



ECOWAS Climate Change Mitigation Program Main Features and Strategic Outline

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ECOWAS CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION PROGRAM



Goal

Advance low carbon development in the ECOWAS region

Overall objective

Implement a range of interventions to address the barriers to climate change mitigation in ECOWAS countries.



SUB/SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES



Institutional Framework

Support the creation of an enabling environment for Climate change mitigation at the institutional level and engage in international climate change advocacy.

Project Development and finance

Mobilize climate finance for implementation of Nationally Appropriate climate Mitigation Actions – NAMAs and Intended Nationally appropriate mitigation contributions - INDCs) in the energy sector

Capacity development

Enhance the technical capacity of relevant actors in the identification, planning implementation of UNFCCC climate mechanisms specifically CDM, NAMAs and REDD+

Knowledge management and awareness

Improve the knowledge and networking capacities for climate change mitigation in the ECOWAS member countries

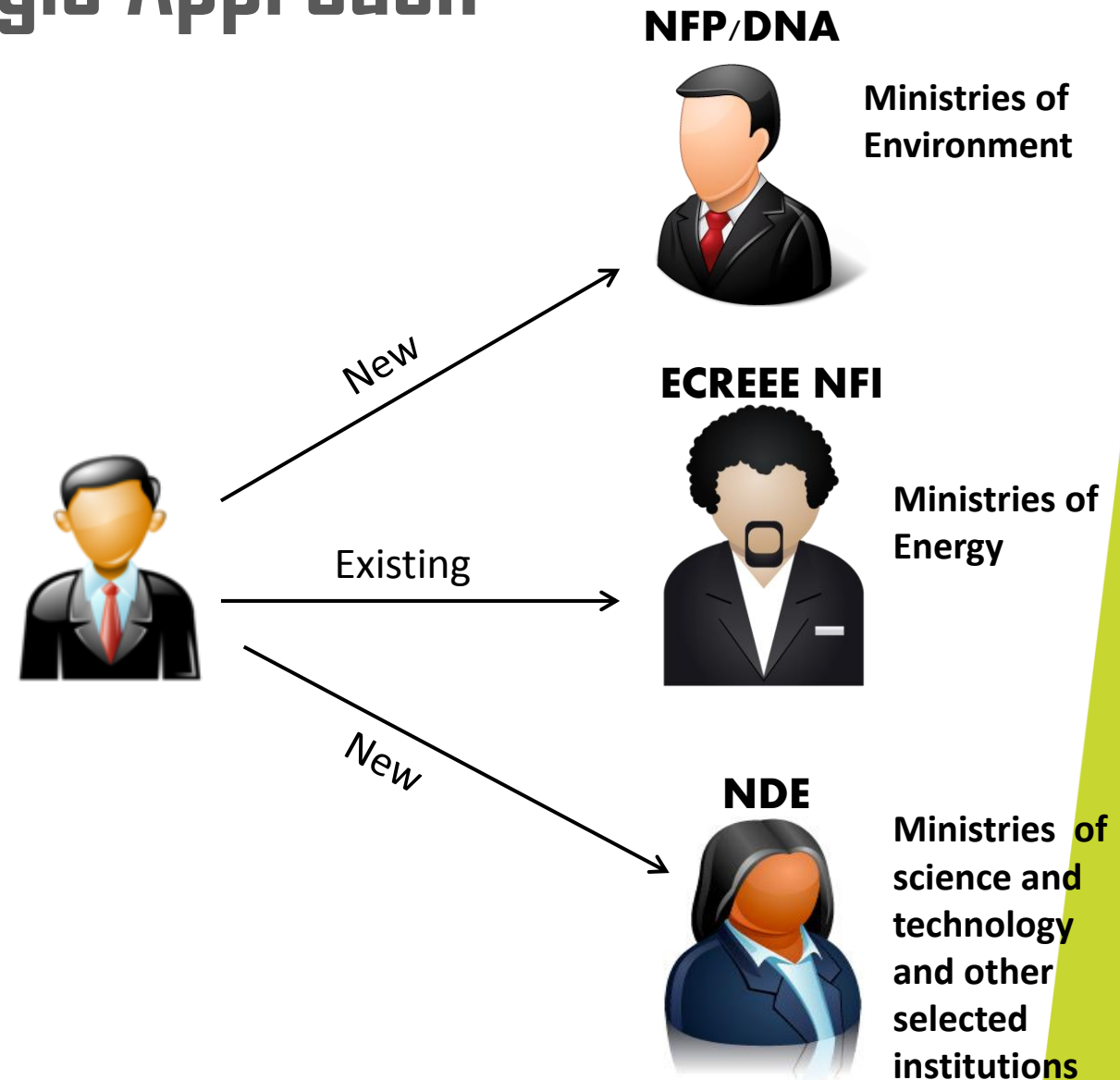
Technology Transfer

Promote technology transfer to enhance the adoption of low GHG emission technologies (activities) in the energy sector through different forms of cooperation.



Strategic Approach

- Recognizing that the countries themselves have a role to play (country ownership is important)
- ECREEE will take a collaborative and engaging strategic approach
- Connect with a new breed of National Focal Points (NFIs) the **Designated National Authorities**, the **National Focal Points** for climate change as well as the **National Designated Entities** in ECOWAS member states to meet the objectives and goals of the ECCMP.



Strengthen the knowledge and networking capacities for climate change mitigation among ECOWAS member countries.

Information Platform:

- Collect, and disseminate information on international climate change policies on mitigation, mitigation trends and technologies, including costs etc. in quarterly E-newsletter.
- Perform collaborative monitoring of negotiations on climate change and feed collated information online platform and E newsletters.
