



# **Botswana's Experience in Mobilising Climate Finance**

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# Efforts to Strengthen Institutions Mobilise and Access Climate Finance

- Official Establishment of the NDA in 2018
  - Ministry of Finance and Economic Development (MFED)
- Approval of NDA's GCF proposal for Readiness and Preparatory Technical Support Programme in February 2019
  - Proposal developed in collaboration with GIZ as the delivery partner of the Readiness Programme
    - strengthening the capacity of the NDA
    - Assist to develop a country programme to efficiently engage with the GCF
- NDA conducted initial national awareness workshop in March 2019
  - enhance private sector engagement with GCF
- 2 concept notes have been developed and submitted for approval for GCF funding
  - Building climate resilience in agricultural systems of Botswana
- Access through bilateral provisions
  - Italian Ministry of Lands and Sea (early warning- strengthening Hydro & Met stations & monitoring, building resilience in Agricultural systems-coordinated by FAO, Greening 2 institutional buildings).

# Efforts to Mobilise Climate Finance

- Collaboration with the Ministry of Environment, Natural Resources Conservation and Tourism as focal point of the UNFCCC
  - National Committee on climate Change, NDA
  - Expression of Interest in 2019 for NIE to access adaptation fund
  - Some organizations have shown interests (NGOs, Parastals)
- Botswana developed Strategic Framework for Climate Finance Project Portfolio with the assistance from UNDP in 2017
  - 5 priority programmatic areas were identified
    - Energy Efficient, Clean Technology and Renewable Energy Development and Access
    - Agriculture–Water-Natural Resources Management-Renewable Energy nexus
    - Agriculture, Forestry and Other Land Use (AFOLU)
    - Ecosystem-Based Adaptation
    - Rehabilitation and Restoration of Degraded Rangelands

# Challenges in Accessing Climate Finance

## 1. Low awareness on climate financing mechanisms

- Few bankable concepts submitted for funding
- Ministries still rely on government budgets for adaptation/mitigation programmes/projects
- private sector to participate in climate finance

## 2. Insufficient Institutional Capacity

- NDA setting-up
  - starting to get capacity through readiness programme
  - initially duties of NDA were done by MENT but NDA moved to MFED
- Low capacity in the country to develop concept notes and full proposals for GCF funding
- Inaccessible or not readily available data for populating the Fund request templates

## 3. Complex and usually lengthy requirements by Financiers

- Intensive Accreditation processes
- Currently Botswana does not have a national accredited entity or Direct Access Entities
- Little understanding of the template used to source funding (usually requires use of external consultants)

## 4. Uncoordinated activities

- Accessed climate finance countrywide still cannot be fully quantified due to fragmented coordination and lack of climate finance tracking tool

## 5. Insufficient supporting policies and strategies

- There is no climate finance mobilisation strategy and its implementation plan
- Climate change policy has just gone through national approval process

# Priority Needs

## 1. Capacity building

- Technical support for NDA, ministries, private sector etc. (enable awareness, concept note/proposal development)
- local experts/consultants
- Solve complexity of template or meeting stringent funding requirements?

## 2. Simplified Funding Requirements and Templates

## 3. Enabling environment

- Supporting policies and strategies, plans
- Resource (climate finance) mobilisation strategy and implementation plan
- Setting up of resource mobilisation units/ or strengthening of existing institutions
- Improved coordination of climate finance
- Develop climate finance reporting/ monitoring framework
- Establishing enabling environment needs **capacity** and **finance**
- Portfolio of Priority areas to fund their implementation/monitoring plan

## 4. Regional Approach

e.g. SASSCAL (5countries participating).

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