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MESSAGE FROM GARETH PHILLIPS

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Dear Reader,

Welcome to the latest edition of our quarterly newsletter. In this edition we outline some key achievements of ACCF supported projects in Cote d'Ivoire, Benin, Senegal, and East Africa.

In Cote d'Ivoire, the phase I of the Adaptation Benefits Mechanism is making significant impacts, especially in the cocoa growing village of Amarakro in Vavoua where smallholder farmers are sharing their positive feedback from their adoption of the Sustainable Cocoa Agroforestry Practices (SCAP) introduced by the project. In Benin, we highlight Issotina Nala, a 32-year-old from Wekete village, who is brimming with excitement over a novel solar-powered irrigation system. ACCF is supporting women access to clean water in Lesotho, which has consequently contributed to reduce their high exposure to rape attacks in their search for water from far distances. Moreover, an important component of the ACCF's work is to contribute to bridging information gaps to access climate finance. This is emphasized in Senegal where the project has supported development of an IT platform named the «Help Desk" to strengthen local climate change knowledge and resource monitoring.

We hope you enjoy reading these stories from the field, which best showcase the importance of technical assistance grants to addressing the impacts of climate change in Africa.

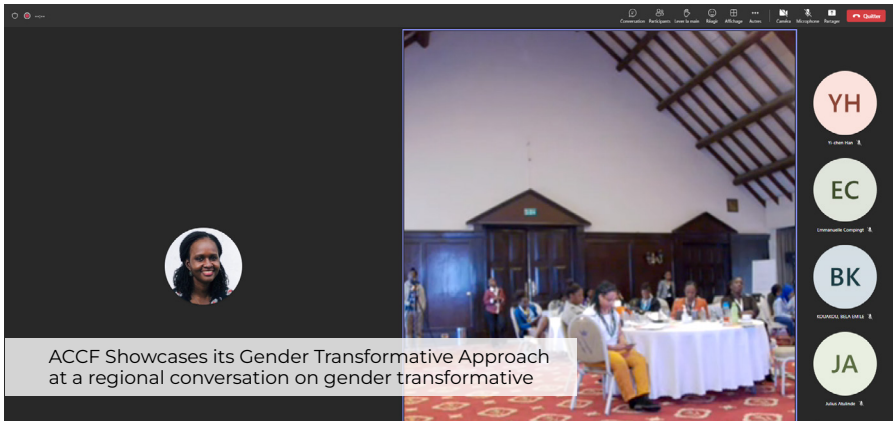
NEWS

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Showcasing the ACCF's Gender Transformative Approach at a Regional Conversation on Gender Transformative Climate Action

On May 24, 2023, the Africa Climate Change Fund Secretariat participated in a high-level panel on Gender Transformative Climate Action in Eastern and Southern Africa. At this hybrid event, the ACCF Coordinator provided a highlight on the Fund's financing of a Gender Transformative Approach. Following a brief introduction of the Fund, the Coordinator, Ms. Rita Effah, described the ACCF's financing mechanism to support women-led and women-focused climate initiatives in Africa as part of its bold commitment to contribute to addressing women's and men's unequal access to the resources to mitigate and adapt to climate change, and to address adequately and proportionally the ways in which gender roles influence women's and men's ability in this regard. In line with this, Rita indicated that in 2021, the ACCF launched its third Call for Proposals to select projects that improve gender-transformative, low carbon and climate resilient development in selected vulnerable communities, especially for women and girls in Africa.

Under the framework of this Call for proposals, *"10 projects were shortlisted for immediate funding of about $8.2milion and 6 projects of about $4.5million in the pipeline pending mobilization of additional resources. The total funding for the 16 project proposals is estimated at $12.6million, out of which 6 of the 10 projects have been launched early 2023", Rita commented. "At the ACCF, we strongly believe that ensuring women and girls equal access to climate finance is a development imperative given the fact that they are disproportionally affected by climate change effects". "The ACCF's focus is an integral part of the African Development Bank's overall efforts to address climate change related gender-based inequalities and increase women's access to climate finance," she concluded.*



ACCF Showcases its Gender Transformative Approach at a regional conversation on gender transformative

This 3-day regional conversation was convened by the UNICEF Eastern and Southern Africa Regional Office together with the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies Africa in Nairobi, Kenya. The event brought together *"women climate experts and advocates at the forefront of climate justice in Eastern and Southern Africa to facilitate networking and knowledge exchange and co-create common regional advocacy and action with regional, continental, and global policy makers and intergovernmental bodies."*

