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Peer Masterclass Series on financing NDC implementation

From Preparation to Coordinated Action

Concept Note

Implementation: Lessons from Uganda's CFU and its South-South Cooperation Experience

UN Climate Change Regional Collaboration Centre for East and Southern Africa (RCC EASA)
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Background

As countries move into the NDC 3.0 implementation phase, increasing attention is being placed on strengthening the institutional systems required to mobilize, coordinate, and deploy climate finance at scale. While many countries have established increasingly ambitious climate targets through their Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), implementation continues to be constrained by fragmented institutional arrangements, weak coordination between climate and finance institutions, limited investment pipeline development, and insufficient integration of climate priorities into national planning, budgeting, and public investment systems. The First Global Socktake (GST1) highlighted the need to accelerate implementation and strengthen support for developing countries to translate climate commitments into tangible action. More recently, Decision 1/CMA.7 (Global Mutirão) reinforced the importance of moving from ambition to implementation by inviting Parties to develop implementation and investment plans for their NDCs and align them with broader economic development strategies and plans, while calling on international partners to strengthen technical assistance and implementation support for developing countries.

Through the Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development (MoFPED), the Government of Uganda established a Climate Finance Unit to strengthen national coordination and enhance the mobilization, management, and tracking of climate finance from both domestic and international sources, in line with its National Climate Finance Strategy (2024–2030). The Unit has emerged as a critical institutional mechanism for integrating climate finance considerations into broader fiscal and development planning processes, while also supporting the mobilization of climate investments. In this context, the RCC East and Southern Africa (RCC EASA) will be hosting a Peer Masterclass Series designed to facilitate knowledge exchange and peer learning on Uganda's country experience in strengthening institutional readiness, climate finance governance, and financial planning systems.

Objective

The Peer Masterclass is designed to showcase Uganda's Climate Finance Unit as a practical institutional approach for strengthening climate finance governance, finance readiness, to accelerate NDC implementation, while facilitating peer learning on how countries can drive lessons to strengthen or develop their own mechanisms to mobilise, coordinate, and deploy climate finance at scale. Furthermore, it is to:

- Showcase Uganda's Climate Finance Unit model
- Strengthen understanding of approaches to enhance institutional readiness for climate finance
- Share lessons on climate finance mobilisation and NDC finance planning
- Promote peer learning and cooperation.

Expected Outcomes

By the end of the session participants will:

- Better understand the institutional mandate, governance structure, and operational model of Uganda's Climate Finance Unit.
- Gain practical insights into how institutional arrangements can support climate finance mobilization and NDC implementation.
- Understand key success factors and challenges associated with establishing and operationalizing institutional climate finance mechanisms.
- Learn about Uganda's upcoming South-South study tour and opportunities for continued peer learning.
- Gain access to practical lessons that can inform national efforts to develop climate investment pipelines and implementation plans.

Target Audience

Government institutions responsible for climate, finance, planning and investment; development partners supporting NDC implementation and climate finance; and climate practitioners, including NDC focal points, climate finance specialists, project preparation experts, and investment planning professionals.

Proposed Agenda:

Time	Session	Speaker / Lead
5 mins	Opening remarks and scene setting	UNFCCC RCC EASA
25 mins	Uganda Climate Finance Unit Model: Institutional model and operational experience	Uganda Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development- Climate Finance Unit
25mins	Q/A	
5 mins	Closing remarks and Next Steps	UNFCCC RCC EASA