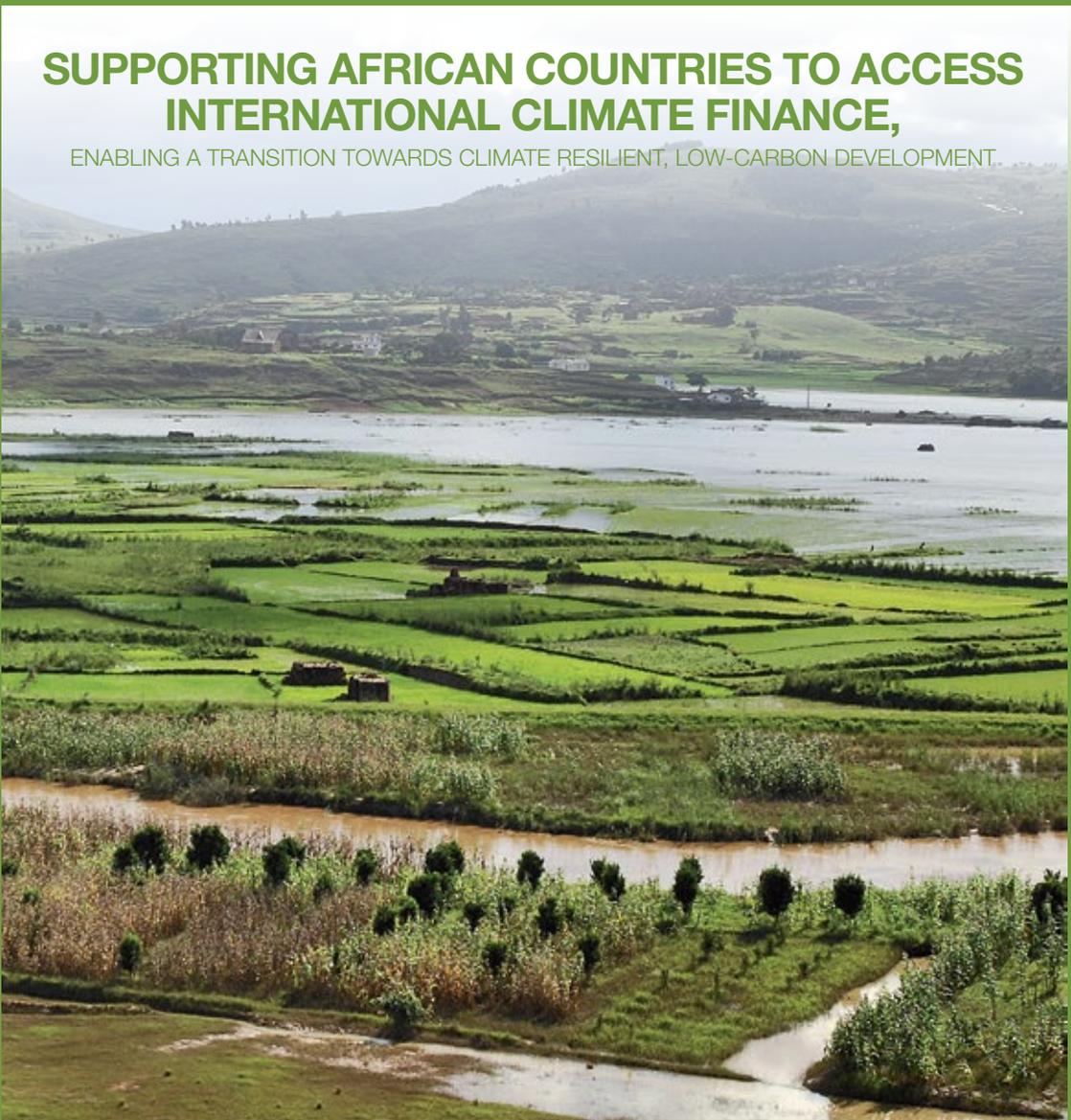


AFRICA CLIMATE CHANGE FUND

**SUPPORTING AFRICAN COUNTRIES TO ACCESS
INTERNATIONAL CLIMATE FINANCE,**
ENABLING A TRANSITION TOWARDS CLIMATE RESILIENT, LOW-CARBON DEVELOPMENT.



