



EAST AFRICAN COMMUNITY

**MEETING OF THE CLIMATE CHANGE TECHNICAL
WORKING GROUP**

**31 MARCH TO 1 APRIL 2022
ZANZIBAR**

**REPORT OF THE MEETING
(REF: EAC/ENR/TWG/2/2022)**

**EAC SECRETARIAT
ARUSHA, TANZANIA
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1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background

The Need Based Finance (NBF) project was established in response to the request by the Conference of the Parties at its twenty-third session and re-iterated at its twenty sixth session that the secretariat in collaboration with the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism, United Nations agencies and bilateral, regional and other multilateral channels, to explore ways and means to assist developing country Parties in assessing their needs and priorities in a country-driven manner, including their technological and capacity-building needs, and in translating climate finance needs into action. In response to COP23, and reiterated at COP26, decisions, the EAC Secretariat embarked on the development of the climate finance Strategy in order to ensure climate finance is effectively mobilized, accessed, utilized and scaled up to contribute to the achievement of intended climate change goals and a low-emission development pathway in the East African Community. The process for developing the EAC Climate Finance Access and Mobilization Strategy ("Strategy") started in 2019 when the East African Community signed a Letter of Exchange with the UNFCCC secretariat for the implementation of the NBF project.

In this view, the meeting of the Regional Climate Change Technical Working Group (CCTWG) was convened from 31 March to 1 April 2022 in Zanzibar, United Republic of Tanzania to review and validate the draft regional Strategy, its Implementation Plan and project pipeline.

1.2 Objective of the Meeting

The objective of the meeting was to review and validate the draft Strategy, its Implementation Plan and project pipeline for submission to the EAC Policy Organs for endorsement. Specifically, the meeting was to:

- (a) Review and agree on the final scope and actions proposed by the Strategy;
- (b) Agree on the approach and plan to advance the development of the implementation plan, which included:
 - (i) Agree on institutional arrangements for the implementation and monitoring of the Strategy and the specific initiatives proposed in the Strategy;
 - (ii) Define the roles and responsibilities for Partner States and the EAC Secretariat in Strategy implementation;
 - (iii) Define and prioritizing expected outcomes for each action;
 - (iv) Agree on timelines and identify resource requirements.
- (c) Agree on the approach and plan to advance the development of project pipelines, i.e. timelines for concepts and full proposal development and engagement of national experts and stakeholders.

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1.3 Participation

The meeting was attended by the UNFCCC National Focal Points, members of the CCTWG made up from Ministries responsible for Finance, Climate Change and EAC affairs. In attendance were Staff of the EAC Secretariat, UNFCCC secretariat, RCC Kampala and representatives from development partners i.e. AfDB, EADB, GIZ Uganda and USAID/KEA. The list of participants is attached hereto as **Annex I**.

1.4 Adoption of Programme

The Programme that guided the Meeting was adopted and is attached hereto as **Annex II**.

1.5 Constitution of the Bureau

The Meeting was chaired by Mr. Michael Ochieng' Okumu, Deputy Director, Climate Change Negotiations and Finance, Climate Change Directorate, Ministry of Environment and Forestry from the Republic of Kenya, while Mr. Aime Nkurunziza, Director General Social Affairs and Productive Sectors, Ministry of EAC Affairs, Youth Sports and Culture from the Republic of Burundi was the Rapporteur.

2.0 Opening remarks

2.1 Remarks by the Chairperson

The Chairperson welcomed delegates and participants to the meeting and thanked them for attending. He also thanked the Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar for hospitality extend to participants and acknowledged the presence and support of development partners present. He highlighted the objective of the meeting and stressed the need for strengthening regional climate finance mobilization. He urged delegates to consider agenda items and make appropriate inputs and recommendations to inform the draft Strategy. He wished participants fruitful deliberations and an enjoyable stay in Zanzibar.