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Shea 2023 Conference: companies, community livelihoods, climate, and biodiversity at the heart of discussions

From June 12 to 14, 2023, the Global Shea Alliance (GSA) held its annual international conference in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, on the theme *«Building Resilient Supply Chains»*. The conference brought together over 400 participants from 22 countries in Africa, Asia, America, and Europe around four main activities: panel discussions, networking sessions, training for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and a field visit. A total of 46 panelists took part in the event, where discussions included building resilient supply chains, developing new markets for shea, the impact of regulation on supply chain performance and resilience. Panelists addressed topics such as innovations in protecting shea parks, best practices in park management, as well as strategies to ensure a sustainable supply of shea through regenerative agroforestry.

For example, following a study of the impact of agroforestry on shea and sorghum productivity in the south-central region of Burkina Faso, Georges Bazongo of the NGO Tree Aid recommended promoting local land charters as a means of participatory protection of shea trees, encouraging agroforestry as an adaptation to the effects of climate change, and training producers in Assisted Natural Regeneration and the use of improved sorghum varieties. Similarly, Robert GBENGBERNABE of the NGO GEVAPAF in Togo shared his experience of the introduction of digitization in the management of shea parks, which has enabled more accurate knowledge of the market potential of shea, better organization of collection and improved management and preservation of park and forest trees.

In addition to this, discussions also focused on the integrated use of community forests and the links between business, shea community livelihoods, climate, and biodiversity. These exchanges demonstrate the importance of park preservation and restoration in the shea industry and align with the project *«Towards climate-resilient shea communities in Togo and Burkina Faso»*. This two-year project, implemented by AGK through the funding of the Africa Climate Change Fund (ACCF) housed within the African Development Bank (AfDB), aims to reduce the climate vulnerability of 7,500 women shea collectors and their communities (over 30,000 people), by increasing the income generated by activities such as shea and beekeeping, and improving community-led park management practices.

The conference was also attended by several partners, including Rita Effah, Coordinator of the Africa Climate Change Fund.

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Shea 2023 Conference companies community livelihoods climate

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The Center for Ecological Monitoring talks to OBPE about Readiness program activities and the Adaptation Fund

Bujumbura, July 3, 2023 - The Center for Ecological Monitoring *(Centre de suivi écologique (CSE)* and the Burundese Office for Environmental Protection *(Office Burundais pour la protection de l'environnement (OBPE)* met in Bujumbura to discuss their joint initiatives to combat climate change. The meeting was chaired by Prosper Dodiko, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of the Environment, Agriculture and Livestock. OBPE is a beneficiary institution of the *«South-South Cooperation Program to Promote Direct Access to Climate Finance»*, funded by the ACCF.

The aim of the meeting was to discuss the activities of the Readiness program *(«Increasing private sector involvement in the transition to a low-carbon, climate-resilient economy in Burundi»),* financed by the Green Climate Fund (GCF), and to assess the progress of OBPE's accreditation application to the Adaptation Fund (AF).

The CSE shared its experience in the field of climate change adaptation and highlighted the various initiatives it is leading in Burundi, notably the GCF and AF Readiness program. The CSE also indicated its willingness to collaborate with OBPE within the framework of the South-South cooperation program. OBPE also indicated that its application for accreditation by the AF was well underway.

The Burundian authorities thanked the CSE for its visit and expressed their willingness to strengthen collaboration with the CSE and to support all initiatives aimed at mobilizing financial resources to address climate challenges.



UPDATES FROM THE FIELD

CÔTE D'IVOIRE

Sustainable Cocoa Agroforestry Practices Reinforce Cocoa Livelihood Resilience in Vavoua

The ACCF-funded project titled *"Cocoa Livelihood Resilience – piloting the Adaptation Benefits Mechanism (ABM) in Cote d'Ivoire"* is being implemented in from2019 to 2024 by the International Agroforestry Center (ICRAF) and partners – Mars Confectionaries and the Rainforest Alliance led by the ABM Secretariat at the Bank. The project is approaching finalization of its Phase I in which a package of sustainable zero-deforestation resilience measures developed by ICRAF was applied by Small holder famers in two cocoa growing communities in Cote d'Ivoire. Also, an ABM methodology has been developed to assist with mobilizing new adaptation finance for replication of the project in its Phase II. ABM is an innovative finance mechanism for enhancing the resilience of vulnerable communities and ecosystems. The ABM certifies the benefits of adaptation action and makes transparent the associated costs, delivering measurable and verified information for transparency under the Paris Agreement and other reporting purposes. This is the first ABM demonstration project is piloted by the African Development Bank from 2019 to 2025.



