



RCC West and Central Africa
Collaboration for Climate Action

Strengthening Country-Led Implementation through Regional Collaboration

West and Central Africa

2025

68 events, including:

- 9 supporting the formulation and implementation of NAPs
- 15 supporting the implementation of Article 6 and carbon pricing instruments
- 31 the development and implementation of NDCs

43 country support activities

- In a total of 25 countries: Benin, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cabo Verde, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Congo, Cote d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, The Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, Mauritania, Madagascar, Niger, Nigeria, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Sierra Leone, and Togo
- Dedicated in majority to NDCs (22), Article 6 and carbon pricing instruments (17), and NAPs (2) respectively

16 knowledge products authored or co-authored and published, including

- 9 newsletters
- 1 feasibility study
- 3 reports
- 2 publications
- 1 Documentary published in two languages

RCCs 2025 | West and Central Africa Key Achievements

Adaptation



- ✓ Supported the organization of the [NAP Expo 2025](#) in Zambia.
- ✓ Supported the organization of the [Regional capacity-building workshop on NAPs for African LDCs & SIDS](#) in Kenya.
- ✓ Provided technical backstopping on **elements of the Adaptation Communication in NDCs** for 6 countries: Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Guinea, Liberia, Mauritania & Nigeria.
- ✓ Organized **4 webinars on adaptation/NAP development and implementation** ([COP29 Outcome Webinar Series on Adaptation](#), [NAPs Best Practices](#), [Strengthening the Implementation of Early Warning Systems](#), and [Resilient Future Cities](#)).
- ✓ Coordinated & delivered **6 videos highlighting youth-driven adaptation initiatives** across West & Central Africa.
- ✓ Produced **2 knowledge products**: i) an Adaptation Stakeholder Mapping support & services, and ii) a policy brief on [Forging a Resilient, Sustainable Future for West and Central African Cities](#).

Mitigation



- ✓ Organized **NDC Clinics on Investment Planning for sub-Saharan Africa** ([anglophone](#) and [francophone](#)) during the Climate Week 2 in collaboration with RCC EASA, UNDP, UNEP, NDC Partnership and GIZ.
- ✓ Co-organized [capacity building workshop](#) for francophone African countries on **GHG Emissions Projections and NDC Tracking** in collaboration with UNDP, GIZ PATPA, AfDB.
- ✓ **Four (4) Webinars** ([Emissions Projections](#), [Heavy industry Decarbonisation](#), [Integrating gender in NDCs 3.0](#), and [Just Energy Transition Pathways for NDCs 3.0](#)) in collaboration with RCC EASA and regional partners.
- ✓ Knowledge products on **Integration of land tenure and local community land rights into NDCs for Burkina Faso, Liberia and Togo**, in collaboration with ILC.
- ✓ Supported [recording series](#) and **clinics on CDM transition to PACM** for countries and project developers.
- ✓ Co-organized the [Second West African Market Hub](#) with the West African Alliance on Carbon Markets and Climate Finance & contributed to the [Second regional multi-stakeholder workshop on the establishment of a standardized regional carbon credit platform in West Africa](#) organized by ECOWAS.
- ✓ Supported the **carbon market implementation lab** and **two dialogues on unlocking finance: Accelerating NDC Implementation through Carbon Markets at Climate Week 2**.
- ✓ Finalized a [documentary](#) to showcase **Ghana's Article 6 Implementation Journey** in both English and French, in collaboration with BOAD, AGNES & Ghana Carbon Market Office.

Stakeholder engagement



- ✓ Led **briefings** to Resident Coordinators (RCOs), UN Economic Commissions, and other UN entities **mobilizing regional entities around climate action**, including integrating climate action into programming.
- ✓ Supported the development of a **Model Climate Change Law** for Africa.
- ✓ Provided **briefings and trainings** to the Network of African Parliamentarians **on climate change and UNFCCC Process**.
- ✓ Supported multiple capacity buildings and training sessions of **National Gender and Climate Change Focal Points and youth/young professionals** to enhance understanding of the **UNFCCC intergovernmental process, climate governance and diplomacy**, including gender-responsive climate policies and green economy.
- ✓ Co-organized **preparatory meetings for COPs and SBs** (ECOWAS, AGNES, Youths, etc.), including supporting LCOYs and supported the successful delivery of the two Climate Weeks.
- ✓ Launched a [webinar series](#) on youth and climate action.

