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## Delivering Climate Resilient Development Policies in Africa (2019 - 2023)



*Inception Phase Report  
(August 2019 – June 2020)*

## Inception year focus

- FA1: Technical support for integrated implementation of NDCs;
- FA2: Building the resilience of African economies, societies and ecosystems to climate change;
- FA3: Addressing vulnerabilities and managing climate-induced human insecurity; and
- FA4: Coordination, Knowledge Management and Partnerships.



**NB. The Inception Phase work plan included only FA1 and FA4**

## Objectives of the inception phase

- Learning to inform revision and implementation of the project
- Define implementation modalities, coordination and monitoring mechanisms for a successful execution
- Refine areas of collaboration and engagement through the establishment of multi-stakeholders advisory group (MSAG) based on their respective comparative advantage, influence, impact and interest to minimize risks of duplication and maximize opportunities of successful delivery of the entire 4-years programme

## Focus area 1: Technical support for integrated implementation of NDCs

Output 1.1.1: Member states supported to better align their NDCs with national development plans, Agenda 2063 and the SDGs:

- A1.1.1.1. Develop a regional methodology for the revision, repackaging and resubmission of updated NDCs;
- A1.1.1.2. Conduct Expert Group Meeting (EGM) to validate the NDCs revision methodology (3 experts per country from 10 focus countries);
- A1.1.1.3. Review and repackage NDCs in 3 selected countries through stakeholder meetings that include civil society and private sector (30 local participants per country);

Output 1.1.2: Climate resilience investment strategy enhanced:

- A1.1.2.1. Conduct Building Back Better: A technical workshop to support resilience building after cyclones Idai, Kenneth and Desmond.

Output 1.1.3: AU Africa Climate Change Strategy supported:

- A1.1.3.1. In collaboration with AUC, support studies towards finalizing the draft climate change strategy in accordance with decision 5 of AMCEN-15;

Output 1.1.4. Gender action plan with detailed budget developed:

- A1.1.4.1. Conduct a study on gender analysis;
- A1.1.4.2. Participatory gender-sensitive approaches for addressing key climate change-related impacts;
- A1.1.4.3. Develop a gender mainstreaming strategy (workshop).

Output 1.1.5. Private sector engagement strategy developed:

- A1.1.5.1. Private sector stakeholder analysis;
- A1.1.5.2. Private sector and CIS;
- A1.1.5.3. Private sector and climate resilience investment strategies.

#### Focus Area 4: Focus Area 4: Coordination, Knowledge Management and Partnerships

Output 4.1.1: Mapping of stakeholders and climate change interventions in Africa finalized:

- A1.1.1.1. finalize the interactive google maps developed under WISER

Output 4.1.2: Convening spaces for dialogue on climate change and development in Africa strengthened

- A4.1.2.4. In collaboration with AUC, convene Climate Change and Development in Africa Conference (CCDA) along the lines of conceptualized themes;

Output 4.1.3: The AGN, youth and gender practitioners' capacity to engage and articulate climate change negotiation strengthened:

- A4.1.3.1. Support institutionalization of AGN to enhance coherence of African climate change negotiation capacity;
- A4.1.3.2. Build the skill and capacity of youth and gender practitioners in climate negotiation.
- A4.1.3.3. Enhance participation in various dialogue spaces
- A4.1.3.4. Establish consultative group on climate policy and governance

Output 4.1.4: Coordination with Department of Rural Economy and Agriculture (DREA at the AUC)), AGN, African Development Bank (AfDB), Pan-African Climate Justice Alliance (PACJA), Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment Section and others on gender mainstreaming, continental and other initiatives (e.g., Africa Adaptation Initiative (AAI), Africa Renewable Energy Initiative (AREI), Africa NDC Hub, Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR), African Regional Forum on Sustainable Development (ARFSD), WISER, CR4D, AFRI-RES) strengthened:

- A4.1.4.1. Resilience of infrastructure, communities and ecosystems through nature based solutions built;
- A4.1.4.2. Inception and validation workshops (40 local and 15 regional participants from AUC, AfDB, PACJA, AGN, RECs for three days) to develop a revised project document including an updated results framework, work-plan and budget and detailed project implementation modalities, including coordination and monitoring mechanisms.

