

Presentation of ClimDev

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ClimDev is an African response to the need for good quality information and analysis to enable African leaders to make informed choices and decisions.

- Development programmes are threatened by climate change, increasing the need to mitigate increasing green house gases and adapt to climate change.
- There is, therefore, a need to have access to impartial advice and good science analysis. This may include general climate change advice on e.g. needs for adaptation – where country/region to focus effort on etc., enhancing appreciation of Climate change impacts on a particular country, ensuring a good understanding of available financing arrangements and how to access these, ensuring countries in Africa are able to secure favorable arrangements in any global negotiations on climate change.
- ClimDev is owned by AUC, ECA and AfDB. It has two parts :
 - ACPC based in ECA is the technical entre and also engine of ClimDev as it should generate
 - Demand for Climate Change services
 - Demand for further advice
 - Demand for better information
 - Special Fund at AfDB will support projects that are geared towards securing better, reliable and independent advice to inform decisions. Areas of activity might include but not be limited to
 - More weather stations
 - Specific research to help African regions understand better what is happening and how they might respond
 - Pilot project to test e.g. alternative cropping arrangements or sea defenses or whatever as long as it is intended to be scaled up
- The ClimDev programme document is available online from UNECA. Within it, one will see that there is a governance structure that involves the AUC, ECA and AfDB as partners. It is these organizations that will decide on the direction and priorities of ClimDev.
- There is an initial budget of \$134m over 4 years that will need to be extended, probably by 2 years because of delays that have been encountered. There is healthy interest from donors in supporting ClimDev. If it is successful, it seems logical to assume that the project life will be extended and perhaps last decades.
- ClimDev is the only continent-wide programme designed to help African states respond to Climate change.
- It does not seek to duplicate or trespass on other organizations' territory. Rather, it will try to make links between the various organizations working on Climate Change issues so that duplication is avoided and everyone is pulling together to tackle this single and most serious problem. Africa cannot afford fragmentation.
- The limit of ClimDev is clear. Once an African country's development programme has been assess with respect to making it climate resilient and that country then adjusts its development plans accordingly, ClimDev will have done its job. Follow-on work of Climate proofing development plans will be financed from other means, including through the new funding sources that are being put together by the world community through CoP discussions and resolutions.

Therefore, ClimDev can help African negotiators to access to funds and to create pressure when access is made difficult.