



Climate For Development in Africa (ClimDev-Africa)

Phase II Business Plan Summary

Introduction

The Climate for Development in Africa initiative (ClimDev-Africa), is a joint programme of the African Union Commission, the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa and the African Development Bank whose aim is to foster a common and coordinated response to climate change in Africa. It was launched in 2011 with the mandate to address the gaps in the observational records of past, current and future climate variations. It envisions a prosperous Africa based on inclusive growth and sustainable development with a mission to strengthen the integration of climate action in development policy, planning and programming in African countries, regions and communities through investments in climate information services, disaster risk action, research and policy analyses, knowledge frameworks and partnerships between governments, the private sector, civil society and communities.

Despite a slow start, ClimDev-Africa achieved a great deal in its first phase. As a high-profile ambitious programme, it gained the confidence of countries, RECs and other stakeholders as a partner of choice for climate information and services, policy, advocacy for mainstreaming climate change into development planning. It increased the confidence of African institutions to engage in the global climate governance framework. The success of the programme created three major needs that have to be addressed: (i) continuous engagement with the decision-making community; (ii) capitalizing on strategic and operational opportunities created by ClimDev-Africa Phase I; and (iii) harnessing the comparative advantage of emerging initiatives such as WISER and CREWs to provide climate information services in Africa to inform disaster risk reduction policies and interventions.

Proposed interventions

The strategic framework for ClimDev-Africa phase II recognizes that economic growth on the continent is heavily dependent on climate-sensitive sectors. The post 2015 development trajectory requires growth to be inclusive, sustainable and climate resilient. This in turn entails the generation, packaging and delivery of climate information and services, and the mainstreaming of climate change into development policies and strategies; and ClimDev-Africa is well positioned to provide this service.

The ClimDev-Africa Phase II programme has seven key areas of intervention: 1) Scaling up investments in observation and early warning infrastructure and creating the enabling environment for climate information and services to be widely available 2) Providing evidence through an analytical framework for climate-informed development planning 3) Supporting climate governance, policy advocacy and implementation frameworks 4) Providing an integrated, open access climate resource platform and information service of choice 5)

Developing approaches and strategies for communication, outreach and advocacy for climate information services to various stakeholders and development planners 6) Ensuring integrated programme management for resource efficiency and impact. 7) Promoting the use of climate information to enhance disaster preparedness.

For ClimDev-Africa to deliver its vision, mission, goals and outcomes, its Phase II work will be delivered under four key “flagship” components.

Component 1: Infrastructure and capacity for climate information and early warning services: Build capacity and establish systems and resources for technical support to deliver climate information and early warning services resilient development and for disaster risk reduction for Africa’s regions, countries and communities.

Component 2: Building the evidence through analytical frameworks for mainstreaming climate information and early warning services into development planning: Produce evidence-based policy supporting analyses and use best practices to create and strengthen knowledge frameworks to mainstream climate change into national and regional development planning and DRR.

Component 3: Governance, policy and implementation frameworks: Contribute to policy dialogue and support climate change and development policymaking processes at continental, regional, national and local levels.