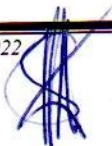
2.2 Remarks by UNFCCC

The UNFCCC remarks were delivered by Mr. Grant Kirkman, Programme Officer, Means of Implementation in the UNFCCC 's Climate Finance Subdivision. In the remarks, Mr. Kirkman thanked the revolutionary government of Zanzibar and the United Republic of Tanzania for hosting the meeting and warm hospitality extended to delegates and participants. He acknowledged and appreciated the participation of the members of the CCTWG, RCC Kampala and climate change experts from Partner States and development partners i.e., AfDB, EADB, GIZ Uganda and USAID/KEA and called for continued coordination and collaboration. He commended Partner States for their engagement on the processes that have been undertaken so far in the development of the Strategy, Implementation Plan and Project Pipeline and informed. He reminded participants of the objective of the meeting and

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underscored the importance of Climate Finance in addressing adaptation and mitigation issues for the EAC. He finally wished the meeting fruitful deliberations.

2.3 Remarks by the EAC Secretariat

Mr. Jean Baptiste Havugimana, EAC's Director of Productive Sectors (DPS) welcomed delegates and participants to the meeting on behalf of the Deputy Secretary General, Productive and Social Sectors. He thanked them for finding time to attend this important regional technical meeting, testimony of the importance they are attaching on the management of climate change. He also thanked the government of the United Republic of Tanzania for hosting the meeting and warm hospitality of the Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar extended to the delegates and participants for the second time. He informed on the Needs Based Finance (NBF) project that was established in response to the request by the Conference of the Parties (COP) at its 23rd session and re-iterated at by 26th session that the UNFCCC secretariat in collaboration with the operating entities of the Financial Mechanism, United Nations agencies and bilateral, regional and other multilateral channels, to explore ways and means to assist developing country Parties in assessing their needs and priorities in a country-driven manner, including their technological and capacity-building needs and in translating climate finance needs into action. He informed that to be a basis of the existing collaboration between EAC and the UNFCCC secretariat. He highlighted the processes taken in development of the draft Strategy including review by the technical working group in 2021 and stressed the next step to be seeking technical and political support required to for successful implementation. He urged delegates and participants to consider the agenda items and make meaningful deliberations to improve the draft Strategy, Implementation Plan and Project pipelines so that they could be considered in the forthcoming 8th meeting of the Sectoral Council on Environment and Natural Resources. He finally wished participants good interactive sessions and enjoyable stay in Zanzibar.

2.4 Remarks by the Host Government

Mr. Khamis Abdullah Said, Deputy Principal Secretary, Ministry of Communication, Youth, Culture and Sports in the Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar, United Republic of Tanzania, welcomed delegates and participants to Zanzibar on behalf of the Principal Secretary. He thanked the EAC Secretariat and UNFCCC for organizing the meeting in Zanzibar and supporting the regional climate finance agenda. He informed the meeting that he was honored for having hosted the inception workshop in 2020 and now hosting the review and validation of the Strategy. He promised for the continued support and reiterated looking forward to being engaged in the implementation phase and

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in return see the outcomes impacting our communities that are most vulnerable to climate change. He reminded on the impacts of climate change in the region and stressed the need for concerted efforts to strength adaptation to climate change impacts and while also taking mitigation actions that have co-benefits to adaptation. He highlighted the initiatives by the Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar in response to climate change including establishment of the Zanzibar Climate Change Financial Mechanism. He recognized the existence of a huge climate finance gap and emphasized the need for concerted and collective resources mobilisation efforts, hence the Strategy. He urged the Technical Working Group to provide their much-needed technical backstopping to ensure the Strategy, the Implementation Plan and Pipeline Project addresses amongst other things, issues of human capacity, institutional coordination, enabling environment and innovative mechanisms; all which will fill the access barriers and challenges that cut across all Partner States. He expressed optimism that delegates will make adequate deliberation and recommendations to inform EAC Policy Organs in endorsing both the draft Strategy and plan to enable implementation start immediately. He officially opened the meeting and wished the participants fruitful deliberations.