Recently, ICRAF received positive feedback from smallholder cocoa farmers in the village of Amarakro in Vavoua, Côte d'Ivoire on the use of ICRAF's Sustainable Cocoa Agroforestry Practices (SCAP). They are amazed to see how much better their young cocoa trees are doing. Due to the measures taken, the trees have a much higher survival rate compared to trees in farms that did not use these techniques. Because of these impressive results, Mr. Christophe Kouamé, who leads ICRAF in the country, said that "ICRAF's sustainable agroforestry package is a positive restoration and adaptation response for cocoa farmers". According to Mr. Amani Kouassi, Project Lead of the Cocoa Livelihood Resilience project: *"This quick win serves as a reminder that investing in smallholder farmers, including women and youth, and training them in SCAP will tremendously boost the resilience against the climate change challenges in West Africa of both the cocoa plantations and the people who depend on them."*

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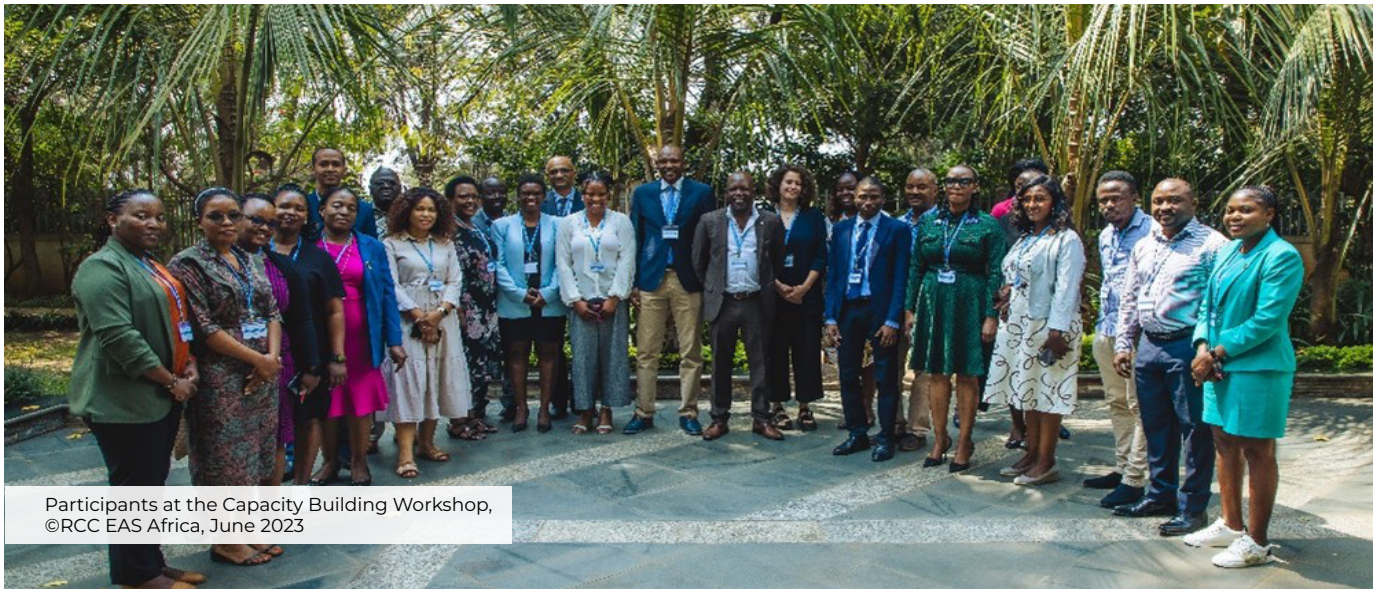
Fostering Gender Equity in Climate Action: ACCF Project Drives Inclusion of Women Delegates and Capacity Building in COP Negotiations

Launched in February 2023, the Capacity Building Project for Women and Gender Negotiators in East and Southern Africa is implemented by the East African Development Bank and UN Climate Change Regional Collaboration Centre (RCC EAS Africa). The project seeks to ensure equal and effective participation of women in international climate change decision-making and promote the implementation of gender transformative climate change action.

