

## **UNFCCC and RCC Kampala together with its partners supports the Government of Rwanda to turn its NDC into action**

As part of its commitment to support low carbon climate resilient economic growth, UNFCCC and its Regional Collaboration Center at Kampala (RCC Kampala), together with Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) invited NAMA facility and Ricardo Energy & Environment to deliver a workshop on coordinating implementation of the country's Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) to the Paris Agreement in a bid to support the Government of Rwanda's effort to implement its NDC.

Rwanda's NDCs are aligned with the government's national development goals including its nationally appropriate mitigation actions (NAMAs) and ambitions for green growth. This includes several proposals such as to install photovoltaic mini-grids for the electrification of rural households, to construct a waste-to-energy plant in the country's capital, Kigali and to implement a bus rapid transit system for city of Kigali.

The workshop was focused on implementation of mitigation components of Rwanda's NDC, including discussion on using NAMAs as an implementation tool for achieving the NDC and linkage between SDGs and NDCs. The workshop held on 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> April 2017 in Kigali, was facilitated by the Rwanda Environment Management Authority (REMA) and sessions were moderated by RCC Kampala and Ricardo, building on the mitigation objectives set out in the NDC. It provided a cross-government platform for Ministries to kick-start and co-ordinate the implementation of Rwanda's NDC, including how to use NAMAs to drive NDC implementation. The workshop also had presentations from GIZ and NAMA facility covering issues related to NAMA implementation and NAMA financing.

Discussions were structured around capacity building and training sessions drawn from Ricardo's experience supporting countries to develop institutional frameworks for NDC implementation. Delegates were firstly introduced to the five modules of the CDKN / Ricardo developed "Planning for NDC implementation: A Quick-Start Guide" (covering governance, mitigation, adaptation, climate finance, measuring, reporting verification) and the GIZ developed "NAMA Tool". They were then guided through a stocktaking exercise where they reviewed their ministries' institutional capacity and policy landscapes with respect to climate change mitigation using the "Planning for NDC implementation: A Quick-Start Guide".

The workshop was attended by 40+ participants from various ministries involved in NAMA activities, private sector organizations across Rwanda and financial institutions in Rwanda. They highly appreciated the group exercises, which allowed them to put in practice the concepts and information through simplified and illustrative examples. The participants were encouraged to develop ideas for actions to deliver the mitigation component of the NDC and use this to draft initial plans on how to implement and monitor mitigation activities at the sector level. Finally, delegates were taken through the process of preparing a commercially attractive NAMA proposal making use of appropriate public, private and donor financing mechanisms.