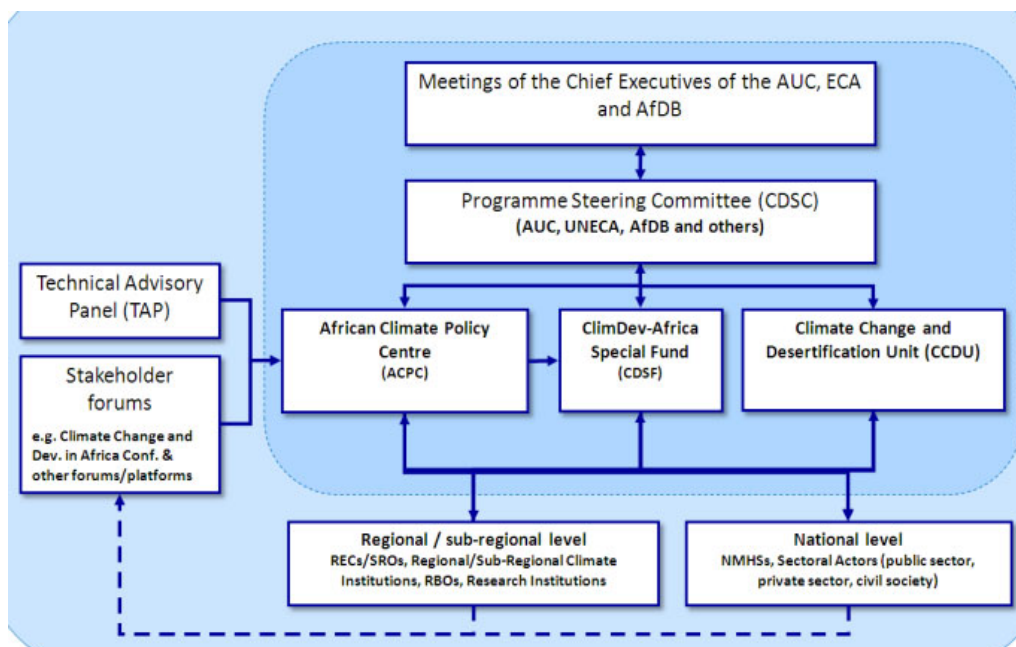
Component 4: Africa Climate Resource Platform and Information Service: Create an open architecture, one-stop go-to place for quality and timely data, information and weather early warning services, open-source modelling tools, online advisory services, learning and helpdesk for stakeholders, online convening and community forum for research and user groups.

Component 5: Communication, outreach and advocacy: Develop and implement communication strategies to provide climate information needed for policymaking processes and implementation.

Component 6: Programme management: Manage ClimDev-Africa Partnership in an integrated way for effective and efficient resource use and programme delivery.

Each of the three ClimDev-Africa partners will play a lead role in a particular component of the programme and have responsibility for the implementation of activities and programmes in the other programme components. The existing governance structure will be retained. Mechanisms to increase the effectiveness of the programme management will be developed. An Executive Management Committee comprising the Vice President (Agriculture) of the AfDB, the Deputy Executive Secretary of UNECA, and the Commissioner (Agriculture and Rural Economy) AUC will be established to provide policy guidance. This committee will report to the principals of the three institutions. It will be supported by the JWG to guide the day-to-day operations and implementation of the programme

Governance Structure



Resource Mobilization

The resource mobilization target for Phase II is **US\$191 million**

- **Program support:** The proposal to raise US\$191 million represents a significant scaling down, from US \$ 800 million in the original goal but assumes that the programme can leverage 4 to 5 times more ongoing and new investments in climate services to bring the total ClimDev-Africa portfolio to between US\$800 million and US\$1 billion over the period 2022-2027.
- **Co-financing and leveraging:** The Phase II approach will be to tap into international climate funds, of which the largest are the Green Climate Fund, the Climate Investment Funds and the Global Environment Facility, as well as resources from others, including the private sector, to provide ClimDev-Africa opportunities to enhance the impact of every dollar spent on climate action.
- **Engaging the private sector:** ClimDev-Africa will explore opportunities for private sector investment through public-private partnerships to facilitate investment in climate services for development. ClimDev-Africa will elaborate a strategy to engage financial and climate/weather risk insurance providers to scope the demand for climate information as an input to the development of disaster risk reduction programs
- **Synergies with complementary financing mechanisms:** ClimDev-Africa will seek opportunities for cross-collaboration. This approach can be extended to the NDCs and

investments planned as countries develop their low-carbon climate-resilient investment plans.

- **The role of the AfDB:** AfDB will be the Green Climate Fund implementing entity and CDSF as a Bank instrument of the ClimDev-Africa programme will be strengthened to roll out investments in partnership with Bank operational units and projects. Through this approach, CDSF can leverage another US\$300-500 million which will be 6-10 percent of the target annual Bank flows of US \$5 billion in climate finance by 2022.
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