The project has provided financial support to four women delegates from the Ministries of Environment and Gender in Botswana, Ethiopia, Kenya and Uganda to be part of the national delegations that contributed to the Bonn Climate Change Conference held in June in Germany, to set the agenda for the twenty-eighth Conference of Parties (COP28) negotiations in Dubai, in November 2023. Travel support for women delegates remains scarce but is critical to achieving gender transformation.

Additionally, the project convened the first regional dialogue in Kigali, Rwanda, on 28-29 June, bringing together National Gender and Climate Change Focal Points (NGCCFPs) from 18 countries. The dialogue provided NGCCFPs with valuable knowledge on opportunities and approaches to advancing gender-transformative action at the national and regional levels. Delegates expressed the need for assistance to domesticate UN Climate Change Gender Action Plan and formulate robust National Gender and Climate Change Action Plans. Emphasis was made on capacity-building targeting sectors poised to implement these action plans. The outcomes of this dialogue provided an insight into the priorities of National Gender and Climate Change Focal Points and the support they require to effectively execute their duty to ensure gender mainstreaming in climate change policy and action.

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Participants at the Capacity Building Workshop, ©RCC EAS Africa, June 2023

SENEGAL

Information System to Enhance Local Climate Change Knowledge and Resource Monitoring

The Senegalese context is marked by the absence of a suitable information system dedicated to local communities, impeding their ability to identify and access available climate financing. To address this gap, the pilot project «Removing Barriers to Territorial Communities' Access to Climate Financing,» anchored within the National Program for Local Development (PNDL) and financially supported by the ACCF, has introduced an IT platform named the «Help Desk.» This platform aims to enhance understanding and streamline the monitoring of climate change funding for local stakeholders. Developed in close collaboration with the Ecological Monitoring Center (CSE), the platform will be evaluated and updated accordingly.

The access of Senegalese territorial communities to climate finance is notably hindered by a significant information deficit. Presently, there is no information system that empowers local actors to strengthen their knowledge, promptly identify, and track resources dedicated to combating the adverse effects of climate change. Addressing this need, the project has crafted the platform to facilitate sharing, technical support, and capacity building required for local stakeholders to enhance access to climate action financing.



Screenshot of the Home page of the "HelpDesk" platform of the "Overcoming barriers to climate finance for local authorities" project

A key application of this system is remote access to a range of project-related documents and information. This technological offering enables document sharing not only among different structures within the Ministry responsible for territorial communities but also with external entities like territorial communities and Regional Development Agencies (RDAs). Additionally, it is expected to foster the provision of advisory services, knowledge generation, and communication, both regionally and nationally.

To amplify the impact of knowledge enhancement and information access for territorial communities, the project will establish partnerships with a spectrum of experts at both national and territorial levels, supporting the efficient implementation of financing mobilization initiatives.

Experienced and skilled personnel will be recruited for the assistance office to partly address human resource deficits within territorial communities. This move is expected to aid the identification of relevant green finance opportunities.

Regarding lessons learned, the establishment of the Help Desk is highly significant. It will consistently serve as a support service for territorial communities in climate financing and resource tracking, tailored to the needs and capacities of local actors not only during the project but, most crucially, after its conclusion. Moreover, it will facilitate information sharing, nurturing project ideas from territories, and addressing expertise gaps within communities, ultimately enhancing the chances of local actors securing funding.

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Beyond Commitment: Tracking NDC Implementation for Sustainable Climate Action in Africa Using Indexes

A transformative initiative, led by the African Technology Policy Studies Network (ATPS) in collaboration with the Pan-African Climate Justice Alliance (PACJA) and the West African Green Economics Development Institute (WAGEDI), is set to revolutionize climate action and sustainable development across Africa. This initiative tagged *"Building the Capacity of Selected sub-Sahara African Countries to Effectively Measure Progress in their Nationally Determined Contributions' Implementation Using Tracking Tools and Indexes"* is funded by the ACCF and aims to track and enhance the implementation of countries' Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), the foundation of the Paris Agreement. The initiative introduces a comprehensive NDC tracking tool and index through the assessment of the five critical NDC elements namely, Governance, Finance, Mitigation, Adaptation, and Measurement, Reporting & Verification (MRV). The index will enable African countries to evaluate their compliance with the NDC targets and hence prioritize further climate actions. The project has received approvals from relevant government ministries, departments, and agencies (MDAs) in the 12 participating countries namely, Botswana, Cote d'Ivoire, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Namibia, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, and Zimbabwe. This demonstrates a collective commitment to transparently addressing the climate crisis.

