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Commissioner Hedegaard to visit Mali and South Africa for climate talks

The European Union's Climate Action Commissioner, Connie Hedegaard, will visit Mali and South Africa from 24-28 June for talks with senior African figures on how to maintain the momentum of global efforts to tackle climate change.

During her visit to South Africa from 26-28 June, Commissioner Hedegaard will take part in the Fortune/Time/CNN Global Forum in Cape Town, including a panel discussion on climate change on 27 June.

The Commissioner will have a series of bilateral meetings, including with Minister Buyelwa Sonjica (Water & Environmental Affairs), Minister Martinus van Schalkwyk (Tourism) and with Kadri Nassiep, CEO of the South African National Energy Research Institute.

Commissioner Hedegaard will use her Africa trip to stress the need to improve dialogue between industrialised and developing countries on climate change and to underline the European Union's seriousness about meeting its obligations to support vulnerable developing countries in adapting to the changing climate.

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