

East African Community

Regional Needs & Priority Areas





Prioritized themes for regional programmes



Agriculture & Food Security



Integrated Transboundary ecosystems management & promotion of Nature-based solutions



Scaling up Access to Renewable Energy and Energy efficiency technology



Water security & WASH



Enhancing private sector participation in NDC Implementation

Integrated Transboundary ecosystems management – Expected Outcomes and Activities

Outcome 1: Strengthened institutional capacity and policy frameworks for transboundary landscape management.

- Study on transboundary landscape management, options and guidelines for holistic and streamlined strategies.
- Training workshop(s) on implementation of appropriate sustainable land management strategies, and opportunities for integration of NbS.

Outcome 2: NbS Pilot projects implemented in target landscapes.

- Great East African Plains and Northern Savannas: Improving livestock productivity through eco-friendly practices, such as sustainable silvo-pasture.
- Albertine Rift Forests: Improving agriculture value chain productivity, including Non-timber forest enterprises.
- Rweru-Mugesera-Akagera Wetlands: Improving fisheries value chain productivity through sustainable fisheries; eco-friendly fish processing.

Outcome 3: Sustainable financing mechanisms established.

- Feasibility study on innovative sustainable financing mechanisms, including, NbS Innovation Fund, Biodiversity and Carbon Credits, Pay for Ecosystem Services, etc.
- Guidelines and training on implementation of the proposed mechanisms

Integrated Transboundary ecosystems management:

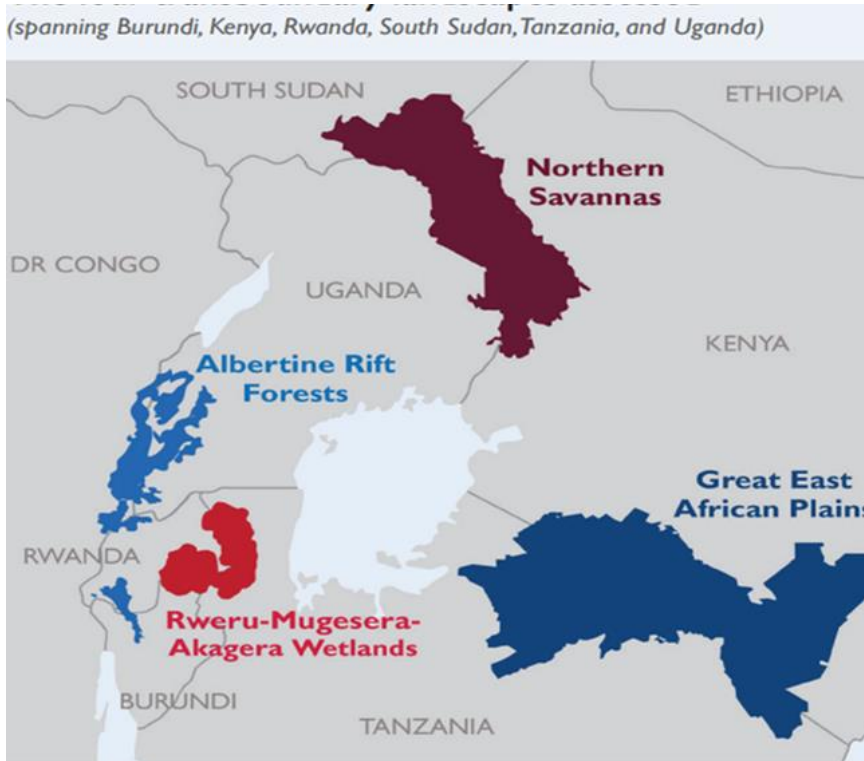
Progress, key challenges & next steps

Progress:

- One project under implementation (**with GIZ & EU support**)
- One project on TEM under development in collaboration with **UNEP, LVBC**

Next steps:

- Submission of CN to GCF, other partners. Partnership to develop full proposal.
- Explore other transboundary ecosystems proposal development



GCF CONCEPT NOTE



- ▶ **Upscaling** the recently finished Adaptation Fund project titled *'Adapting to Climate Change in the Lake Victoria Basin'*
 - Targeted 5 EAC Partner States: i) the republic of Burundi; ii) the republic of Kenya; iii) the republic of Rwanda; iv) the united republic of Tanzania; and v) the republic of Uganda.
- ▶ The goal of the proposed Concept Note is to **build on the successes and lessons learned from the previous project** and apply them to a new framework for fostering resilient economies in the region
 - This concept note will have a wider scope than the previous project and will include the Democratic Republic of Congo and the republic of South Sudan, broadening its regional impact
- ▶ The Concept Note for the proposed project was developed through extensive stakeholder engagement, with Partner States providing guidance and input on:
 - the climate rationale;
 - the major adaptation needs and barriers in the region;
 - integrating gender-responsiveness into project activities; and
 - potential co-financing and implementation arrangements



Achievements: ACC-LVB PROJECT



Climate Smart Agriculture; top right Soya Bean Farming in Kenya; Top Left Tomato farming in Tanzania; Bottom Right Maize farming in Rwanda; and Bottom Left Improved Pasture production in Uganda.