For broader stakeholder engagement, the project team and partners are organizing a sensitization event during the inaugural African Climate Summit (ACS) and the Africa Climate Week (ACW) from 4-8 September 2023. These events will showcase the NDC tracking tool's potential and encourage further support and participation from African countries not yet participating in the initiative. The ATPS, its partners, and other non-state actors will present a comprehensive position paper addressing various climate change issues impacting Africa. This collaborative effort aims to consolidate expertise, build partnerships, and usher in a new era of transnational climate action, aligning with the Global Stocktake and lead-up to COP 28. The NDC Index holds the promise of being a game-changer in the fight against climate change. By holistically assessing NDC progress across essential components, it becomes a pivotal tool in shaping policy decisions for a sustainable climate action. The initiative calls upon countries and stakeholders to unite in the pursuit of a greener, more resilient, and equitable world where both humanity and the environment thrive harmoniously.

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Partners meeting during the preparations for the African Climate Week and Summit in Nairobi, ©ATPS July 2023

CÔTE D'IVOIRE

Decarbonization of medical waste: the innovative project by the Ivorian Ministry of Environment

On July 13, 2023, the Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development of Cote d'Ivoire launched a new project, titled «Preparation of Cote d'Ivoire for Decarbonization of Solid, Medical and Pharmaceutical Waste Management to Achieve GHG Mitigation Objectives in accordance with the NDC and the 2050 Objective of the Paris Agreement». This project is funded by the African Development Bank's Africa Climate Change Fund (ACCF) under its demand-driven window at an amount of USD 277 300.
The project aims to reduce Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions from Solid Waste Management (SWM). This will be achieved through supporting the development of a national SWM strategy, the implementation of pilot projects for the decarbonization of SWM, and the capacity building of stakeholders in the sector.

The project is implemented by the National Climate Change Programme (NCCP) under the Ministry of Environment. The launch ceremony was attended by representatives from the Ministry of Environment, Ministry of Health, the ACCF/Bank, public health officials, waste management companies and other stakeholders. The project is expected to have a significant impact on the SWM sector in the country. Most especially, it will contribute to reducing GHG emissions, improve public health, and create jobs. The project is also expected to serve as a model for other countries in Africa that are seeking to decarbonize their SWM sectors.

Read the full article (in French) on the executing agency's website:
https://environnement.gouv.ci/attenuation-des-gaz-a-effet-de-serre-la-cote-divoire-lance-un-projet-de-decarbonisation-de-la-gestion-des-dechets-solides-medicaux-et-pharmaceutiques-dmp-avec-lappui-financ/



Launch of Côte d'Ivoire medical waste decarbonization project, ©PNCC, July 2023

SENEGAL

Strengthening Climate Change Governance - Revitalizing Regional Climate Change Committees

On May 11, 2023, the National Committee on Climate Change (COMNACC), regional climate change committees (COMRECC) and key stakeholders met in Dakar, Senegal with the objective to enhance multi-scale governance of climate change and involve local actors more effectively.

Local communities in Senegal have been limited in their climate action due to capacity constraints. In this regards, the National Local Development Program (PNDL) secured funding from the Africa Climate Change Fund (ACCF) of the African Development Bank (AfDB) to remove barriers to climate finance access for territorial communities.

To address local concerns in decision-making, stakeholders shared experiences on linking national governance bodies with regional and local levels. Strengthening dialogue and collaboration between national and sub-national organizations was emphasized, including capacitating local entities, fostering partnerships for research and green financing, and promoting multi-level governance for climate resilience.



Participants discussing the issues and scope of the revitalization of COMRECC, ©PNDL, May 2023

The workshop resulted in a proposed action plan to be integrated into existing government committees, focusing on governance, capacity building, information sharing, and sector identification. Implementation requires commitment from national and local authorities to mobilize necessary resources, including exploring collaborations with traditional partners. While the workshop received positive feedback, challenges remain for effective collaboration between COMNACC and COMRECC in implementing the action plan. Increased involvement of COMNACC and national/local authorities, improved coordination, identification of synergies, and mobilization of financial resources are crucial.

In summary, the workshop aimed to strengthen climate change governance and revitalize regional climate change committees in Senegal. By empowering local actors, incorporating their perspectives in decision-making, and promoting multi-level governance, the objective is to enhance climate resilience.



