

Enhancing the Africa Climate Resilient Investment Facility (AFRI-RES) Partnership for Scaling up Resilience in Africa

Results, lessons learned, and ways forward

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13:00 – 14:00

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The Africa Climate Resilient Investment Facility (AFRI-RES) is an initiative of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), the World Bank, the African Union Commission (AUC), and the African Development Bank (AFDB), with initial funding from the Nordic Development Fund (NDF). AFRI-RES was established in 2017 to support African countries and stakeholders with the tools and capacity to integrated climate resilience in investments in critical sector. The programme is implemented under four components. Component 1, led by the World Bank, as well as the AfDB, provides project-level support to specific projects on the integration of climate resilience. Component 2, led by the ECA and the AUC, focusses on outreach, dissemination, and comprehensive training to technical experts, media professionals and civil society on climate resilience. Component 3, led by the World Bank, focusses on the development of guidelines, standards, and good practice notes for climate-resilient investments. Component 4, led by the ECA, focusses on the development of a climate knowledge and data portal for an online repository of knowledge of relevance for climate-resilient investment planning and design in Africa. The first phase of project completes in 2022.

The first phase of the AFRI-RES programme has concluded with major results and achievement in all the components. Under the first component on project-level support AFRI-RES has supported 30 projects across 10 sectors and deepened climate resilience in investments of over USD 8 billion in IDA/IBRD financing. Furthermore, a resilience booster toolkit (<https://resiliencetool.worldbank.org/#/home>) has been developed to support project developers with structured approach to integrating climate resilience in their projects. Under the component on training and awareness AFRI-RES has developed (i) a free access legacy training programme on integrating climate resilience, consisting of 3 training packages and 10 modules on understanding resilience and decision-making under uncertainty, as well as technical training for climate resilience in the agriculture, energy, water, transport, cities and ecosystems sectors, and (ii) a tailored training programme with AUDA-NEPAD on strengthening the capacity of AUDA-NEPAD, RECs and countries on integrating climate resilience in the second phase of the Africa Union's Programme for Infrastructure Development in Africa programme. Technical guidelines on climate integrating climate resilience in investments in various sectors have been developed and a dedicated climate knowledge and data portal has been developed (<https://afri-res.uneca.org>).

The objectives of event are to (i) showcase the suite of AFRI-RES products that have been developed and how they can be utilized to scale resilience in investments in key sectors in Africa, (ii) share lessons learned and emerging issues and needs, and (iii) explore opportunities for scaling up the AFRI-RES partnership to scale up resilience in Africa,

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13:00 – 13:20	Welcome and opening remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Nassim Oulmane, Acting Director, Technology, Climate Change, and Natural Resources Management Division, ECA • H.E Nardos Bekele-Thomas, CEO, AUDA-NEPAD (tbc) • H.E. Dr Amani Abou-Zeid, Commissioner for Infrastructure and Energy, African Union Commission (tbc) • Dr. Kevin Kariuki, Vice-President, Power, Energy, Climate and Green Growth (tbc) • xxxx, World Bank • XXXX, Nordic Development Fund
13:20 – 13:40	Presentation - Highlights of results and impacts from Phase 1 of AFRI-RES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Kanta Kumari Rigaud, Lead Environmental Specialist and Regional Climate Change Coordinator, Africa Region, World Bank Feedback: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AFRI-RES beneficiaries • Development Partners and Member States present • xxxx
13:40 – 13:55	General discussion
13:55 – 14:00	Wrap up and concluding remarks