Livestock Keeping Project; Top Right: Sheep Farming Project in Tanzania; Top Left: Goat farming project in Burundi; Bottom Right: Pig Farming project in Rwanda; and Bottom Left: Cattle fattening project in Tanzania.



Bee keeping Activities; Right: Forest bee keeping in Burundi; Left: Bee keeping in Bee house in Kenya.



Off-farm activities; Top Right: Tailoring project in Rwanda; Top Left: Tailoring project in Tanzania; Bottom Right: Barber and hairdressing project in Rwanda; and Bottom Left: Agro-processing project in Burundi.



Achievements ACC-LVB



PROJECT INFORMATION

Climate resilient economies: An integrated adaptation approach for the East African region

Objective

IF i) institutional capacity for transboundary ecosystem management (TEM) is strengthened; ii) hydrometeorological infrastructure is upgraded, data-sharing protocols are established, decision support tools are deployed, and last-mile dissemination capacity is enhanced; iii) CCA training and on-the-ground implementation are delivered alongside a SGF that finances locally led adaptation; and iv) gender-responsive, application-focused CCA knowledge is generated and disseminated through targeted, multi-platform outreach and peer learning, **THEN** vulnerable communities across the region will experience reduced climate risk and losses, more climate-resilient and diversified livelihoods, improved food and water security and increased adaptive capacity, **BECAUSE** i) governance for transboundary ecosystems will be sustainable — enhancing the provision of related ecosystem services; ii) climate information will be accurate, downscaled and informative of interconnected socio-economic impacts; iii) communities will possess the technical and financial means to adopt resilient livelihood options; and iv) continuous learning and knowledge application will drive replication and institutionalisation of effective CCA practices across the region.

Countries

7 EAC Partner states, including the: i) republic of Burundi; ii) Democratic Republic of Congo; iii) republic of Kenya; iv) republic of Rwanda; v) republic of South Sudan; vi) united republic of Tanzania; and vii) republic of Uganda.

Fund

Green Climate Fund (GCF)

Value

GCF grant: US\$90 million

Indicative co-financing: US\$27.78 million

Total: US\$117.78 million

Beneficiaries

Direct: 350,000 people

Indirect: 30 million people

Accredited Agency

United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

Executing Agency

Lake Victoria Basin Commission (LVBC)

Implementation period

7 years

Estimated project lifespan

20 years



OVERALL OBJECTIVE OF THE PROJECT

Together, the four project Outcomes will strengthen transboundary ecosystem management and communities' climate resilience in the East African region

Outcome 1:
Enhanced sustainable management of transboundary ecosystems

Outcome 2:
Improved community preparedness for climate hazards and impacts through strengthened access to and use of climate information and early warning systems.

Outcome 3:
Increased resilience of community livelihoods through the adoption of CCA technologies

Outcome 4:
Strengthened capacity of communities, national governments and regional institutions to access and apply climate adaptation knowledge



Agriculture & Food Security – Expected Outcomes and Activities

Outcome 1: Strengthened policy framework for post-harvest productivity, market access and (Regional) trade enhancement: (EAC led)

- Develop clear frameworks and guidelines for implementing harmonized agricultural policies and translating them into actionable initiatives.
- Organize training programs and workshops for policymakers and government officials to strengthen skills in policy harmonization and implementation.

Outcome 2: Strengthened resilience, income generation, Job Creation and Youth Empowerment through enhanced post-harvest Productivity: (Gov't Ministries & private sector)

- Develop incubator/accelerator to scale-up enterprises and initiative on post-harvest loss and value addition solutions.
- Providing grants-based seed funding and establishing a sustainable and affordable financing mechanism for agri-prenuers.

Outcome 3: Increased innovation through knowledge sharing and partnerships to facilitate technology access: (EAC led)

- Dissemination of best practices, research, and innovative technologies.
- Knowledge sharing workshops
- Establishing partnerships to scale-up innovative practices and technologies.

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Progress:

- Preliminary discussion with potential partner identified: **UNIDO, EADB, Acumen**

Next steps:

- Identification of funding and knowledge/technical partners to support programme development and investment.

Thank you!

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