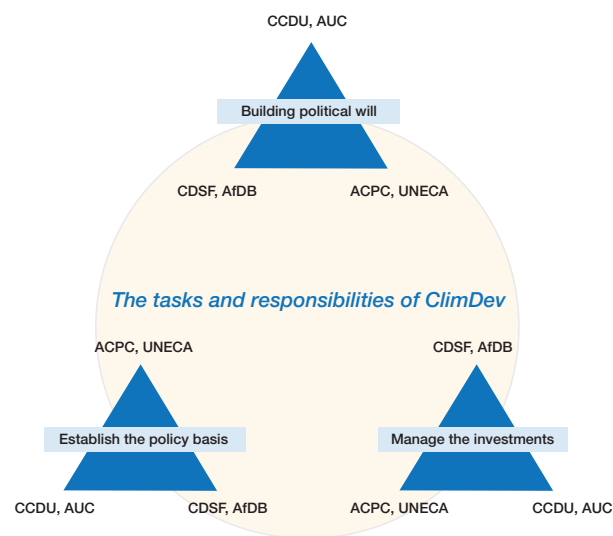


7 Questions and Answers to understand ClimDev- Africa



How actions by each ClimDev-Africa partner link with those of others for the overall programme delivery

1 What is ClimDev-Africa?

ClimDev-Africa, the Climate for Development in Africa initiative, is a joint Programme of the African Union Commission (AUC), the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) and the African Development Bank (AfDB), mandated to:-

- ◆ create a solid foundation for an appropriate response to climate change through research and policy analysis.
- ◆ strengthen the policy response to climate change by building the capacities of sub-regional and national organizations and guiding policy formulation.

2 What are the key missions of ClimDev-Africa?

- ◆ Enhance the capacities of African countries to achieve sustainable attainment of poverty reduction through better management of climate change risks and opportunities at all levels

3 Why had it become necessary to establish a programme on climate change in Africa?

- ◆ Climate science is an essential element for understanding the causes and impacts of climate change, as well as for figuring out what to do about them. Climate research for Africa's development (CRD4) is at the core of ClimDev-Africa's mission.
- ◆ Climate data is important for policy decision-making on adaptation and mitigation policies. But such data would better reflect current realities of the continent if it is gathered and processed in Africa.
- ◆ Africa has benefitted the least (figures) from the current global climate finance architecture. While working towards an 'African Perspective' to ensure there are considerable benefits for the African continent from the AGF recommendations, the ClimDev-Africa has established the ClimDev Special Fund to finance climate change projects on the continent.

- ◆ Support African countries, RECs and RBOs to fully integrate climate change and natural disaster risk priorities into major development policies, strategies and regulations, and reflect in their budgets.
- ◆ Raise awareness of climate change impacts and opportunities among African countries and facilitate ownership of adaptation and climate risks reduction processes at local level.
- ◆ Generate and distribute reliable and high quality climate information through periodic reports; informational websites; informational sessions; and press conferences.
- ◆ Strengthen the capacities of policy makers and policy support institutions to use climate change analyses to reduce risks associated with changes in climate.
- ◆ Ensure the implementation of pilot adaptation projects to serve as best practices.
- ◆ ClimDev Special Fund secured and managed effectively
- ◆ Use science and research to buttress Africa's position within global climate negotiations.
- ◆ Pull scientific and social actors from other African and non-African institutions specialized in climate and development that have enough capacity to help deliver on each of its activity areas.
- ◆ Work towards bridging the gaps between the three communities of experts in research, policy and practice through a series of knowledge products and expert forums.

4 What are the focus areas of ClimDev-Africa?

ClimDev-Africa focuses on 4 strategic areas:-

- ◆ **Climate information** – making climate information widely available to policy makers in a timely and well packaged manner through sustained policy dialogue and other targeted events. ClimDev partners will facilitate the establishment of an integrated Africa Strategy on meteorology and hydrology and access to and sharing of climate information and services.
- ◆ **Quality analysis for decision support and management practice**- Quality analysis of climate information for development policy decision support and management practice. ACPC will establish a knowledge management system for shared information, knowledge, experience and best practices.
- ◆ **ClimDev Special Fund** – Assist countries to analyse climate data for policy; contribute to ClimDev administration and reporting; assist in the organization of the ClimDev annual meetings; facilitate assistance from specialist/ sectorial parts of AfDB; provide finance for key policy work; support and align M&E processes; assist to mobilize resources for ClimDev-Africa budgets.

5 How is ClimDev-Africa funded?

- ◆ Initial seed funding for the establishment of ClimDev-Africa come from its main stakeholders: -

6 What are the main structures of ClimDev-Africa?

The oversight function ensures that the goal, purpose and results areas of the ClimDev-Africa Programme followed through.

- ◆ **Meetings of the Chief Executives of AUC/ECA/AfDB** - provide direct oversight of the Programme, receives the Annual Report of the operation of ClimDev-Africa
- ◆ **ClimDev Programme Steering Committee (CDSC)** - approves the work plans of the Programme and monitors progress. It serves as the Governing Council for the ClimDev Special Fund.
- ◆ **ClimDev Joint Secretariat Working Group (JSWG)** – This is a subset of the CDSC, consisting of the AUC, UNECA and AfDB and may meet between CDSC meetings to ensure decisions required for the timely functioning of the Programme can be made.



- ◆ **Technical Advisory Panel** - Supports the operation of the ACPC, CCDU and the Special Fund. The members of these panels are to be selected as required from a Roster of Advisors for ClimDev-Africa Programme Technical Advisory Panel (TAP).
- ◆ **The structure of the ClimDev-Africa Programme** including stakeholders and key partners
- ◆ **The Secretariat** - The Secretariat of ClimDev-Africa is hosted by African Climate Policy Centre of ECA in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The unit heads for the following key areas: advocacy, communication and resource mobilization.
- ◆ Some of the advocacy and knowledge sharing tools of ClimDev-Africa Working Papers, Policy Briefs,

- ◆ CDSF Coordination Unit, in collaboration with other partners, will establish and manage the M&E system that will also facilitate access to information about the progress of activities as well as portfolio performance analysis and lesson learning.
- ◆ CDSF Coordination Unit will prepare progress reports in accordance with Results-Based Management (RBM) reporting requirement.

How do ClimDev-Africa Partners work together?

- ◆ Each core partner organisation has the responsibility for reporting on activities, results and outputs and this information will be loaded into the M&E system database.
- ◆ The ACPC in its secretariat role to ClimDev-Africa manages the database, develop input, activity and output tracking and thereby generate reports for the Steering Committee and other stakeholders.
- ◆ Specifically for CDSF project management the AfDB SAP (Systems Applications and Products in Data Processing) will be used. SAP generates the information needed on the status of project implementation, such as contracts, disbursements, audits, risks, supervision actions, follow-up briefs, and project development impacts.

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