Other deliverables because of Sweden's support to professionals salary

- Output synergy 6.3.1. Contributed to the organization of the sixth session of the Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development (ARFSD)
- Output synergy 6.3.2. Enhanced participation in various critical dialogue spaces.
- Output synergy 6.3.3. Contributed to various knowledge products

## Key deliverables

- Implementation of ongoing ACPC activities
- Inception workshop
- A framework for revision of nationally determined contributions to climate action (NDCs)
- Revision and finalisation of the African Union's climate strategy
- A gender analysis to inform how gender could be better mainstreamed into the project and identify gender-focused activities to be integrated in the revised work-plan and budget
- Analysis and strategy on engaging with the private sector in delivering climate resilient development plans
- A multi-stakeholder advisory group (MSAG) definition of areas of collaboration

## Deliverables highlights (1)

- Developing a regional methodological framework template to support the revision of the NDCs in 2020;
- Enhancing the capacity of more than 170 experts and policy makers in Malawi, Mozambique and Zimbabwe on resilience building in economies, ecosystems infrastructure through workshop and training;
- Supporting the finalization of the Africa Climate Change Strategy;
- Gender analysis of policies in the climate-sensitive sectors such agriculture and forestry, infrastructure and buildings, insurance, tourism, land, environment, water and energy;
- Studying the roles of the private sector in the production and dissemination of Climate Information Services (CIS) and developing a complementary proposal to leverage fund from other sources;



## Deliverables highlights (2)

- Updating mapping of stakeholders and climate change interventions in Africa;
- Enhancing Africa's contributions to global climate governance in support of the implementation of the Paris Agreement by responding to the United Nations Secretary General (UNSG)'s call for urgent actions to halt climate change and to define specific mitigation and adaptation responses;
- Enhancing the capacity of about 300 participants across the continent including policy makers, academicians, practitioners, youth, gender groups, civil societies enhanced on climate change and development in Africa;
- Concluding preparation to establish an advisory group of senior African researchers, practitioners and negotiators on the institutionalization of the African group of negotiators (AGN);
- Supporting the Ethiopian government through the nature based solution activity provided for enhanced renewable energy infrastructure resilience in Ethiopia;





## Deliverables highlights (3)

- Building consensus among different institutions to establish African Consultative Group on Climate Policy and Governance;
- Establishing and operationalizing the MSAG comprising of ten regional and international institutions to inform the project proposal revision;
- Developing and submitting of the interim inception phase report (August 2019-January 2020);
- Organizing five (5) side- and parallel-events on a range of topics during the sixth ARFSD session;
- Organizing/participating in more than seven (7) seminars, webinars and dialogue spaces in an effort of delivering climate resilient development policies in Africa; and
- Producing about eighteen (18) knowledge products ranging from discussion papers to policy brief and reports.



# Progress and Achievements



## Inception workshop

- 21 – 22 November 2019
- Over 25 participants from ECA, AUC, AfDB, PACJA, WMO, UNU-INRA, CGIAR, GGGI, UNEP, UNDRR, ICPAC, Sida,
- Inception workshop report submitted
- Review of project proposal and identification of new areas of focus
- Mapping of areas of collaboration



# Focus area 1: Technical support for integrated implementation of NDCs

## **Output 1.1.1: Member states supported to better align their NDCs with national development plans, Agenda 2063 and the SDGs and Sendai Framework**

- Developed regional draft NDCs methodological framework template and sent to partner institutes for their feedback/comments;
- Awareness campaign on the proposed regional methodology which lead to receipt of requests from Liberia, Malawi and the ECOWAS Commission;
- Discussed the methodological framework revision with the UNFCCC focal point persons in Zimbabwe and Liberia;
- Three experts from 10 focus countries will attend an EGM to review the draft regional methodology.



# Focus area 1: Technical support for integrated implementation of NDCs

## **Output 1.1.2: Climate resilience investment strategy enhanced**

- In partnership with Government of Zimbabwe organized a “Building Back Better” workshop in response to the insecurities arising from cyclones Idai and Kenneth;
- The workshop was held in Harare in Oct 2019 and attended by over 174 participants representing gov. departments, local authorities, communities and disaster management agencies;
- Participants noted a major challenge faced by all three countries is the gross underfunding of the CIS;
- The workshop recommended that ECA invests in ensuring the SEB model is adequately disseminated among policy makers and priority sectors in SADC.



# Focus area 1: Technical support for integrated implementation of NDCs

## **Output 1.1.3: AU Africa Climate Change Strategy supported**

- The AUC and the ACPC are collaborating on the finalization of the African Continental Climate Change Strategy mandated by the AMCEN;
- An initial draft strategy was developed in 2014, but was not concluded;
- ACPC engaged a consultant to finalize the Strategy with focus on disaster risk reduction and ecosystem management and restoration;
- UNFCCC national focal points will be invited to review the draft Strategy.



# Focus area 1: Technical support for integrated implementation of NDCs

## Output 1.1.4: Gender action plan with detailed budget developed

- A concept note was developed and a consultant engaged to undertake a gender analysis of policies in agriculture, forestry, infrastructure, insurance, tourism, land, environment, water, energy;
- Subsequent consultations held with gender experts including AGN lead negotiators on gender for harmonisation of the African Strategy on gender and climate change developed in 2018 by the AGN, and the Lima Action Plan on Gender under the auspices of the UNFCCC, adopted during COP25 in Madrid, Spain;
- A validation EGM was planned at the AU Heads of State Summit but is re-scheduled due to the ongoing pandemic.



