIONS AND CONFERENCES

- 01.** ■ **"The future of renewable energy in Africa and beyond:** This plenary session could explore innovations in renewable energy and energy transition, with a particular focus on opportunities for Africa, Canada, Europe, the United States and other regions.
- **"Challenges and solutions for sustainable development: global perspectives":** A discussion on global challenges related to sustainable development, natural resource management, food security and the impact of climate change, with perspectives offered by experts from different continents.
  - **"The impact of the digital revolution on sustainable agriculture":** A conference on the use of digital technologies in sustainable agriculture, and how African countries, particularly Cameroon, can leverage innovation to transform their agricultural sector.

## INTERACTIVE WORKSHOPS AND TRAINING

- 02.** ■ **"Financing Sustainable Infrastructure Projects: Opportunities and Challenges":** A workshop focused on financing mechanisms for green infrastructure projects, where participants will learn how to obtain financing for sustainable projects in the transport, energy, and green building sectors.
- **"Smart agriculture and food security":** Training on sustainable agriculture, precision agriculture, and innovative technological solutions to improve productivity while minimizing environmental impact.
  - **"Innovating for water management in Africa":** Technical workshops aimed at presenting solutions for sustainable management of water resources, highlighting technologies adapted to African challenges.

## NETWORKING AND PARTNERSHIP SESSIONS

- 03.** ■ **"Meeting African Investors and Entrepreneurs":** A session dedicated to connecting international investors with African companies and entrepreneurs, particularly in the energy, agriculture and infrastructure sectors.
- **"Public-Private Partnerships for Sustainable Development":** A panel bringing together representatives from the public and private sectors, discussing effective strategies for establishing sustainable partnerships between governments, businesses and local communities.
  - **"B2B (Business to Business) Networking Session":** Networking sessions so that companies and institutions can meet directly with potential partners in areas of common interest, discuss current projects, and explore new business opportunities.

## EXHIBITIONS AND INNOVATIONS

- 04.** ■ **"Exhibition of green solutions and innovative technologies":** An exhibition space to present the latest innovations in the fields of renewable energy, sustainable agriculture, and clean technologies, with African, Canadian, American and European companies.
- **"Pavilion of start-ups and young sustainable businesses":** A pavilion specially dedicated to start-ups and emerging businesses that offer innovative solutions in sustainable development, particularly in agriculture, energy, and sustainable urbanization.

## THEMATIC DEBATES AND DISCUSSIONS

- 05.** ■ **"Africa and economic opportunities: what role for SMEs and start-ups?"** : A debate on growth opportunities for African small and medium-sized businesses in a context of economic globalization and sustainable innovation.
- **"Energy transition in Africa: what challenges and prospects?"** : Discussion on how Africa can overcome the challenges of energy transition, by developing its renewable energy resources while managing its growing energy needs.
- **"The role of women in sustainable development"**: A debate focused on the importance of the inclusion of women in the energy, agriculture and technology sectors, and how their empowerment can lead to more sustainable solutions.

## PROJECT AND INITIATIVE LAUNCH SESSIONS

- 06.** ■ **"Launch of sustainable infrastructure projects in Cameroon and Africa":** Presentation of flagship projects in the field of sustainable infrastructure in Africa, with partnership possibilities for the financing and implementation of these initiatives.
- **"Launch of green financing initiatives"**: A session dedicated to new financing programs intended to support renewable energy, sustainable agriculture and natural resource management projects in Africa and elsewhere.

## FIELD VISITS

- 07.** ■ **"Visit to renewable energy sites"**: For a hands-on immersion, participants can visit renewable energy operating sites in the region, in order to understand the technical and financial challenges associated with these projects.
- **"Visit to sustainable agricultural projects and innovations"**: A field visit to see sustainable agricultural initiatives in action, including those using modern technologies to improve productivity and resilience to climate change.