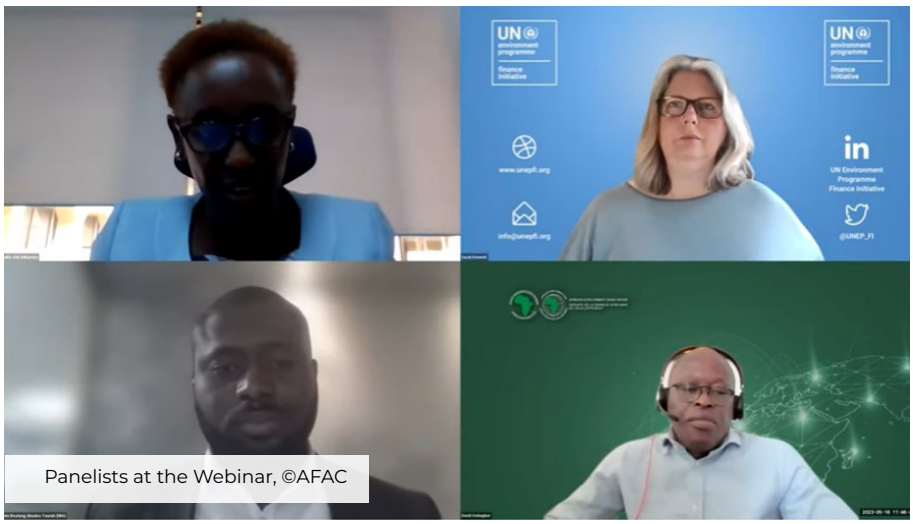
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ACCF Project Sensitizes Stakeholders on Building an African Financial Alliance on Climate Change

From May to July 2023, the Africa Financial Alliance on Climate Change (AFAC) convened a series of webinars to: (i) raise awareness of climate change within the financial industry in Africa and facilitate a broader dialogue to integrate climate change considerations; (ii) discuss how climate-related risks threaten the functioning of banking institutions as well as the stability of the financial system; (iii) discuss business decisions at the level of the insurance industry to enhance the resilience of African economies; and (iv) discuss how financial markets are beginning to integrate climate transition risks and opportunities into investment decision-making.

These webinars were widely attended by 827 participants in total representing African financial institutions, including Banks, insurance, Capital Markets, and financial regulators. These webinars were organized under the framework of the project titled *"Support to the African Financial Alliance on Climate Change (AFAC)"* funded by the Africa Climate Change Fund through its *"Demand-driven Window"*. This project which is implemented by the Climate Change and Green Growth Division of the African Development Bank was designed as a contribution to mobilizing key financial institutions across Africa to convene under the common umbrella of AFAC to harness the benefits of collective bargaining to benefit from capacity building on climate finance topics and advocate for the African voice in global climate discussions.

In fact, Africa's climate finance markets need to scale to help finance the $4.76–$4.84 trillion needed by 2050 representing annual flows of $163.4–$173 billion for climate resilience and a just energy transition. Financial institutions Banks in Africa are also increasingly aware of the importance of green financing principles. However, few have introduced green financing products. Moreover, natural disasters and transition risks threaten the business viability of insurance firms and banks as well as the financial deepness of capital markets. Therefore, improving sustainable finance approaches and enhancing market alignment with the climate transition is vital.



Panelists at the Webinar, ©AFAC



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Fostering the Participation of Women with Disabilities in Climate Action across Eastern Africa

In the dynamic landscape of climate action, it is essential to ensure that every voice is heard and every perspective is represented. In Eastern Africa, a region rich in diversity and potential, the need to foster inclusive participation is particularly vital and more so empowering Women with Disabilities (WWD) in the realm of climate action. The intersection of gender and disability presents complex challenges that hinder the active engagement of WWD in climate change policy and negotiations. To confront these challenges directly, the Strengthening the Voices of Women with Disabilities to Actively Participate in Climate Change Policy and Negotiations (STREVOW) project emerges as a beacon of progress that seeks to empower WWD, forging secure platforms that amplify the voices of WWD, and advocating for gender inclusivity in climate policies.

