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Nurturing Africa's Green Growth

Adaptation is key

The African Development Bank is helping Africa fight the adverse effects of climate change by supporting efforts to increase resilience to immediate and future impacts. But with a multi-billion dollar price tag, adaptation action in Africa cannot be fully realized with current financing. Even so, the Bank is moving swiftly to increase access to ready funds, including the USD180 million that the **Climate Investment Funds' Pilot Program on Climate Resilience (PPCR)** is channeling through the Bank. By blending co-financing from its own resources with PPCR, the Bank is helping Niger, Mozambique and Zambia reduce their vulnerability to climate change.

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Bringing PPCR to Africa

The Pilot Program for Climate Resilience (PPCR) is funded by the Strategic Climate Fund (SCF), one of the two Climate Investment Funds (CIF). It is designed to demonstrate ways that developing countries can make climate risk and resilience part of their core development planning. It helps countries build on their National Adaptation Programs of Action (NAPA) and can fund public and private sector investments identified in climate resilient development plans.

PPCR pledges worth USD 1 billion are spread amongst nine country and two regional pilots worldwide, including three in Africa being supported by the AfDB: Mozambique, Niger, and Zambia.

Niger

Niger is one of the first three countries worldwide chosen to operationalize PPCR. In addition to channeling USD 35 million of the total USD 110 million in PPCR funding allocated to Niger, the AfDB is also mobilizing an additional USD 90 million in co-financing from its own resources to help Niger intensify its battle against desert encroachment and drought.

Niger's PPCR investment strategy involves mainstreaming climate resilience into development strategies; expanding sustainable land management initiatives and integrating them into

planning and budgeting processes; updating the quality of weather and climate information and making it publicly available; and improving monitoring and evaluation methodologies.

Mozambique

The AfDB is working closely with the government of Mozambique and other partners to develop its PPCR investment strategy, which will hinge on Mozambique's NAPA priorities: 1) strengthening early warning systems; 2) strengthening the capacity of farmers to deal with climate change; 3) reducing the impacts of climate change along the coastal zone; and 4) water resources management. Mozambique has received a PPCR program development grant of USD 1.5 million to support preparation of its PPCR investment strategy.

Zambia

The AfDB is also helping Zambia develop a PPCR investment strategy in line with national development priorities. These include strengthening early warning weather systems, integrating climate resilience in infrastructure planning and investments, and strengthening the adaptive capacity and livelihood of farmers and natural ecosystems in the most affected areas. Zambia has received a PPCR program development grant worth USD 1.5 million to support preparation of its PPCR investment strategy.

COP16: Less talk, more adaptation action

Adaptation, particularly institutional and implementation issues aimed at action enhancement, was discussed during the 16th session of the Conference of the Parties (COP16) in Cancún 2010. The resulting Cancún Adaptation Framework supports international cooperation and coherent consideration of adaptation under the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

CIF @ the Bank

The Climate Investment Funds (CIF) are CTF and SCF

The AfDB is channeling **Clean Technology Fund (CTF)** financing to Egypt, Morocco, Nigeria, South Africa and MENA program

The AfDB is channeling **Strategic Climate Fund (SCF)** financing through targeted three programs:

- Pilot Program for Climate Resilience (PPCR) in Mozambique, Niger and Zambia
- Forest Investment Program (FIP) in Burkina Faso, Democratic Republic of Congo and Ghana
- Scaling Up Renewable Energy Program in Low Income Countries (SREP) in Ethiopia, Kenya and Mali

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More Climate Finance news

Building carbon market capacity @ AfDB

As part of the roll-out of the Bank's new **Africa Carbon Support Programme (ACSP)**, staff in various departments of OIVP attended a half-day workshop on "Clean Development Mechanism and the Carbon Markets" on Tuesday, 15 March. The workshop focused on global carbon markets—which have an estimated USD100 billion annual value—and how Bank projects could attract additional revenue streams from carbon credits sales.

The Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) was introduced along with criteria for sound CDM projects and an analysis of registered projects in Africa to demonstrate the business case for the CDM. ACSP managers also explained their role in helping task managers identify and process Clean Development Mechanism projects over the next two years. [Read more...](#)

Planning RE investments in Mali, Kenya and Ethiopia

The Bank is helping Mali, Kenya and Ethiopia work towards national renewable energy goals through the **Scaling Up Renewable Energy Program in Low Income Countries (SREP)**, a program of the Climate Investment Funds (CIF). From 1-11 February 2011, an ONEC and OPSM delegation joined the World Bank and other development partners in each of these three countries to begin developing their SREP investment plans. The Bank is the lead MDB for SREP financing in Ethiopia and Mali.

In Bamako, Nairobi and Addis Ababa, participants collected information on ongoing and planned renewable energy initiatives and clarified timelines, resources and institutional arrangements required to prepare the investment plans in each nation. The relevance of undertaking wide-ranging consultation with ministries, civil society, private sector and regional government was stressed to ensure final SREP investment plans have broad support and are based on a thorough understanding of the opportunities and constraints facing the energy sector in each nation. [Read more...](#)

AfDB hosting CIF Partnership Forum in Cape Town

The Bank will host **the 2011 CIF Partnership Forum in Cape Town, South Africa from 24-25 June 2011**. AfDB VP, Bobby Pittman, is expected to give opening remarks and welcome over 400 delegates.

The CIF Partnership Forum is an annual gathering for all stakeholders to engage in dialogue on the CIFs' strategic directions, results and impacts. It provides an opportunity to deepen global understanding of climate change and development in the CIF context.

The AfDB, in collaboration with the CIF Administrative Unit housed at the World Bank, is already planning the event, which will feature sessions on private sector engagement in mitigation and adaptation investments, scientific updates and guidance on prioritizing actions, climate modeling, and the development of local, clean energy manufacturing industries.



The Forum program is structured around plenary sessions engaging the voices of all stakeholders and open panel discussions exploring ways to maximize CIF impact at the sectoral level. There will also be a learning symposium on latest developments in climate science and technology, and a poster exhibit showcasing CIF pilot countries' evolving CIF programs and projects.



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Forest Investment Program (FIP)

The Bank is channeling FIP financing to Burkina Faso, DRC and Ghana to reduce emissions from deforestation and forest degradation and promote sustainable forest management.

Congo Basin Forest Fund (CBFF)

Hosted by the AfDB, CBFF supports sustainable management of Congo Basin forests to achieve sustainable economic development and poverty alleviation.