

ClimDev-Africa Joint Working Group

Draft Programme

4th May 2026
Addis-Ababa, Ethiopia

1. Background

Following two recent virtual meetings of the ClimDev-Africa partners held on 13 March 2026 and 9th April 2026, an in person Joint Working Group (JWG) will be convened on 4 May 2026 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, on the margins of the Twelfth Session of the Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development (28–30 April 2026) and the Seventh Africa Climate Talks (30 April – 1 May 2026).

2. Specific objectives

The specific objectives of the JWG are to undertake the following:

- Deliberate on the constitution and membership of the Phase II Steering Committee, based on recommendations from the evaluation report, and agree on the agenda and date for its first meeting.
- Review and approve the CDSF Phase II extension request, which must be submitted to the AfDB Board by July 2026.
- Interrogate and identify challenges that have stalled the launch of ClimDev-Africa phase II (which started 10 years ago), and devise strategies to surmount them.
- Develop concrete steps for resource mobilization, targeting approximately \$57 million (one-third of the \$190 million required for 2026–2030), and explore donor engagement strategies.
- Plan the rollout and launch of the Phase II strategy, including communication and outreach.
- Review of UNECA's paper on Secretariat support requirements and the expected support arrangements from the Climate Action Window technical tranche.
- Discuss a plan to reach out to potential regional implementation partners (such as CLIMSA), in tandem with resource mobilization.

3. Expected outcomes

The following results are expected at the end of the meeting:

- Agreed composition and terms for the Phase II Steering Committee, with a confirmed date and agenda for its inaugural meeting.
- Endorsement of the CDSF Phase II extension request for submission to the AfDB Board.
- A plan to surmount challenges that have hampered launch of ClimDev-Africa phase II.
- A draft resource mobilization roadmap identifying priority funding sources and engagement strategies.
- Defined next steps for the Phase II strategy launch and Secretariat support.
- Implementation partners outreach and engagement strategy.

Annex I: Agenda

Chair: African Union Commission (AUC)

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Time	Item	Action Required
<i>Session 1: Opening – Moderated by the Secretariat</i>		
09:00- 09:30	Welcome coffee	
09:30-10:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome and opening remarks by the Economic Commission for Africa • Opening remarks by the African Development Bank • Opening remarks by the African Union Commission • Opening remarks by Afreximbank • Chairman’s welcoming remarks 	
<i>Session 2: Organisation of Work – Moderated by the AUC</i>		
10:00- 10:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Introduction of participants</i> • <i>Presentation of the Agenda</i> 	Adoption of the agenda
10:30- 11:00	<i>Outstanding actions from recent meetings</i>	
11:00- 11:30	Coffee / Group photo	
<i>Session 3: Phase II Steering Committee – Moderated by AUC</i>		
11:30- 12:15	<i>Presentation of draft steering committee TOR by ECA</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Discussion and agreement on membership</i> • <i>Plan for the next steering committee meeting</i> 	Draft phase II steering committee TOR
<i>Session 4: Transition to phase II - Moderated by AfDB</i>		
12:15- 13:00	<i>CDSF Phase II extension request</i>	Draft CDSF extension plan
13:00-14:00	Lunch	
14:00 -14:30	<i>Review of UNECA's paper on Secretariat support</i>	Draft strategy for stabilizing the Secretariat
14:45 -15:30	<i>Outreach and engagement with implementing partners (such as CLIMSA)</i>	Implementing partners engagement strategy

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15:30 -16:00	Coffee break	
<i>Session 5: Transition to phase II - Moderated by Afreximbank</i>		
16:00 -17:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Discuss the challenges that have stalled the launch of ClimDev-Africa phase II.</i> • <i>Resource mobilization strategy, targeting \$57 million.</i> • <i>Review Phase II strategy, and plan for its launch, communication and outreach.</i> 	<p>Solutions to surmount challenges</p> <p>Resource mobilization strategy</p> <p>Plan for launch of phase II strategy</p>

Documents

1. Minutes of recent Joint Working Group (JWG) Meetings
2. Draft phase II steering committee TOR
3. Paper on support needed by the Secretariat
4. Consultant report from workshop held in Nairobi in July 2025
5. Request for approval of CDSF phase II
6. Summary of the ClimDev-Africa Phase II Business Plan
7. Major events:
 - a. CCDA-IV draft concept note (if available)
 - b. COP30 report (if available)