- Undertake a mapping analysis of networks and knowledge management platforms that currently exist between organizations, including those of the civil society, private and academic actors in the sub-region and share experiences of the existing networks in quarterly Newsletter.

Multimedia Packages

- Conduct Sensitization and awareness creation activities on climate change and sustainable energy nexus by different media outlets e.g flyers and handbills.

Knowledge Development

- Support research with local and international research institutions aimed at promoting renewable energy and energy efficiency as climate change mitigation technologies and disseminate research publications to stakeholders in the region.
- Improve local data availability and optimize low carbon development projects in the ECOWAS region by incorporating climate change related data and indicators on the ECOWAS observatory and on possible impacts of climate change on renewable energy project development. This will be done by collaborating with relevant international and regional institutions such as the Agrhyment Regional Centre (CRA), and also the African Centre of Meteorological Application for Development.

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Mapping of Stakeholders and Support to Institutions

- Identify the appropriate focal points and national entities of climate change in each ECOWAS country and develop a collaborative structure between the relevant focal points at the national entities and government agencies to coordinate climate mitigation activities in the energy sector.
- Strengthen the coordination between relevant government agencies and related entities to manage and deliver climate mitigation actions by organizing regional and national networking coordination meetings.
- Support focal points and national entities of climate change on policy and institutional related request.

Advocacy

- Provide collaborative support for the West African group of negotiators and representatives of the UNFCCC.
- Participate actively in international climate change conferences and annual COP meetings.

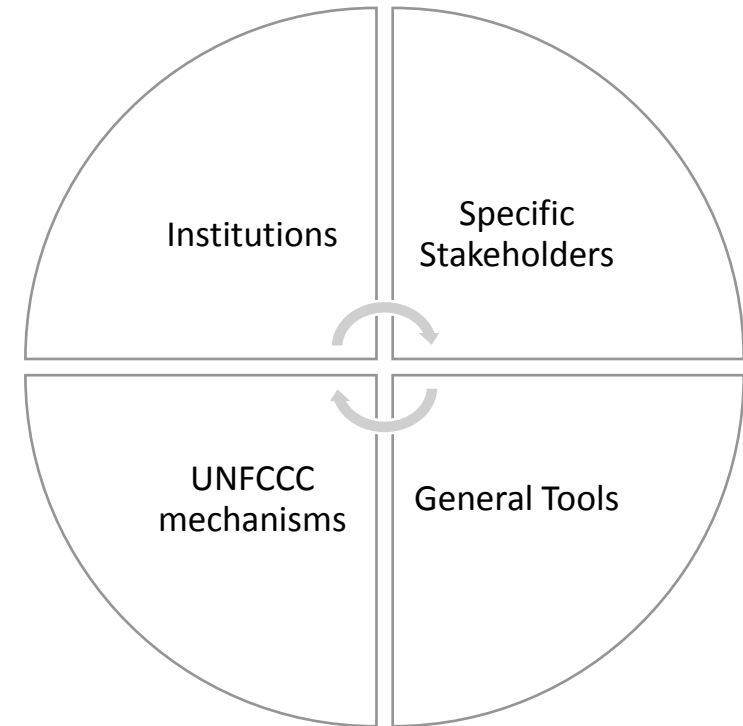
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INDCs

