



**Zimbabwe**

# IMPLEMENTATION OF ARTICLE 6 IN ZIMBABWE

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# Introduction and Background

- The government of Zimbabwe views global climate change as a serious issue.
- One of the 1<sup>st</sup> countries to sign and ratify the UNFCCC at the UN Conference on Environment and Development: Rio de Janeiro:1992
- Acceded to the Kyoto Protocol in 2009.
- National Environmental Policy addresses climate change issues including environmental education.

# Meeting Obligations of the Convention

- Zimbabwe has continued to fulfill its obligations under the UNFCCC
- Submitted its initial communication to the UNFCCC in 1998.
- Completed a National Capacity Self-Assessment
- Completed a Technology Transfer Needs Assessment



# Outcomes of the INC on Article 6

- The need for financial assistance to implement climate change projects incl. education, and public awareness
- Need for a systematic review of the educational curricula
- Need for training and capacity building for industry on CC, etc

# Article 6 activities in Zimbabwe

- In fulfillment of Zimbabwe's obligations under article 6
  - Climate change awareness and dialogue workshops are being conducted in different provinces of the country
    - The target groups include farmers, scientific and technology community, local authorities, business and industry, banks and indigenous people
  - Workshops for Parliamentarians and Media experts were also conducted



# The Aim and objectives of the workshops

- To put together participants from various sectors and ensure that these find areas of common understanding
- To raise awareness on climate change issues in the country and at the international level.
- Raising awareness on the Climate Change Convention, the Kyoto Protocol, CDM opportunities for industry in Zimbabwe, Emissions trading
- To stimulate active participation of the private sector in climate change adaptation and mitigation
- And to discuss how the climate change problem can be factored in into the development plans of the country.

# Workshop Outcomes

- A total of more than 500 people were reached
- Managed to raise interest in climate change- there was an increase in the number of inquiries in various aspects of climate change including CDM
- Media coverage improved
- More PINs have been submitted
- Participants formed defined networks from five sectors namely Agriculture, Energy, Water, Mining and Industry.
- Civil Society has established a Climate Change Working Group



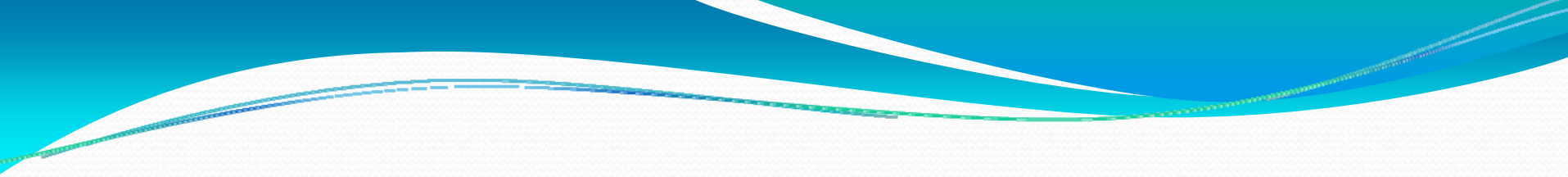
# CLIMATE CHANGE ROUND TABLE

- The main purpose of this climate change roundtable was to raise awareness on:
  - The climate change issue
  - The climate change negotiations
  - Development of a national position on climate change which would feed into the unified African climate change position.



# Outcomes of the Roundtable

- Agreeable amongst the participants that climate change is one of the biggest threats facing mankind today
- Climate change has not attracted enough attention from a wide cross-section of our society, including political leaders
- Zimbabwe at the Kadoma roundtable fully endorsed the idea of inclusion of Agriculture, Forestry and Other Land-Uses (AFOLU) in the climate change debate

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- Need for capacitating legislators to comprehend climate change issues through targeted awareness campaigns and workshops
  - civil society organisations were also called upon to mobilise themselves and work with Government to address the climate change issue




# Lessons learnt

- People have a sketchy knowledge of climate change issues therefore More awareness is required across the country
- There is poor coverage of climate change issues by the media
- There is a challenge in getting public involvement in climate change mitigation and adaptation action
- Indigenous Knowledge is very important
- People are experiencing the changes and they want real action on the ground.



# SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS

- Climate change awareness for the public, policy and decision-makers is therefore an important element for effective implementation of the Convention and its Kyoto Protocol.
- Climate change materials on Zimbabwe should be developed and widely disseminated across the country.

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- Creation of a website that will be accessible to all, loaded with information on climate change in Zimbabwe and the world over.
  - Awareness campaigns on climate change should be increased to cover all levels
  - Adaptation to adverse effects of climate change is a priority, demanding policy direction at the highest level
  - Need for the strengthening of the coordination unit in the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources Management
  - Schools should be targeted as climate change awareness pathways





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