

Concept Note

Mobilizing Finance from multilateral climate funds for Climate Adaptation and Resilience in West and Central Africa

UN Climate Change Regional Collaboration Centre for West and Central Africa (RCC WAC Africa)

Webinar for West and Central Africa

Date and time: 09 April 2026, Time: 10:00–11:30 AM (GMT+00)

Platform: MS Teams

The session will be conducted with simultaneous interpretation in English and French.

Background

Climate change is increasingly undermining economic stability, food security, public health, infrastructure, and livelihoods across the globe. In the West and Central Africa region, climate change is having a particularly severe impact due to a combination of high exposure, socio-economic vulnerability, and limited adaptive capacity. Given the region's heavy reliance on climate-sensitive sectors—particularly rain-fed agriculture, fisheries, and forestry—rising temperatures, erratic rainfall, droughts, floods, and land degradation are already constraining productivity and placing additional pressure on public finances. For many countries in the region, strengthening resilience is not optional but fundamental to sustaining development gains.

Despite the urgency of climate action, adaptation finance remains critically insufficient. The cost of adaptation for developing country Parties is estimated at USD 215–387 billion annually through 2030, highlighting a significant gap between available climate finance and actual needs, particularly for adaptation in these countries. Subsequently, the [Global Mutirão](#) Decision at COP30 calls on all Parties to accelerate and make substantial progress in the formulation, updating, and effective implementation of National Adaptation Plans (NAPs) by 2030, supported by strengthened coordination, capacity building, and scaled-up finance to enhance climate resilience. Hence, losing this gap requires a shift in perspective—from viewing adaptation as a recurrent cost to recognizing it as a strategic investment that generates measurable economic returns.

In West and Central Africa, climate-smart agriculture, ecosystem restoration, and nature-based solutions can safeguard productive assets, stabilize food systems, reduce disaster-related fiscal shocks, and strengthen rural livelihoods. Failure to invest, by contrast, heightens macroeconomic risks, including food price volatility, increased emergency spending, and declining investor confidence. However, many countries in the region face persistent challenges in translating national adaptation priorities into bankable, investment-ready projects. Limited technical capacity, weak methodologies for valuing avoided losses and resilience of co-benefits, and insufficient familiarity with the multilateral climate funds¹, constrain efforts to mobilize funds. These challenges limit access to international climate finance mechanisms such as the [Green Climate Fund](#), [Least Developed Countries Fund \(LDCF\)](#), [Special Climate Change Fund \(SCCF\)](#) and the [Adaptation Fund](#).

In this context, the [UNFCCC Regional Collaboration Centre for West and Central Africa \(RCC WAC Africa\)](#) is organizing a capacity-building webinar aimed at strengthening financial resources mobilization of Parties for adaptation and resilience. The initiative seeks to reposition adaptation as a driver of economic resilience and sustainable growth by equipping governments, policymakers, practitioners, and financial institutions with practical tools/knowledge to structure adaptation projects as viable investment opportunities that could attract the needed finance from multilateral climate funds.

¹ Multilateral climate funds refer to the GCF and the GEF (operating entities of the Financial Mechanism), the LDCF and the SCCF (funds serving the Convention and the Paris Agreement), the AF (fund established under the Kyoto Protocol and also serving the Paris Agreement) and others, including those operating under the Climate Investment Funds.

Objectives

The webinar aims to:

1. To increase knowledge of practical financing options, particularly the multilateral climate funds under the UNFCCC, Kyoto Protocol and Paris Agreement
2. To support better access to international climate funds, such as the Green Climate Fund, the Adaptation Fund, amongst others.

Format

- Duration: 90 minutes
- Platform: Online via MS Teams

Target Audience

- Government representatives and policymakers from West and Central Africa;
- UN Country Teams;
- Regional centers and organizations;
- Civil society and non-governmental organizations;
- Youth, Indigenous Peoples and local communities, and academic institutions.

Agenda

Time	Agenda / Discussion Flow	Speakers
	Moderator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abdul Wahid Arimiyaw, Regional Adaptation Specialist, RCC WAC Africa
5'	Introduction & Welcome remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walters Tubua, Regional Lead, RCC WAC Africa
10'	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updated NAP technical guidelines: Financing and implementation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sonam Khandu, Programme Officer • Adaptation Division, UNFCCC
10'	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The role of UNFCCC in relation to the Operating Entities of the Financial Mechanism 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fatin Atif Tawfig, Programme Management Officer, Means of Implementation, UNFCCC
10'	Questions and answers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator: RCC WAC Africa
30'	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roundtable: Implementing NAPs through the multilateral climate funds 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Green Climate Fund (GCF) • Adaptation Fund (AF) • GEF (LDCF & SDCF)
10'	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reflection from countries & Regional Implementing Entity (s) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guinea Bissau • The West African Development Bank (BOAD)
10'	Questions and answers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator: RCC WAC Africa
5'	Closing Remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walters Tubua, Regional Lead, RCC WAC Africa

Upcoming Capacity building events:

- Mobilizing Finance Beyond the UNFCCC multilateral climate funds for Climate Adaptation and Resilience in West and Central Africa.
- Strengthening Transformational Nature-based Solutions in National Adaptation Planning in West and Central Africa
- Regional dialogue on accelerating support to West and Central African countries on the formulation and implementation of National Adaptation Plans