## RESOLUTION SESSIONS AND ACTION PLANS

- 08.** ■ **"Developing an action plan for international cooperation in sustainable development:** At the end of the conferences and discussions, an interactive session allows participants to formulate concrete resolutions and commitments for future cooperation projects, based on the specific issues of the forum.
- **"Establishment of monitoring and evaluation mechanisms for sustainable development projects:** A workshop to discuss the importance of rigorous monitoring and the establishment of governance mechanisms to guarantee the effectiveness of sustainable development projects, with particular attention to long-term results.

## AWARD CEREMONIES

- 09.** ■ **"Sustainable Innovation Prize:** Celebration of the best innovations in the field of sustainable development, with an award ceremony for companies or projects that have shown a significant impact on the environment and local communities.





# TARGETS AND STAKEHOLDERS OF THE FORUM

Targets and stakeholders of the NDCSD Forum (Network for Decentralized Cooperation and Sustainable Development) according to the different regions Canada, USA, Europe and Africa. These groups include key players in sustainable development, technological innovation, as well as strategic partners who can benefit from and actively contribute to the forum.

# TARGETS AND STAKEHOLDERS OF THE FORUM IN CANADA

## BUSINESSES AND PRIVATE SECTOR

- Renewable energy companies
- Sustainable agriculture industries
- Green technology companies.

## UNIVERSITIES AND RESEARCH CENTERS

- Canadian environmental NGOs
- Professional associations

## GOVERNMENTS AND PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS

- Federal Government of Canada
- Provincial governments:
- Canadian Sustainable Development Financing Agencies
- Regulatory organizations

## INVESTORS AND FINANCIAL PARTNERS

- Green banks and investment funds
- Private investors and impact investors

## NGOS AND ASSOCIATIONS

- ONG environnementales canadiennes
- Associations professionnelles

# TARGETS AND STAKEHOLDERS OF THE FORUM IN THE USA

## GOVERNMENTS AND PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS

- United States Federal Government
- State Governments
- Funding institutions

## BUSINESSES AND PRIVATE SECTOR

- Multinational companies in renewable energies
- Green technology start-ups
- Agriculture sector industries

## INVESTORS AND FINANCIAL PARTNERS

- American investment funds
- Financial institutions

## UNIVERSITIES AND RESEARCH INSTITUTES

- Harvard University, MIT, Stanford
- Energy research institutes

## NGOS AND ASSOCIATIONS

- American environmental NGOs
- Professional associations

# TARGETS AND STAKEHOLDERS OF THE FORUM IN EUROPE

## BUSINESSES AND PRIVATE SECTOR

- European multinationals in energy
- Start-ups and innovative companies

## UNIVERSITIES AND RESEARCH INSTITUTES

- European universities and research centers
- Specialized research centers

## GOVERNMENTS AND PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS

- European Union (EU)
- European national governments
- European agencies and regulators

## INVESTORS AND FINANCIAL PARTNERS

- European banks
- Green investment funds

## NGOS AND ASSOCIATIONS

- European NGOs
- Professional associations

# TARGETS AND STAKEHOLDERS OF THE FORUM IN AFRIQUE

## GOVERNMENTS AND PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS

- African governments
- African Union (AU)
- African financial institutions

## BUSINESSES AND PRIVATE SECTOR

- African companies in energy
- African start-ups in sustainable agriculture
- Local and multinational companies

## INVESTORS AND FINANCIAL PARTNERS

- Green investment funds
- Development banks

## UNIVERSITIES AND RESEARCH INSTITUTES

- African universities
- Sustainable development research centers

## NGOS AND ASSOCIATIONS

- African and international NGOs

The **NDCSD** Forum aims to bring together a wide range of actors from various sectors and continents. Targets and stakeholders in Canada, USA, Europe and Africa are strategic for the **success of the event**, and their active involvement will create strong partnerships and promote the implementation of sustainable solutions on a global scale.



# PRACTICAL DETAILS

The registration file is available online and in our representative offices



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