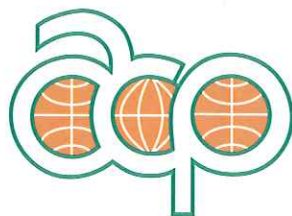


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ACP ACTION PLAN ON CLIMATE CHANGE
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Introduction

1. The twenty-first session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 21) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) took place from 30th November to 12th December 2015 in Paris, France.
2. In preparation for COP 21 the ACP Group of States developed an ACP Issues Paper on the Paris Climate Change Conference (COP 21) that outlined the issues of importance to the ACP including, but not limited to, nationally determined contributions, adaptation, mitigation, finance, technology development and transfer and capacity building.
3. For the 79 Member States of the ACP Group, preparing for the implementation of the Paris Agreement will be a priority. In this regard, the ACP Secretariat will, in collaboration with ACP Member States and relevant partners, concentrate on assisting ACP Member States and in particular, Small Island Developing States (SIDS) and Least Developed Countries (LDCs), to implement concrete actions to be undertaken during the period 2016 – 2020.
4. The overall objective of the ACP Action Plan on Climate Change is to contribute to strengthening the global response to the threat of climate change in ACP Member States, while taking into consideration the Sustainable Development Goals and efforts to reduce poverty. The Action Plan will also contribute to enhancing action, prior to 2020 and before the entry into force of the Paris Agreement, on adaptation, mitigation, finance, technology development and transfer, capacity building and transparency of action and support.
5. The ACP Secretariat will also actively participate in the relevant meetings of the UNFCCC, and in particular the inter-sessional meetings of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI) and Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) as well as the meetings of the Conference of the Parties (COP), in order to monitor the overall implementation of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change to be better able to assist ACP Member States to implement the provisions contained therein.

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Area of focus	Specific Objectives	Actions/Activities	Timeframe	Partners	Resources (Technical /Financial)
Nationally Determined contributions	1. Contribute to enhanced action on adaptation, finance, technology development and transfer, capacity building, and transparency of action and support in order support the efforts to achieve global temperature goal of well below 2°C	1.1. Provide technical and financial support to ACP Countries to prepare for the implementation of their Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs). 1.2. Assist Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and Small Island Developing States (SIDS) implement strategies, plans and actions for low greenhouse gas emissions development.	2016 – 2020	UNDP, UNEP, FAO, GCF, UNECA Regional Partners	Intra-ACP Partners
Mitigation	2. Contribute to the global efforts to increase mitigation ambition.	2.1. Assist ACP countries to develop long-term low greenhouse gas emission development strategies and policies, with a focus on, but not limited to, renewable energy, energy efficiency, transport, and agriculture.	2016 - 2020	UNDP, UNIDO, GCF, AUC, CTA Regional Partners	Intra-ACP Partners
Adaptation	3. Contribute to the enhancement of adaptive capacity and to protecting people's livelihoods and ecosystems that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse impacts of climate change.	3.1. Assist ACP Countries to identify and share effective adaptation practices, assess adaptation needs, address challenges and gaps. 3.2. Promote Climate Smart Agriculture (CSA) in ACP countries in order to contribute to ensuring food and water security. 3.3. Support the assessment of climate change impacts and vulnerability taking into account vulnerable people, critical infrastructure and ecosystems.	2016 - 2020	UNDP, UNEP, FAO, UNIDO, WB, GCF, AFDB, CTA. Regional Partners	Intra-ACP Partners

Loss and Damage		<p>3.4. Support the process to formulate National Adaptation Plans (NAPs).</p> <p>3.5. Provide technical and financial resources to ACP regions and countries to implement adaptation actions contained in National Adaptation Plans and Regional Climate Change Strategies.</p> <p>3.6. Assist ACP countries to develop and implement integrated climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction strategies.</p> <p>3.7. Support ACP Countries in making critical infrastructure resilient to the adverse impacts of climate change.</p> <p>3.8. Develop integrated climate change adaptation and Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) projects under the 11th EDF.</p>			
<p>4. Contribute to minimising and addressing loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change including slow onset events.</p>	<p>4.1. Support action in ACP countries to develop real-time early warning systems to reduce the risk of loss and damage from extreme weather events.</p> <p>4.2. Provide technical assistance to ACP Countries to improve and address the gaps in the knowledge and understanding of comprehensive risk management approaches to address loss and damage associated with the adverse effects of climate change, including slow onset impacts.</p> <p>4.3. Undertake study of best practices, challenges, experiences and lessons learned in undertaking approaches to address loss and damage in ACP Countries.</p>	<p>2016 - 2020</p>	<p>UNDP, WB, UNIDO, GCF.</p> <p>Regional Partners</p>	<p>Intra-ACP Partners</p>	