- Provide support for the development of INDCs by setting clear and comprehensive general guidance as regards to mitigation through RE and EE technologies.
- Develop a system for identifying, prioritizing, and developing bankable and measurable climate change programs/projects from country submitted INDCs.
- Provide technical assistance for GCF readiness and related standards e.g. MRV. ECREEE will utilize already existing MRV standards such as those used in the CDM and will need to build comprehensive capacity for countries to use these standards to access the GCF funds and other climate related funds that require monitoring and verification.

Enhance the technical capacity of relevant actors in the implementation of UNFCCC climate mechanisms specifically CDM, NAMAs and REDD+

- Design and implement long term stakeholder specific capacity building programme that will incorporate the three climate change mechanisms (CDM, REDD+, NAMAS).
- Comprehensive stakeholder's analysis and capacity needs assessment to determine regional stakeholders and training needs specific to climate change mitigation and adaptation.
- **Stakeholder specific:** organize training for the ministries of environment and ministries of energy or for banking institutions
- **UNFCCC Mechanisms specific:** organize training to increase awareness on risks and rewards on investing in unilateral supported or credited NAMAs, Training on identifying, designing, developing and implementing NAMA actions and projects.
- **Tools Specific:** Identifying a suitable Monitoring Reporting and verification -MRV standards, Developing standardized baselines For RE and EE projects, Estimating GHG emission abatement from Re and EE projects .



Promote technology transfer to maximize project implementation for climate change mitigation actions through South – South and other forms of Cooperation

- Support NDEs to develop request to the CTCN by providing technical assistance related to specific technology needs, focused on renewable energy and energy efficiency.
- Organize yearly technology forums to gather speakers from government, the private sector, civil society and developmental partners to promote innovation and showcase low carbon technologies.

Expected Outputs

Specific Objectives	Outcome (Expected Results)
Support the creation of an enabling environment for Climate change mitigation at the institutional level and engage in international climate change advocacy.	<p>-Enabling conditions for relevant stakeholders for climate change mitigation is created and projects are jointly implemented</p> <p>-ECOWAS Centre for renewable energy and energy efficiency (ECREEE) playing an effective role in promoting climate change mitigation strategies thus enhancing the ECOWAS regional bargaining and negotiating power in UNFCCC negotiations.</p>
Enhance the capacity of relevant actors in the identification, planning and implementation of climate change mitigation projects in the renewable energy and energy efficiency sectors	-Enhanced knowledge and skills to develop projects, especially within the private sector and at the national level, including the following tasks: feasibility assessments, develop business plans.
Mobilize climate finance for implementation of Nationally Appropriate climate Mitigation actions and Intended nationally determined contributions- INDCs	-Country specific INDCs and NAMAs are initiated developed and funded.
Strengthen the knowledge and networking capacities for climate change mitigation in the ECOWAS member countries.	-Regional communications and networking on CC mitigation is strengthened and the regional access to accurate and up to date information enhanced.
Promote technology transfer to maximize climate change mitigation actions through South – South Cooperation and other forms of cooperation	-Technology needs assessment carried out to identify and determine the mitigation technology priorities of each ECOWAS countries

Means to achieve the results: Financial and other resources

The total estimated cost for the project activities is 3 million Euros for 4 years (2016-2019). The cost will be allocated based on further analysis of each work package.

- Institutional Framework
- Capacity Building
- Project Finance
- Knowledge Management and Awareness Creation.
- Technology transfer



Thank You for listening!

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