

- ✓ The Cancun Agreements.
- ✓ African Development Forum VII.
- ✓ Global Climate Observation System (GCOS).
- ✓ Memoranda of Understanding with donors and discussions with partner organizations.
- ✓ Africa-EU Climate Change Partnership



## The team

- ✓ The ACPC core team is composed of multidisciplinary and multicultural professionals and experts covering: adaptation and risk management, agriculture, climate science, communications and advocacy, economics, energy, geo-information, political science, statistics and water.
- ✓ Most of ACPC's staff is based in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia but some will progressively be deployed in the five sub-regions to be closer to ECA Sub-Regional Offices (SROs), Regional Economic Communities (RECs) and other sub-regional institutions and countries.
- ✓ The Centre is supported by expertise from the various Divisions of United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA), strategic partner institutions and consultants

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# ACPC Mission

The African Climate Policy Center (ACPC) was established in 2010 by the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) to serve as the knowledge-management and policy-facilitation arm of the ClimDev-Africa initiative. ClimDev-Africa is a joint programme of UNECA, African Union Commission (AUC) and the African Development Bank (AfDB). ACPC aims to quickly become a regional hub for demand-driven climate change and development knowledge, advocacy and capacity building.

The overall goal of the African Climate Policy Centre (ACPC) is to contribute to poverty reduction through successful adaptation to, and mitigation of climate change impacts in Africa and to improve the capacity of African countries to participate effectively in multilateral climate negotiations.

ACPC is one of the clear manifestations of the political will necessary for all the major development partners in Africa to collectively face the impacts of climate change head-on. It will:-

- ✓ federate, or at least synergize ongoing initiatives on climate change so as to minimize duplication and reduce waste;
- ✓ foster more understanding of the risks posed by climate change in Africa;
- ✓ steer the process and organise dialogue to reduce climate change risks;
- ✓ garner the necessary political support for Africa to speak with one voice on climate change issues;
- ✓ assist African governments and institutions to benefit, as much as possible, from the opportunities climate change offers.

- ✓ Technology transfer, including a technology transfer needs assessment that maps out models of technology transfer for Africa.

- ✓ Works to strengthen Measurement, Reporting and Verification (MRV) systems across Africa.

- ✓ Information dissemination using the most up-to-date technology and channels, including its website and a knowledge management platform to support climate policy discussions.

- ✓ It has established a fellowship programme to provide young African professionals the opportunity to acquire practical hands-on experience in policy formulation processes.

## 2. *Advocacy and consensus building*

- ✓ ACPC will hold an annual Climate Conference on Climate Change and Development in Africa (CCDA) to enhance awareness of climate change on the continent.

The ACPC work programme addresses needs drawn from existing frameworks and strategies, including the:-

- ✓ Prepare for, and participate in, different Conferences of the Parties to the Convention on Climate Change with the aim of ensuring that Africa's key concerns in climate change discussions are brought to the fore.

- ✓ African Ministerial Conference on the Environment (AMCEN).

- ✓ Through a steady implementation of its communications strategy ACPC works to ensure that climate and development information is targeted, timely and gets to all relevant audiences.

- ✓ Conference of African Heads of State and Government on Climate Change (CAHOSCC) and climate change negotiators.

## 3. *Advisory services and technical cooperation*

- ✓ The Centre evaluates and enhances climate information systems across Africa, such as hydrological and meteorological data and information systems.

- ✓ United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and related instruments.

- ✓ United Nations Secretary General's High-level Advisory Group on Climate Change Financing (AGF).

## Our specific objectives

The specific objectives of the ACPC are to participate in:-

- ✓ strengthening the capacity of African countries to participate more effectively in international climate negotiations, particularly the development of a comprehensive and equitable post-2012 climate agreement, and to benefit from the emerging carbon trading system and adaptation/mitigation financing;
- ✓ enhancing the capacity of African countries to develop coherent policy frameworks for coordinating adaptation and mitigation investment and climate information and knowledge generated at all levels;
- ✓ improving the capacity of member States

and Regional Economic Communities (RECs) for mainstreaming climate related concerns in their development policies, frameworks and plans;

- ✓ ensuring a solid foundation of applied climate science and assessments of climate vulnerability, risks and impacts; and,
- ✓ identifying sectoral priorities and responses for managing climate risks, and guide the related investment process over the next several decades.

## What we do

ACPC undertakes activities that inform decision making at various levels on how to improve climate information for Africa's development by strengthening analytical capacity, managing knowledge generation and by disseminating relevant information to stakeholders including policy makers, practitioners and the scientific community.

The ACPC has three broad areas of activity:

### 1. **Knowledge generation, sharing and networking**

- ✓ African challenges and opportunities for climate finance, including: Fast Start Finance; the Green Climate Fund; Long Term Financing.

- ✓ Mitigation in the context of Africa, including the development of national or sub-regional strategies on low carbon economy.

- ✓ Adaptation, including: the implementation of AMCEN sub-regional and national adaptation strategies; the creation of an adaptation and vulnerability knowledge base; an assessment of the economics of climate adaptation in Africa (AdaptCost).

