

West African Alliance on Carbon Markets and Climate Finance



Ousmane Fall SARR, Coordinator of the West African Alliance

Objectives of the Alliance

“We have to make carbon markets accessible for West African countries to make sure least developed countries do not miss the train under the Paris Agreement as they did with the CDM”

(Ousmane Fall Sarr, Coordinator)

- 1. Foster active participation** by West African delegates in the UNFCCC negotiations
- 2. Promote access** to market mechanisms and climate finance opportunities
- 3. Pilot the transition of CDM** related capacities and activities to the Paris Agreement context
- 4. Support Article 6 pilot experiences** in the sub region



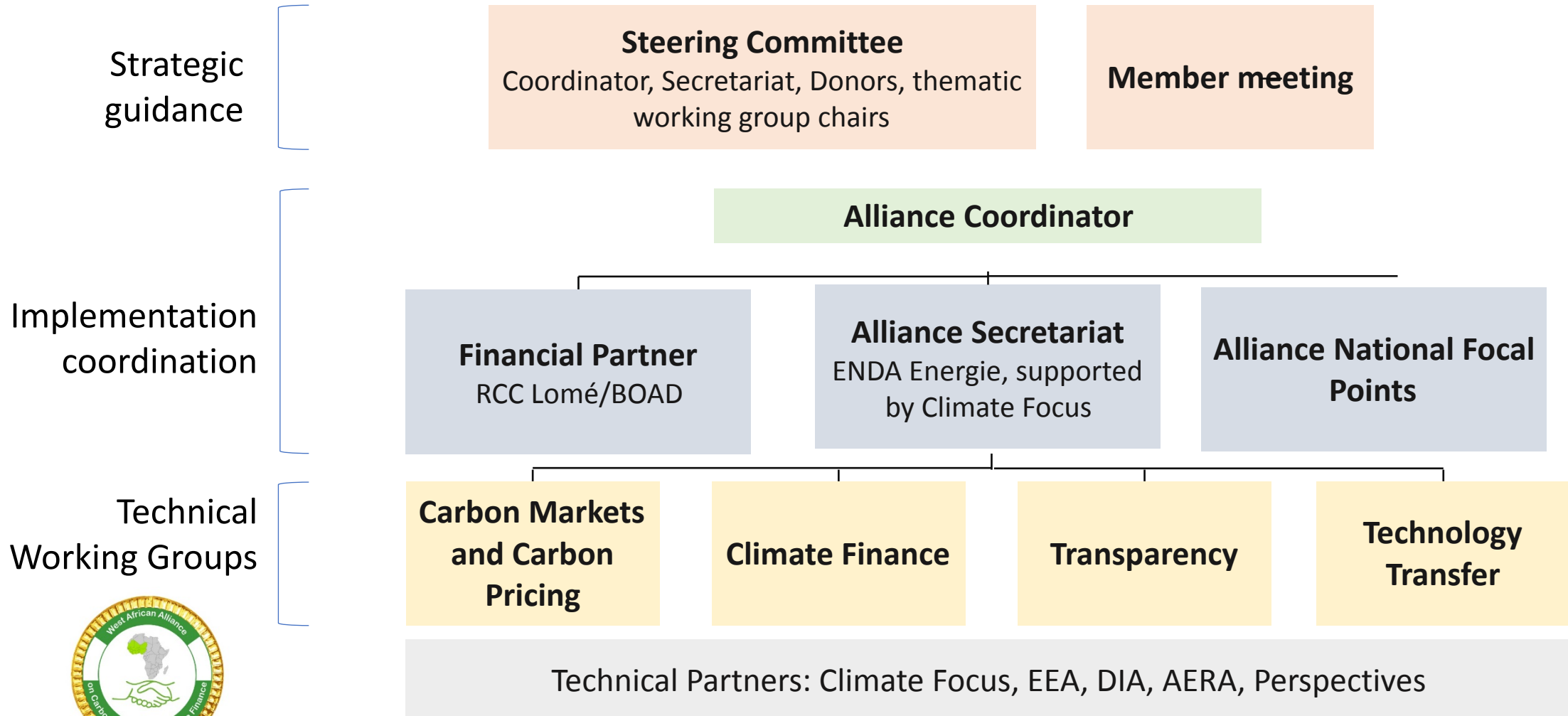
Current status of implementation

Supported by:



The Alliance currently comprises **Benin, Cape Verde, Cote d'Ivoire, The Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Liberia, Burkina Faso, Sierra Leone, Senegal and Togo.**

Organisation



Activities - Workshops

- First workshop on market mechanisms and NDC implementation, Dakar, January 2018
- Second workshop on Article 6 negotiations, Lomé, July 2018



Activities – Representation in UNFCCC negotiations and side events

- Up to 5 members supported to participate in international events (I4C, ACF, SBSTA, COP)
- Alliance side events



Activities – Art 6 readiness support

- Tender among member countries
- Nigeria and Togo selected for support
 - Workshops for national stakeholders
 - Institutional capacity building
 - CDM transition



Experiences and challenges to date

- Very fast growth of the Alliance (start in Nov 2017)
- Key role played by regional organisations (UNFCCC/RCC Lomé, BOAD and ENDA Energie)
- Setting up the structure of the Alliance is time and resource intense
- Alliance has seen strong member commitment to invest time and energy into activities (essential)
- Value added to West African countries through strengthened coordination and preparation for the negotiations
- Relevant contribution of the Alliance in linking negotiations with domestic issues and connecting the dots between different negotiation streams
- Potential to forge new partnerships



Thank you.

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