3.0 The EAC Climate Finance Access and Mobilization Strategy

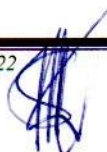
Presentation on the Strategy was delivered by the Consultant, Dr. Richard Muyungi. The presentation covered the process undertaken to develop the Strategy, consultations and national documents informing the Strategy, expected outcome of the meeting on the Strategy and related documents and next steps after completion of the Strategy. The meeting was informed the process for NBF to be two phases. The first phase involved situation analysis and concluded with the development of the Technical Assessment on regional climate finance needs, current international public climate finance flows and identification of gaps. The meeting was informed the information used to be derived from official documents which countries submitted to the UNFCCC secretariat and Partner States inputs collected during the inception and pre-validation workshops in February and December 2020.

In the second phase of the project, the technical assessment report was used as a basis for the development of the ten-year Strategy, its Implementation Plan and Pipeline of priority projects/programmes/initiatives which were reviewed in April 2021 and validated by the Partner States in June 2021. The CCTWG was also informed on the consultative processes in developing the strategic areas where thirty (30) Strategic actions under five (5) strategic areas of intervention were identified including strengthening human/technical capacities for accessing climate finance, Institutional/coordination capacities, enhanced enabling environment for mobilizing funding and

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Catalysing private investment, promoting innovative financing mechanisms and scaling up existing initiatives.

The meeting was informed by the expected outcome to be identification of the further areas for elaboration or clarifications within the strategic areas, confirmation of the proposed actions within the five strategic areas, identifying any missing actions or that need further clarifications and identification of other relevant actions that can be implemented in the region. The meeting was informed the next step to focus at reviewing and reaching consensus on the strategic areas and actions of the Strategy for the EAC, implementation plan and pipeline of initial projects and or initiatives and all documents for political endorsement by the EAC Policy Organs. at the next EAC Council of Ministers meeting. He mentioned that next steps will also involve operationalization of the Implementation Plan once endorsed. The presentation is hereto attached as **Annex III**.

Observations

The meeting observed amongst other things, the need for:

- (i) Aligning the Strategy to the regional and international climate change policy;
- (ii) Further fine tuning the document to, amongst other things, remove the repeating paragraphs, sections and information;
- (iii) Utilizing the Strategy as resources mobilization tool for common priority projects and initiatives under the NDCs, NAPs, or other national strategies and plans;
- (iv) Strengthening the regional capacity on climate finance in order to address the existing gap in climate finance mobilization;
- (v) Promoting the innovative financing mechanisms and scaling up the existing ones;
- (vi) Considering the development and progress made by Partner States on climate change policies and strategies including development of NAPs and review of the NDCs;
- (vii) Considering Public -Private -Partnership alongside Private Sector financing in the resources mobilization initiatives; and
- (viii) Enhancing capacity and mechanisms at national and regional levels for the coordination, development and implementation of mitigation and adaptation projects.

Recommendations

The members of the CCTWG recommended forwarding the Final Draft Strategy for adoption by the EAC Council of Ministers at its next meeting (planned for 16 May 2022) which is hereto attached as **Annex IV**.

The meeting recommended:

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- (i) **EAC Secretariat to submit the validated Final Draft EAC Strategy to the 8th Sectoral Council on Environment and Natural Resources for consideration and adoption.**

4.0 EAC Climate Finance Access and Mobilization Strategy Implementation Plan

An outline of the Implementation Plan for the Strategy was presented by the Consultant, Dr. Richard Muyungi. The presentation provided information on the background, institutional arrangement, stakeholders engagement and monitoring, evaluation and review mechanism. The presentation also highlighted the required processes and the implementation matrix of the Strategy. The meeting was informed the implementation plan intend to provides timelines for execution of the strategic actions and support institutional arrangement, monitoring and evaluation mechanisms of the Strategy. It was revealed the Strategy will be implemented and coordinated within EAC institutional arrangements and governance structure. The proposed arrangement envisages to ensure effective representation, coordination, mutual networking and strategic partnerships among Partner States and other actors.

The meeting was also reminded on the need for successful implementation of the Strategy that will amongst other things, adequate participation of stakeholders at national, regional and global level. The proposed partnership arrangement will involve dialogue, identification and agreement of project pipelines that are relevant and of interest for that partnership to lead towards implementation. In this arrangement, the meeting was informed EAC Secretariat to partner directly with development partners, private sector and public i.e. national institutions or Ministries to support implementation of the agreed actions under the Strategy.