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CLIMATE FINANCE IN AFRICA

Despite its limited contribution to global greenhouse gas emissions, the African continent is highly vulnerable to the negative impacts of climate change. Progress is being made globally towards mobilising and scaling up climate finance – notably with the recent establishment of the Green Climate Fund (GCF). However, the amount of climate finance flowing to the African continent remains below the estimated needs and the continent continues to receive a relatively small share of global climate finance disbursements compared to other regions. Several factors contribute to African countries' limited access to climate finance to date, including a weak enabling environment to attract climate investment; limited institutional capacity to access and manage finance and to develop bankable climate projects; as well as cumbersome processes and requirements of international funds and institutions. In recent years, there has been growing recognition of the importance of preparatory or “readiness” activities that help countries to strengthen their capacities and enabling environment to access and mobilise climate finance.

Africa Climate Change Fund

The Africa Climate Change Fund (ACCF) supports African countries in building their resilience to the negative impacts of climate change and transitioning to sustainable low-carbon growth. Established in 2014 as a bilateral thematic trust fund with an initial contribution of EUR 4.725 million from Germany, the ACCF was converted to a multi-donor trust fund in early 2017 with new contributions of EUR4.7 million from Italy and EUR 2 million from Flanders, Belgium. It is hosted and managed by the Climate Change and Green Growth Department of the African Development Bank (AfDB), and implemented in collaboration with other Bank departments.

The AfDB has undertaken a number of initiatives to support African countries to strengthen climate resilience and enable a transition to low-carbon, green growth. Its strategy for the period 2013 – 2022 emphasises the twin goals of inclusive growth and a transition towards green growth, while its Climate Change Action Plan 2016-2020 seeks to promote low carbon development and climate change adaptation and mitigation.

As an implementing agency of other climate-related multilateral funds such as the Climate Investment Funds (CIF) and the Global Environment Facility (GEF), the AfDB has already financed numerous climate resilient and low-carbon activities in Africa. The ACCF complements existing resources and trust funds and aims to scale-up mobilization of international climate finance dedicated to support African countries to transition towards climate-resilient, low carbon economies and green growth, including through readiness activities.



The ACCF plays an important role in supporting African countries to scale up their access to climate finance to advance the ambitious targets they have set in their Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs)

Anthony Nyong, Director of the AfDB's Climate Change and Green Growth Department



ACCF Goals

The ACCF was established to:

- Support regional member countries (RMCs) prepare to access greater amounts of climate finance and use the funds received more efficiently and effectively;
- Support RMCs to systematically address climate change in their development strategies and policies in order to promote low carbon development, resource use efficiency and resilience building;
- Support RMCs in developing climate-resilient and low-carbon investment plans and projects;
- Co-finance climate-resilient and low-carbon projects and programs;
- Support capacity building of RMCs and national and regional stakeholders for climate change, climate finance and green growth;
- Help RMCs prepare for and contribute to the Conferences of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC); and
- Support the implementation of the Bank's climate change and green growth priorities.

Beneficiaries

ACCF grant recipients may include: African governments, non-governmental organisations (NGOs), funds, research institutions, and regional institutions (jointly referred to as “external recipients”), as well as the AfDB. The eligibility of NGOs and research institutions depends on their credibility and track record in climate change, among other criteria. Furthermore, such institutions must be based in Africa.



Eligibility

Eligible areas of intervention include :

Climate finance readiness and preparatory activities

Mainstreaming climate change and green growth into development

Preparation and financing of adaptation and mitigation projects in the context of the NDCs

Capacity building and institutional strengthening

Preparation of climate resilient and low-carbon strategies and policies

Analytical work related to green growth

Eligible activities to be funded include :

Recruitment of national and international consultants

Trainings

Consultation and validation workshops

Regional and international meetings

Communication and outreach

Advocacy

Translation services

Preparation of studies, strategies and analytical pieces

Office equipment and transportation

Certain administrative costs and fees

Coordination of Readiness Activities

The AfDB is a member of the Readiness Coordination Mechanism which was established by the GCF Secretariat and includes all major institutions that support climate finance readiness activities. Through this mechanism, the ACCF Secretariat engages regularly with the GCF Secretariat and other readiness providers to ensure complementarity and coherence of activities. In 2016, the ACCF collaborated with several partner institutions to promote dialogue and learning around climate finance readiness.

