



Facilitating green growth in Northern Africa

The African Development Bank (AfDB) believes green growth in Africa lays in building sustainable infrastructure, managing more effectively natural resources, and building resilience in livelihoods to withstand climatic shocks. We are backing that claim with substantial investments, like in Morocco, where the AfDB aims to spur investment in Morocco's growing wind and solar markets leading to over 1 GW of renewable energy.

Hela Cheikhrouhou, Director, Energy, Environment and Climate Change Department

AfDB approves USD 800 million to advance Morocco's wind and solar ambitions

AfDB support to Morocco's plans for concentrated solar power (CSP) and integrated wind/hydro and rural electrification is helping Morocco reach 42% installed renewable energy capacity by 2020 and become an industry leader.

Supported by AfDB, Niger's water mobilization project is approved by the Climate Investment Funds (CIF)

The CIF has approved USD 22 million to support Niger's initiative to boost food production in ten rural districts—and improve the livelihoods of 700,000 people—through climate-proofed irrigation, erosion control and farming techniques.

SEFA approves first grant for conceptualization of Green Tech Financial Facility

The Sustainable Energy Fund for Africa (SEFA) approved its first grant of USD 825,000 to finance the concept phase of the Green Tech Financial Facility, a vehicle for investments in private-sector driven green technology projects.

AfDB and WBG hold joint workshop on lessons learned from MENA region CSP initiative

Countries of the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) and others met on 28 June to compare notes on CSP and learn from Morocco, the first country to advance the MENA region's investment plan under the Clean Technology Fund (CTF).

AfDB training to expand investments in climate change adaptation via Global Environment Facility (GEF)

The AfDB and the GEF held a training program on 18-19 July to highlight the Least Developed Countries Fund and the Special Climate Change Fund, totaling USD 780 million in pledges.

AfDB delegation takes part in first workshop on long-term finance on climate change

The AfDB offered perspective and examples of mobilizing scaled-up financial resources from public, private and alternative sources to address Africa's specific needs.

AfDB heralds Mozambique's Road Map to Green Economy

AfDB President Kaberuka says Mozambique has joined the ranks of countries that are "redefining the growth process from an African perspective."

AfDB co-authors inclusive green growth policy toolkit for the G20

The G20 policy toolkit is the product of close collaboration, with the AfDB working to ensure the perspectives of low income countries in Africa were reflected.

AfDB at Rio+20: smoothing way to green and thriving Africa

"For Africa and low income countries of the world, whose essential livelihood depends on nature, poverty and environment are two sides of the same coin." **Read more about what AfDB's President said at Rio+20**

The AfDB hosted side-events and participated in numerous panels at the UN Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20) on 20-22 June. Highlights include:

- **Africa Day at Rio+20: continent has progressed but faces new challenges**
- **AfDB hosts talks on accelerating green growth in Africa at Rio+20**
- **High-level side event on sustainable energy for all: How to finance energy investment in tough times?**
- **AfDB and WWF rally leaders to invest in Africa's natural capital**



Upcoming events

- 19-20 October Second Climate and Development Conference (CCDA-II)
- 23-25 October Eighth African Development Forum (AFD VIII)
- 30 October - 2 November 7th African Economic Conference
- 6-7 November 2012 CIF Partnership Forum
- 20-21 November Africa CEO Forum 2012
- 26 November-7 December UN Climate Change Conference (COP 18)

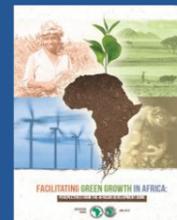
News, views, ideas



Why is concessional financing important to new technologies like CSP? AfDB and others respond

- MDB joint statement for Rio+20: Delivering on the promise of sustainable development
- Africa and the Green Economy, Financial Times special report
- Le Kenya mise sur la géothermie pour s'éclairer, Le Monde report

Publications



Facilitating Green Growth in Africa, AfDB discussion paper

- Unlocking North Africa's Potential through Regional Integration, AfDB report
- Africa Carbon Support Program newsletter, July-August 2012
- PPCR Online Community Activities, July 2012, CIF newsletter
- The Greenline, July 2012, GEF newsletter
- Africa Energy Yearbook 2012 sponsored by the AfDB

More climate finance news

- AfDB Group project approvals for 2012 so far total USD 3.45 billion
- A CBFF Grant of Euros 6.17 Million to Finance the Support of Congo Basin MRV Regional Project
- African Water Facility (AWF) and NEPAD to Boost Economic Development in the Songwe River Basin
- AfDB supports Gabon renewable energy sector with €57m loan
- AfDB boosts access to low cost sustainable energy in Zambia
- Cameroon Launches Lom Pangar Dam to Improve the Country's Electricity Potential
- AfDB commits annual USD 1 billion to energy sector in Africa at Rio+20
- AfDB and other MDBs unite to boost spending on sustainable growth

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