On the monitoring, evaluation and review mechanism, it was reported that the relevant Sectorial Committee that will provide high level conceptualization of the priorities and monitor their implementation, from a more political perspective. EAC Secretariat will be responsible for tracking, coordinating and overseeing the implementation of the Strategy in collaboration with the Partner States. The meeting was further informed that the Secretariat will develop a robust monitoring and evaluation framework with clear

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milestones and indicators for the efficient implementation of the strategic objectives and actions prioritized by the EAC Policy and Strategy. EAC Secretariat will also be responsible for information documentation, reporting and dissemination among Partner States and other key stakeholders and a comprehensive mid-term-review will be commissioned to assess the effectiveness, relevance, efficiency and sustainability of the Strategy and projects to be established. The resources to implement Strategy and action plan was reported to be mobilized from different funding sources including Partner States contributions, private sector, Public-Private Partnerships, development Partners, international non-governmental organizations. Resources mobilization will also involve bilateral partners, multilateral arrangements under the United Nations Framework and Multilateral Development Banks. The presentation is hereto attached as **Annex V**.

Observations

The meeting observed the need for:

- (i) Aligning the Strategy implementation plan with the EAC 6th development Strategy implementation plan;
- (ii) Promoting favorable and enabling environment for climate investments and ensuring adequate coordination and monitoring of Strategy implementation;
- (iii) Establishment of a regional platform for projects and programmes as well as knowledge and information exchange;
- (iv) Developing sound funding proposals and advancing the resource mobilization processes for pipeline projects with relevant international and domestic funds;
- (v) Identifying and involving national, regional and global institutions that can provide technical assistance for climate finance training; and
- (vi) Establishing a participatory approach for developing regional mitigation and adaptation programs and initiatives that cut across the region and ensure positive impacts at the community level.

Recommendations

The meeting considered the draft Implementation Plan for the Strategy which is hereto attached as **Annex VI**.

- (i) **EAC secretariat to ensure the consultant revises the draft implementation plan as per the final draft Strategy; and**
- (ii) **Due to limited time available, Partner States recommends the Secretariate to convene Regional consultation and validation meetings to conclude the implementation plan**

5.0 Regional Project Pipeline

The Consultant presented the proposed project pipeline and priorities for building resilience and strengthening regional capacity and coordination on climate change. The meeting took note of the following project ideas and initiatives as the first regional project concepts and proposals to be developed under the auspices of the Strategy.

List of proposed projects:

S/No.	Project Title
1.	Enhanced Climate Resilient Landscapes and improved livelihoods in selected areas within EAC member states
2.	Capacity building in accessing climate finance and development of bankable projects to strengthen coordination at EAC level and collaboration among EAC Member States
3.	Enhanced Small-scale Farmers' Resilience to climate change
4.	Strengthened Early Warning Mechanisms and Disaster Risk Management within the EAC member states
5.	Enhancing Private Sector participation in the Implementation of NDCs

Observations

The meeting observed the need for:

- (i) Developing focused but comprehensive, inclusive and integrated projects that will address multiple climate change challenges in the region;
- (ii) Merging some of the projects to amplify their scale;
- (iii) Ensuring the proposed projects are demand driven and have win-win approach;
- (iv) Ensuring the proposed projects benefits all Partner States and scale up associated costs to meet donors minimum funding scales;
- (v) Aligning the proposed pipeline projects with the Strategy and Implementation Plan; and
- (vi) Including matters such as coastal, SMEs and small-scale farmers.

Recommendations

The meeting took note of the proposed project pipeline which is hereto attached as **Annex VII**. Further, the meeting **recommended the following**;

- (i) **EAC Secretariat to ensure the consultant revises the draft pipelines as per the observations made by the meeting; and**
- (ii) **Due to limited time available, Partner States recommend the Secretariat to convene regional consultation and validation meetings to conclude the pipeline projects.**

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6.0 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business and the meeting was adjourned 17.45 hrs (UTC+3).

7.0 ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

Signed 1 April 2022 by the respective Heads of Delegations of Partner States as hereunder:

Signed on this **1st day of April, 2022** by the respective Heads of Delegations of Partner States as hereunder:



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