"We are delighted and privileged to have this opportunity of working with the Bank to advance Kenya's climate change response. This project will provide a strong pipeline of projects to potential financiers, thereby bolstering the realization of our aspirations of sustainable development as set out in Kenya's Vision, 2030"

Catherine Ndegwa, CEO of Kenya's National Environment Trust Fund

Achievements to Date

Since its inception, the ACCF has:

- Established the fund's secretariat, governance structure, and operational modalities.
- Launched a first call for proposals and shortlisted 22 projects for appraisal (out of 362 proposals received).
- Appraised and approved eight projects for a total of USD3.3 million that will advance climate finance readiness across six African countries – Cape Verde, Côte d'Ivoire, Mali, Swaziland, Kenya and Tanzania (Zanzibar)– as well as two multi-national projects.
- Convened and co-organised several outreach and learning events on direct access to climate finance for African institutions in partnership with the World Resources Institute, the Centre de Suivi Ecologique of Senegal, the Kenyan National Environmental Management Authority, and other partners.
- Attracted two new donors, Italy and Flanders, and scaled-up to a multi-donor trust fund.



Looking ahead

Operationalising the multi-donor fund: The ACCF is revising its governance structure and operational modalities to reflect its new status.

Soliciting new and innovative projects: the ACCF plans to launch a new call for proposals in the first half of 2017.

Advancing approved projects: The ACCF will strengthen its staffing and continue to work to advance the approved projects and those still in the pipeline, and to ensure timely disbursements.

Outreach and convening: The ACCF will continue to collaborate with its partners to convene events related to climate finance in 2017.

Scaling up the ACCF for enhanced impact: Given the strong demand for ACCF resources, the Bank will continue to engage with potential donors with the aim of securing additional funding.



Approved Projects

Advancing clean energy projects

CAPE VERDE - USD 495,037

The project, executed by the National Directorate of Environment, aims to enhance Cape Verde's capacity to access climate finance in support of its low-carbon, climate resilient development goals. The project will develop nationally appropriate mitigation actions (NAMAs) for the key strategic sectors of energy and waste. It will further support the mobilization of climate finance for the implementation of NAMAs.

Supporting the Transition to a Climate Resilient Green Economy

MALI- USD 404,000

The project, executed by the Agency for Environment and Sustainable Development (AEDD), will support the Government of Mali to develop two strategic programs for a climate resilient and green economy: one in renewable energy and one focused on adaptation in the agriculture sector. It will further support Mali to create a strategy for financing its transition to green and climate resilient growth and to attract private sector investment in this transition.

Support to Advance Low-carbon, Climate Resilient Development

SWAZILAND - USD 305,000

The project will help enhance Swaziland's readiness for investment in a low-carbon and climate resilient development pathway. It will support the Ministry of Tourism and Environmental Affairs to assess and prioritise adaptation and mitigation actions, and to develop proposals for submission to climate finance sources such as the GCF. It will furthermore provide training to key project managers and coordinators in different institutions on project development and management.

Advancing Kenya's Green Growth Agenda

KENYA- USD 550,603

The project will support the Kenyan National Environment Trust Fund to develop project proposals in the forestry, green growth and agro-forestry sectors that will advance the country's transition towards a green economy. It will further enhance the capacity of key stakeholders in project development and mobilising climate finance.

Enhancing climate finance readiness

COTE D'IVOIRE - USD 429,422

The project, implemented by the Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development, will enhance the country's capacity to mobilize international resources for climate resilient development. In particular, it will develop adaptation project proposals for the GCF and the Adaptation Fund; train national stakeholders in the development of climate change projects; and support a study to investigate options for accreditation of a national institution to the GCF.

Enhancing national capacity for mainstreaming climate resilience

TANZANIA - USD 361,515

The project will support the Government of Zanzibar to strengthen national capacities on climate change and to integrate climate resilience into development planning in four critical sectors: agriculture, fisheries, infrastructure and tourism, at the national, local and municipal levels. Furthermore, it will develop project concept notes in order to mobilize additional climate finance to build the resilience of these sectors

Enhancing access to climate information in Africa

MULTINATIONAL - USD 420,000

The project will enable up-to-date information on climate change vulnerabilities, greenhouse gas emissions, and opportunities for climate change adaptation and mitigation to be produced for 25 African countries, tailored to the specific information needs of each country; further it will develop a global platform for sharing and updating the information in the profiles, and provide training for staff of economic and planning departments in African countries to understand and apply the data; -to equip African countries with strengthened data and capacity to strategically plan for long-term climate change interventions and to access international climate finance.

Building climate resilience into transboundary infrastructure projects

MULTINATIONAL- USD 346,600

The project will enhance knowledge and capacity and facilitate partnerships for climate-proofing African infrastructure projects. Furthermore, it will integrate climate-resilience into two transboundary infrastructure projects: The Togo and Benin section of the Abidjan-Lagos Coastal Corridor road infrastructure project; and the Batoka Gorge Hydropower project in Zambia and Zimbabwe.

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