To facilitate effective solutions for the climate-related challenges faced by WWD, STREVOW is hosting a monthly online dialogues titled «HerVoiceCounts". By sharing experiences and information, these dialogues catalyze meaningful participation from WWD, enlightening a spectrum of stakeholders including persons with disabilities, governmental bodies, civil society, development and donor organization. These efforts will lead to collective approaches to tackle climate challenges impacting WWD, with the ultimate goal of co-creating a stakeholder platform that incubates collaborative solutions for inclusive and disability friendly climate action.

Empowering WWD carries profound significance, underpinning the creation of climate policies that are truly equitable, inclusive, and representative. The STREVOW project spans for 3 years and is being implemented by The Inclusive Climate Change Adaptation for a Sustainable Africa (ICCASA) and the Center for Minority Rights Development (CEMIRIDE), with funding from the Africa Climate Change Fund (ACCF) of the African Development Bank (AfDB).

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SUCCESS STORIES

LESOTHO

Women gain access to water and reduce their risk of rape attacks

In Tabaliatile village in Mohale's Hoek district, southern Lesotho, a 56-year-old single mother of four children, Matlali Molefe is among the hardest hit by water shortage in the village. Gathering water for her family and sustaining her vegetable garden, an important source of nutrition and income, not only took all of Ms. Molefe's time but put her at risk of attack. Ms. Molefe and other community members walk long distances in search of water for household and vegetable garden consumption. The women also say the long trips are not safe due to attacks and incidents of rape by herd boys that look after livestock on the open plains they cross to find water. *"I had no idea how we would survive this year. As we speak, water scarcity has impacted our ability to be productive, to grow crops in our gardens to sustain us for a month,"* Ms. Molefe said.



Supervision of water project in Tabaliatile village, Lesotho. ©UNCDF

The Local Climate Adaptive Living Facility was launched in Lesotho in April 2020 in four community councils in Mohale's Hoek district: Khoelenya, Lithipeng, Qhoasing, and Senqunyane. Tabaliatile lies in the Qhoasing community council where LoCAL, using funds from the ACCF, supported communities in resuscitating and expanding the rural water supply after springs dried up due to the decline in groundwater levels and erratic precipitation. Through a Performance-Based Climate Resilience Grant, the community constructed a new water tank, extended the pipe system, and increased the number of standpipes to cover more households, schools, and a clinic.

"As a result of the water supply project, we have plenty of water close to our households and we are able to cook and water our vegetables," said Ms. Molefe. "Our livelihoods have improved significantly due to the availability of water in our village."

BENIN

Empowering Youth and Communities Against Climate Change

Issotina Nala, a 32-year-old from Wekete village in Benin, is brimming with excitement over a novel solar-powered irrigation system. This innovation not only promises financial security for him and his family but also strives to keep local youth from migrating in search of better prospects. Climate change has upended farming in Benin and beyond, propelling young men to leave for cities or foreign lands. Wekete's solution is a climate-resilient market gardening project that prioritizes young men as beneficiaries, aiming to retain their talent within the community and counter the migration trend.

Previously, water scarcity halted farming activities for months in Wekete. With the solar-powered system, water is now consistently available, ensuring year-round agriculture. Issotina shared, *«The money I earn will greatly support us. With two wives and children, the project's income will enable me to provide education for my children and ensure my family's security».*

Interestingly, neighboring Komdè took a different route by prioritizing female-headed households. This contrast highlights the importance of community-led strategies tailored to unique needs. Local Climate Adaptive Living Facility (LoCAL) played a pivotal role, facilitating funding based on community consultations.
Cossoba Nanako, Head of Programmes at UNCDF Benin, stressed that the new irrigation system allows youth to stay in the village, ensuring food and economic security.

As climate change spurs millions to migrate in search of better lives, addressing these challenges is crucial. The World Bank estimates around 143 million people will migrate due to climate change within three decades. However, the UN Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change suggests empowering communities in migration zones could significantly reduce this number. Performance-Based Climate Resilience Grants ensure funds reach local governments via fiscal transfers. This process involves community consultations, investment selection, climate forecasting, and vulnerability assessment. The approach rewards local governments meeting conditions with larger grants for future investments.

In Ouaké Commune, local officials harnessed a shared irrigation project to address challenges and cater to youth needs. By keeping young talents local, initiatives strive to counter migration trends and pave the way for a more secure future.

Read the original article on UNCDF website here:
https://www.uncdf.org/article/8132/young-male-and-first-in-line-for-this-community-adaptation-project-in-benin



Villagers embrace solar-powered irrigation thanks to LoCAL mechanism, ©UNCDF

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