# Focus area 1: Technical support for integrated implementation of NDCs

## Output 1.1.5. Private Sector Engagement Strategy development

- A draft concept note has been developed using broad criteria;
- Developed a project document to leverage additional funds for private sector analysis;
- Mobilized 80,000 Euro from Agence Francaise de Developpement (AFD);
- Developed ToR detailing major components of the study to engage climate science expertise in an effort to fill the gaps in DFID-WISER study;
- The consultant recruitment is finalized.





# Focus Area 4: Coordination, Knowledge Management and Partnerships

## **Output 4.1.1: Mapping of stakeholders and climate change interventions in Africa finalized**

The following activities are follow-up to what was done under the WISER project:

- Regular update and refinement: The regular update and refinement of the CIS dataset are essential to better inform decision makers and various stakeholders.
- Incorporation of CIS query into the database. This information will be catalogued along with the funding source, development and implementing.
- Promotion of the CIS tool: finding platforms to promote the CIS tool, one platform is the "Partners and Donors Roundtable Meeting" which is held annually.



# Focus Area 4: Coordination, Knowledge Management and Partnerships

## Output 4.1.2: Convening spaces for dialogue on climate change and development in Africa strengthened

- CCDA-VIII Conference was convened ahead of the United Nation's Secretary General's Climate Action Summit;
- The conference responded to the UNSG on urgent actions to halt climate change and to define specific mitigation and adaptation responses;
- CCDA-VIII outcomes are listed in the report;
- Achieved consensus to establish African Consultative Group on Climate Policy and Governance
- Led preparation of Africa Day at COP25



# Focus Area 4: Coordination, Knowledge Management and Partnerships

## **Output 4.1.3: The AGN, youth and gender practitioners' capacity to engage and articulate climate change negotiation strengthened**

- Building on ACLYP, the ACPC concluded the conceptualization of further interventions to build the skills and capacities of youth and gender practitioners in climate actions;
- Focus of the ACPC support to youth networks will go beyond the Young Lawyers initiative.



# Focus Area 4: Coordination, Knowledge Management and Partnerships

## **Output 4.1.4: Coordination with DREA, AGN, AfDB, PACJA, Gender Equality and Women’s Empowerment Section and others on gender mainstreaming, continental and other initiatives (e.g., AAI, AREI, Africa NDC Hub, DRR) strengthened**

- ACPC currently partners RECs, RCCs, WMO, AfDB, AUC, PACJA, GGGI, the Pan Africa Media Alliance on Climate Change (PAMACC), the UN Climate Change Learn at UNITAR (UN-CC:Learn) and the International Institute of Environment and Development (IIED);
- Partnering with Ethiopia on “nature based solutions for renewable energy infrastructure resilience in Ethiopia”;
- Draft framework developed on the MSAG level of engagement.



# Other deliverables

## Output synergy 6.3.1. Contributed to the organization of the 6th session of the Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development (ARFSD)

- Led the Planet subtheme of the Forum
- With CR4D partner institutions & African Trade Policy Centre (ATPC) of the ECA, co-organized side event on CR4D: Research and its Application to Development.;
- With UNU-INRA jointly organized side event on Africa's Development in an Age of Stranded Assets;
- With WMO, co-organized side event on 'Harnessing the Resilience Dividend through better CIS';
- ECA divisions and UN Agencies organized ARFSD parallel session on the subtheme of the Planet;
- Trained 40 Uganda and 50 Sierra Leone MPs on CIS use in development planning.



# Other deliverables

## **Output Synergy 6.3.2. Enhanced participation in various critical dialogue spaces**

- Led conceptualization and implementation of Africa Day at COP25, with AUC, AfDB, AUDA-NEPAD, PAP
- Ministerial policy dialogue during 17th AMCEN;
- 50th World Earth Day webinar;
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Africa Business Forum
- Climate Action Network (CAN): webinar-Africa EU Strategy;
- Climate Change Disinformation UNESCO webinar organized;
- Malawi's Climate and Hydrological Futures webinar;
- Webinar on Climate Change - Threat to Global Peace by Terre Policy Centre;
- On the basis of a discussion paper on Climate Change and Development in Africa Post COVID-19: Some Critical Reflections, ACPC launched Africa Climate Talks series of webinars.

# Other deliverables

## Output Synergy 6.3.3. Contributed to various knowledge products

- Climate Change Impacts on Africa's economic growth - with AfDB, UNEP and Climate Analytics;
- Technical paper on energy and NDCs, infographics and one pager for Africa Business Forum 2020;
- Paper on actions towards a resilient planet under a changing climate & depleting natural resources for ARFSD;
- Produced a concept for the 9th Climate Change and Development in Africa Conference (CCDA-IX);
- Following WMO agreement with ECA & AUC to decentralize the WMO Statement on State of the Global Climate, ACPC contributed to the Statement's section on climate risks, impacts & policy. The report will be launched by AMCEN.





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