			4.4. Enhance access of vulnerable populations to existing climate change related insurance schemes, risk insurance facilities, climate risk pooling and other insurance related instruments, in order to build resilience to the adverse impacts of climate change.			
Finance	5. Promote and contribute to the provision of scaled-up financial resources for climate change action in ACP countries.	5.1. Provide assistance to ACP Member States to access finance from the Green Climate Fund as well as other funds serving the UNFCCC. 5.2. Provide technical and financial resources to support adaptation, mitigation, technology development and transfer and capacity building, through the Intra-ACP 11th EDF Envelope. 5.3. Identify and facilitate access to other sources of funding from the European Union to support climate action in ACP Countries 5.4. Facilitate tracking of financial support provided by developed countries to ACP countries to undertake adaptation and mitigations actions as well as support technology development and transfer and capacity building.	2016 - 2020	EU, UNDP, GCF, AFDB Regional Partners	Intra-ACP Partners	
Technology Development	6. Contribute to the development, transfer and	6.1. Provide technical support to ACP countries for the development and/or	2016 - 2020	UNDP, UNIDO,	Intra-ACP	

and Transfer	efficient use of green technologies in ACP countries.	<p>updating of Technology Needs Assessments (TNAs).</p> <p>6.2. Provide technical and financial resources to Centres of Innovation in the three ACP Regions to develop indigenous innovative and replicable green technology to address climate change adaptation and mitigation in ACP countries, and in particular LDCs and SIDS.</p> <p>6.3. Promote South-South and Triangular Cooperation as a mechanism to facilitate matching the Technology Needs of ACP countries with the solutions available in both developing and developed countries.</p> <p>6.4. Collaborate with the Regional Investment Observatories (RIOs) to promote, and provide support for creating the enabling environment for the private sector to invest in adaptation and low-carbon technologies for ACP countries.</p> <p>6.5. Collaborate with UNEP and UNIDO to promote and facilitate the accelerated transfer of environmentally sound technologies to support climate resilient and low greenhouse gas emission development strategies in ACP Countries.</p>		Regional Partners	Partners
Capacity building	<p>7. Contribute to building the capacity of ACP countries, in particular LDCs and SIDS, to undertake climate change action.</p> <p>7.1. Provide technical support to build the capacity of relevant stakeholders in ACP countries and in particular LDCs and SIDS to implement adaptation and mitigation actions.</p> <p>7.2. Build capacity of Regional Centres of</p>	2016 - 2020		<p>UNDP, UNIDO, UNEP, AFDB</p> <p>Regional Partners</p>	<p>Intra-ACP Partners</p>

			<p>Innovation to facilitate the development, dissemination and deployment of green technology in ACP Regions and countries.</p> <p>7.3. Build the capacity in ACP Regions and countries to access climate finance.</p> <p>7.4. Support education, training and public awareness activities at the regional and national levels in order for the relevant stakeholders to understand climate change and its impacts.</p>			
UNFCCC Negotiations	8. Actively monitor the implementation of the UNFCCC Convention at the global level. .	<p>8.1. Attend meetings of SBI, SBSTA and COPs in order to monitor the issues of particular concern to the ACP Group.</p> <p>8.2. Update the sub-committee on Sustainable Development on the progress made at the negotiations for the UNFCCC.</p> <p>8.3. Contribute to the preparation of ACP Member States for the Sessions of the UNFCCC.</p> <p>8.4. Provide support to regional partners and relevant negotiating groups to develop technical papers for the negotiating Sessions of the UNFCCC.</p> <p>8.5. Provide technical and financial support for the organization of regional preparatory meetings for COPs in the three ACP Regions.</p>	2016 - 2020	UNDP, FAO, UNEP, UNIDO, AFDB, AOSIS, G77 and China, EU, Regional Partners	ACP Secretariat Intra-ACP Partners	