Climate Finance



- ✓ Led efforts to identify barriers to accessing climate finance in West and Central Africa and implemented a **climate finance capacity building programme** for youth (in [French](#) and [English](#)) in the region to **enhance youth access to climate finance**.
- ✓ Collaborated on joint **resource mobilization efforts with partners** to enhance climate finance's access in the region.
- ✓ Supported events for the [Needs-based Finance project](#) ([capacity building & marketplace](#)) during the Climate Week 2 in Ethiopia.
- ✓ Participated to a **regional validation workshop of concept notes related to the Needs-based Finance Project** for submission to the GCF, organized by ECOWAS.

For more information on these and to browse further activities led in West and Central Africa, please visit [our website](#).

RCCs 2025 | Direct Country Support in West and Central Africa

Adaptation

- Provided technical backstopping on elements of the Adaptation Communication in NDCs for **Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Guinea, Liberia, Mauritania and Nigeria**
- Organized NAP country dialogues with **12 LDCs** (e.g., Mali, Burundi, Niger, Liberia) to assess progress and identify support needs
- Provided technical backstopping/support to the NAP formulation process of **The Gambia** (ongoing)
- Facilitated matchmaking between **Togo** and the GCF to identify potential financing opportunities during the NAP Expo

Mitigation

- Provided direct technical backstopping to **Burkina Faso, Burundi, Gabon, Guinea, Liberia, Mauritania and Nigeria** on the formulation of NDCs 3.0 until submission
- Organized dedicated in-country workshops on NDC 3.0 to validate and secure technical and political high-level buy-in for implementation in **Cameroon and Liberia**
- Supported Cameroon, **Congo, Central African Republic, Madagascar, and Togo** on the formulation of their NDCs
- Direct support to **12 countries** in the region for CDM transition to PACM (e.g., **Burkina Faso, Cote d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of Congo, Nigeria**)
- Provided technical assistance to **14 countries** to fill in Article 6 participation requirements forms (e.g., **Burkina Faso, Burundi, Gambia, Liberia, Nigeria**)
- Supported the development of the institutional and legal framework and operational manual for Article 6 implementation for **Togo** (ongoing)
- Finalized a study on *the assessment of carbon pricing instruments* in **Cameroon** and launched work on the next steps
- Finalized a study on *a pilot carbon pricing instrument* for **Nigeria's** telecommunication sector

Climate Finance

- Supported **Cabo Verde** in the launch of its HL climate finance strategy, including providing strategic inputs
- Provided technical assistance to **Nigeria** with the concept note for submission to the 2025 MAF Call for Projects, in collaboration with UNU and UNDP Country Office
- Mobilized financial resources from partners (e.g., ILC, CAFI) to support NDCs 3.0 formulation for **Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Liberia, and Togo**

