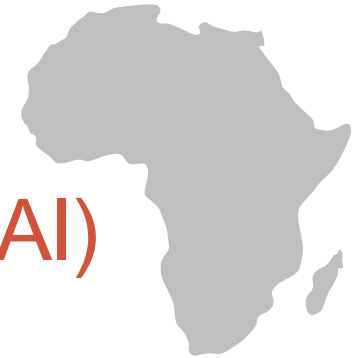


# AFRICA ADAPTATION INITIATIVE (AAI)

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Accelerated Action on Adaptation and Addressing Loss and Damage in Africa

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# Why ?

## Political will from African leaders



The AAI was established in response to mandate by African Heads of State at the 25<sup>th</sup> African Union Summit, June 2015

African Ministerial Conference on Environment (AMCEN) to develop with the African Group of climate change Negotiators (AGN) a proposal for enhanced support to Africa on adaptation and on loss and damage, in the context of the Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Green Climate Fund



AMCEN

# Why?.....

- African Ministerial Conference on Environment (AMCEN) and Committee of African Heads of State on Climate Change (CAHOSC)
  - Urgency of adaptation
  - Current action not sufficient to meet the current and growing needs
  - Specific commitment to enhance adaptation at COP 21
  - Scale up global support to expedite the development and implementation of concrete actions on adaptation and addressing loss and damage in Africa
  - support urgently needed to significantly scale-up adaptation action in the continent

# Why? Gaps and challenges on addressing climate change in Africa



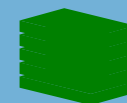
## Capacity

Lack of strong policy and institutional frameworks to support the development and implementation of adaptation action and approaches to address loss and damage.



## Information

Lack of climate information services adequate in quality and quantity to support decision making.



## Finance

Lack of resources to support the development and implementation of adaptation actions and approaches to address loss and damage.



# What ?

## Africa Adaptation Initiative (AAI)

The aim of AAI is to scale up adaptation action and approaches to address loss and damage in Africa.

This goal will be accomplished through four key areas of focus:

- I. Enhancing climate information services,
- II. Strengthening policies and institutions,
- III. Supporting the implementation of concrete adaptation on the ground; and
- IV. Increasing the flow of finance and investments to support implementation of concrete adaptation programmes and projects.

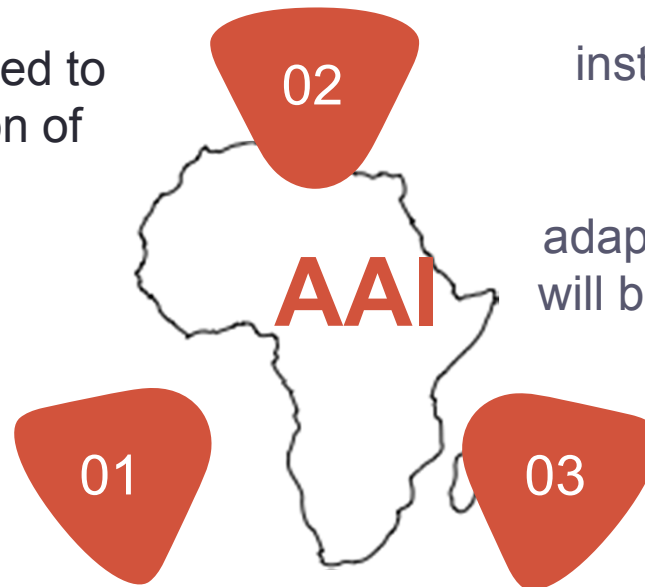
## AAI Four Pillars



- **Pillar 1: Enhancing Climate Information Services**
- Ensure all African countries have adequate information to develop strategies on adaptation and addressing loss and damage
- **Pillar 2: Strengthening the institutional and policy frameworks**
- Develop and/or strengthen regional and national institutional and policy frameworks to enhance the implementation of adaptation
- **Pillar 3 :Concrete action on adaptation**
- Scale-up the implementation of concrete on-the-ground adaptation actions across critical sectors eg agriculture, water, energy, coastal protection, health, NR
- **Pillar 4: Climate finance and investments**
- Increase financial flows to support adaptation and approaches to address loss and damage in African countries

# How ? Operationalizing AAI

A technical working group (TWG) has been established to guide the operationalization of AAI



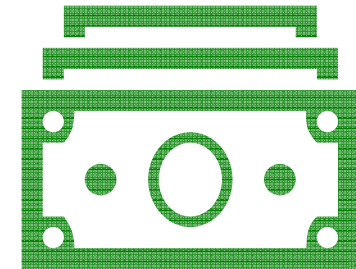
Partnerships with institutions/organizations with a proven track record of implementing activities on adaptation and loss and damage will be developed to carry out the work on the ground.



A technical support unit (TSU) will be established to coordinate the activities of established institutions that are already undertaking work relevant to the four pillars of AAI in Africa



## Delivery model



### Four levels of governance

1. **CAHOSCC/AMCEN/AGN:** *Provides normative and political guidance to Adaptation and Loss & Damage needs in Africa*
  - *Including the TWG*
2. **Technical Support Unit:** *Facilitate access technical support and funds to develop/implement the adaptation component of their INDCs and NAPAs*
3. **Technical Assistance Partners:** *Operationalise the four AAI Pillars*
4. **Monitoring and Evaluation:** *activities technical support partners regional institutions (and focal points) focused on priority projects*



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