

PRESENTATION OF AFRICAN UNION COMMISSION (AUC) AT THE ACP SPECIAL MEETING IN PREPARATION FOR UNFCCC COP 22

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Presentation Outline

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African Process in the global Climate Change Negotiations



Coordination Process – 3 tiers



Committee of African Heads of
State and Government on
Climate Change (CAHOSCC)
(Egypt)

African Ministerial Conference
on Environment (AMCEN)
(Egypt)

African Group of Negotiators on
Climate Change (AGN)
(Mali)



African
Common
Position on
Climate
Change
(ACPCC)

Key
Messages
on the
ACPCC prior
to the global
COP
negotiations.



Regional Policies

- African Union Decisions on Climate Change – Climate Change received high political profile (2007, 2009 – 2016)
- High Level Work Programme on Climate Change Action in Africa (WPCCAA) – adopted 2014
- Draft African Strategy on Climate Change



Regional Policies Contd.

- Climate related Policies
 - Africa Regional Strategy on Disaster Risk Reduction (2004) and its Programme of Action (2005 & 2011) – currently being aligned with Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction
 - ❖ Implemented in collaboration with African Ministers responsible for DRR; African Regional Platform and African Working Group on DRR under the AU Specialized Technical Committee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Water and Environment (ARDWE)



Regional Policies Contd.

- Climate related Policies
 - Commitment on Water and Sanitation (famously known as Sharm El-Sheikh Declaration on Water and Sanitation)
 - AU Decision on Kigali Action Plan (KAP)
 - ❖ African Ministers responsible for DRR under AU Specialized Technical Committee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Water and Environment (ARDWE)



Regional Policies Contd.

- Climate related Policies
 - African Ministers responsible for DRR under the Integrated African Policy on Meteorology (Weather and Climate Services)
 - ❖ Implemented in collaboration with African Ministerial Conference on Meteorology (AMCOMET) under AU Specialized Technical Committee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Water and Environment (ARDWE)



Regional Institutions

- African Union Commission (AUC)
- NEPAD Planning and Coordinating Agency (NPCA)
- African Development Bank (AfDB)
- UN Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA)
- Eight Regional Economic Communities (RECs)
 - Others include: ACMAD; ICPAC; AGRHYMET; CSC, RMRC; RMC



Regional Programmes



High Level Work Programme on Climate Change Action in Africa (WPCCAA) (1)

- CAHOSCC Youth Programme on Climate Change (CYPCC) including Youth participation in climate change negotiations; and continental wide youth competition on climate change aspects to enhance youth engagement in climate change actions;
- CAHOSCC Women and Gender Programme on Climate Change (CWGPCC) Programme to engage women and gender in climate change related actions;
- Ensure Diplomatic Missions in Addis Ababa, New York, Brussels, Nairobi, Geneva, Paris, Washington D.C. and to incorporate the African Climate Change Agenda in strategic diplomatic issues to enhance Africa's interest on climate change;



High Level Work Programme on Climate Change Action in Africa (WPCCAA) (2)

- African Climate Resilient Agricultural Development Programme (ACRADP) in the context of Africa's Agricultural growth transformation Agenda by bring relevant sectors together.
- Sustainable Forest Management Programme in Africa (SFMPA) in collaboration with African Ministers responsible for Forestry and Energy



Regional Programmes (2)

- Great Green Wall for Sahara and Sahel Initiative
- Climate for Development in Africa (ClimDev-Africa) with 3 Partner institutions
 - Climate Change and Desertification Unit (CCDU) with AUC
 - Africa Climate Policy Centre (ACPC) with UNECA
 - ClimDev-Africa Special Fund with AfDB



Regional Programmes (3)

- Monitoring for Environment and Security in Africa (MESA)
- Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEAs) Programme on Capacity Building
- African Agricultural Development Programme (CAADP)
- Programme for Infrastructure Development in Africa (PIDA)



Africa Initiatives launched @ COP21

- Africa Adaptation Initiative (AAI)
 - AMCEN is leading partners to implement the January 2016 Assembly Decision.
- Africa Renewable Energy Initiative (AREI)
 - AU Commission & AfDB as Co-leaders in collaboration with the Office of the AREI Coordinator, President of Congo implementing Kigali, AU July 2016 Assembly Decision.



Africa's Engagement @ COP 22 (1)

- Africa negotiating as a group under leadership of: African Group of Negotiators on Climate Change (AGN) and Ministers – AMCEN and with political directive of CAHOSCC for Africa to continue to speak with one voice in global negotiations
 - Other key players include: Pan African Parliamentarians (PAP) and Parliamentarians from AU Member States; African Civil Society Group under PACJA; Researchers and Academia; and Media Practitioners



Africa's Engagement @ COP 22 (2)

- African Pavilion (Side Events and Exhibitions) to showcase success stories in Africa
- Africa Day – 16 November 2016



Challenges

- Requirements include:
 - Funds to support AGN Members to COP 22
 - More Partners to support the two initiatives Africa launched at COP 21
 - More Partners to come on board to support the Regional institutions in implementation of Regional Climate Change Policies to facilitate implementation of Paris Agreement (Capacity Building; Technology Development and Transfer; Finance; etc)



Conclusions

- Urge more Partners to support implementation of Paris Agreement in particular implementation of the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) thereby facilitating implementation of African Regional Policies; Sustainable Development Goals and realization of African vision – the Africa Agenda 2063.



- Asante sana!!!
- Merci beau coupe!!!
- Obrigada!!!
- Shukuran!!!
- Muchias Gracias!!!
- Thank You!!!