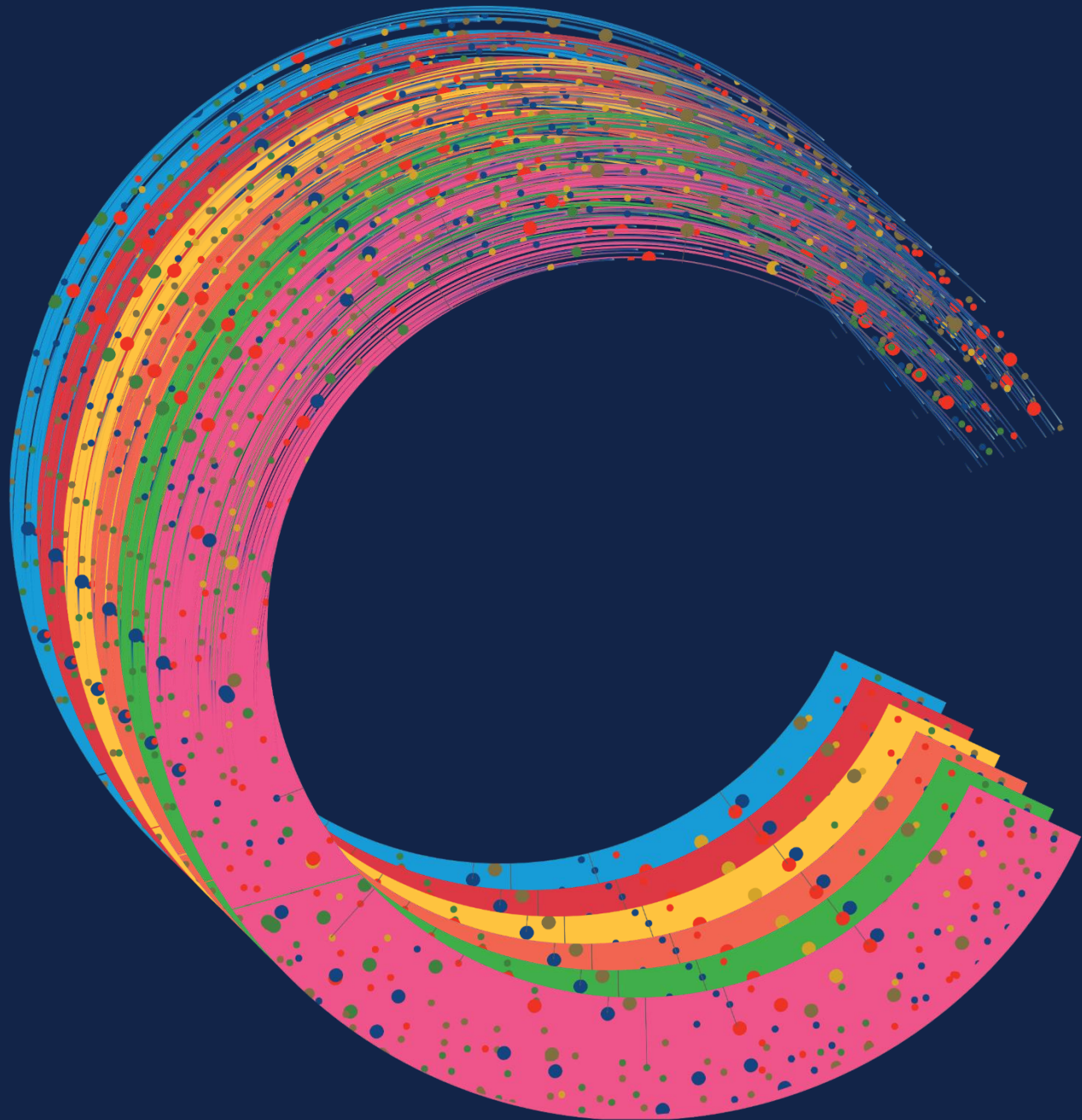
Stakeholder Engagement

- Provided briefings on Paris Agreement implementation priorities to UN Regional Coordinators and respective UN country working group on climate change of **Cabo Verde, Liberia, Nigeria, and Togo**
- Empowered **Nigerian** Climate Negotiators for strategic participation to SB 62

RCCs 2025 | The Gambia: Case-Study

Stages	Description
RCC support design & Implementation	<p>The Gambia, as a Least Developed Country, faces high climate vulnerability across agriculture, water, coastal, health, and infrastructure sectors. The RCC WAC Africa received a requested from The Gambia's Ministry Of Environment Climate Change and Natural Resources (MECCNAR) to provide technical support to strengthen the National Adaptation Plan (NAP) process, enhance cross-sector coordination, and build national capacities. The support included targeted advisory inputs, capacity-building, and facilitation of stakeholder engagement to ensure alignment of the Gambia's NAP formulation process with the UNFCCC's updated NAP technical guidelines, so that the plan reflects international best practices and strengthens the country's ability to implement adaptation priorities and access climate support.</p>
Deliverables, outputs	<p>Key outputs of the RCC WAC Africa's intervention included technical advisory inputs and structured review comments on the NAP workplan and budget framework, alongside technical advisory inputs on the planning and facilitation of a national inception workshop. Institutional coordination mechanisms were strengthened to ensure effective cross-sector engagement.</p>
Outcomes, impact	<p>The RCC WAC Africa's support accelerated NAP formulation, improving the technical quality, coherence, and structure of the framework. National experts enhanced their understanding of adaptation planning and institutional coordination. Cross-sector collaboration was strengthened through clearer roles and improved communication channels. Overall, the intervention increased national ownership and readiness for advancing the NAP formulation process.</p>
Lessons learned and follow-up	<p>Early and inclusive stakeholder engagement, backed by strong MECCNAR leadership, was critical for building ownership and maintaining momentum. Structured capacity-building and clear role definitions improved coordination efficiency and preparedness for implementation. RCC WAC Africa's combined approach of technical guidance, institutional strengthening, and partnership support proved adaptable and effective. Future support will focus on advancing the draft NAP, formal submission, monitoring and evaluation, and investment readiness planning.</p>

For more information on this case, please visit [our website](#).



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