



Bi-Annual Newsletter



ACCF conversion to a multi donor trust fund

The ACCF received new funding commitments from the government of Italy (EUR 4.7 million) and the government of Flanders, Belgium, (EUR 2 million), enabling the Fund to scale-up its work in response to the growing demand for climate finance across the continent.

In **March 2017**, the Bank's Board of Directors approved the conversion of the ACCF to a multi donor trust fund, and a new multi-donor legal agreement was signed by the Bank and the three donors in May.

The new funding is a sign of confidence on the part of the donors in the work that the ACCF, which was established in April 2014 with an initial contribution of EUR 4.725 million from the government of Germany through GIZ, is doing to support African countries to transition towards low carbon, climate resilient development and to scale up their access to climate finance.

Supervision mission to Bamako, Mali

In **February**, a team from the ACCF Secretariat joined experts from the Bank's country office in Bamako, Mali, for a supervision mission for the ACCF-financed project "Supporting the transition to a climate resilient green economy (EVRCC) », executed by the Agency for Environment and Sustainable Development (AEDD).

The mission met with the project management team of the AEDD to explore the progress the project has made to date and to address any challenges delaying project execution. The Bank team provided guidance to the executing agency on the Bank's procurement and disbursement procedures. The Bank and the AEDD agreed on a programme of follow-up actions in order to ensure the smooth advancement of project activities.

The ACCF is supporting the AEDD to develop two strategic programs, one on sustainable energy and one on climate-resilient agriculture, to support Mali's transition towards a climate resilient and low-carbon economy, as well as to create a strategy for financing the transition to green and climate resilient growth and to attract private sector investment in this transition. Furthermore, the project is supporting the upgrading of financial management software for the AEDD and training on its use, as well as training for 5 AEDD staff members to improve their skills in procurement, financial management and auditing.

ACCF participates in the Adaptation Learning Forum for Africa workshop in Saly, Senegal

In **March**, the ACCF secretariat participated in the Adaptation Learning Forum for Africa (AFLA) workshop in Saly, Senegal; a multi-stakeholder platform to exchange knowledge and explore opportunities for collaboration on climate change adaptation best practice and capacity building in Africa.

Workshop participants identified three main areas of intervention needed to strengthen adaptation and resilience for Africa: to facilitate effective planning for adaptation and climate resilience; to strengthen the role of learning and knowledge brokering, and to ensure climate finance for climate adaptation and resilience.

The ACCF has a key role to play in the third area, and indeed is already supporting several projects that aim to scale up African countries' access to adaptation finance. During a side meeting, participants discussed the opportunities for collaboration on south-south learning for adaptation finance and capacity building to enable African institutions to access the Green Climate Fund. The ACCF plans to scale up its support for these types of activities through its next call for proposals.

Launching of the Zanzibar climate resilience project



At the end of **February**, a team from the ACCF secretariat joined by experts from the Bank's country office in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, travelled to Zanzibar for the launch of the project "Enhancing national capacity for mainstreaming climate resilience in Zanzibar". The executing agency of this project is the Ministry of Lands, Water, Energy and Environment (MLWEE) of the Revolutionary Government of Zanzibar.

The Bank team met with the project management team of the MLWEE to discuss the work plan and project implementation arrangements. The Bank team provided training to the Zanzibari project management team on the Bank's procurement, financial management and disbursement procedures. The

mission also visited a number of other agencies and actors in Zanzibar, including the Zanzibar Environment Management Authority, the Ministry of Finance and Planning, and the Zanzibar Climate Change Alliance, to explore how the project will complement related ongoing activities in Zanzibar.

The project team organized a field trip to the Jozani national park and community forest management area where the Bank team learned about the climate-resilient agriculture and forest management projects that are underway, led by the Jozani Environment Conservation Association (JECA), including the mangrove boardwalk initiative to protect vulnerable coastal communities and ecosystems; sustainable fruit and vegetable farming practices; community-based forest management; and bee keeping.

The ACCF project will build on these ongoing initiatives to develop project concept notes to mobilize additional climate finance to build the resilience of four critical sectors: agriculture, fisheries, infrastructure and tourism. In addition, the grant aims to strengthen national capacities to integrate climate resilience into development planning at the national and local level and to provide training to national stakeholder on climate finance and project development.

This project will support Zanzibar, a small island whose economy is dependent on climate-sensitive sectors such as agriculture, fisheries and tourism, to make progress in realizing the ambitions set out in its National Climate Change Strategy (2014).

Regional Workshop of the Francophone Civil Society on the Green Climate Fund



In **May**, the ACCF Secretariat joined a regional workshop of the francophone civil society on the Green Climate Fund (GCF)" organized by Germanwatch and Enda Energie in Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire. The workshop aimed to explore the challenges and opportunities for African civil society organizations to engage and participate in the Green Climate Fund (GCF)'s activities in Africa.

The workshop provided an opportunity for the ACCF Secretariat to share its expertise on climate finance, especially the GCF, as well

First Technical Committee as a multi-donor trust fund

The Technical Committee (TC) of the ACCF met for the first time since the Fund's conversion to a multi-donor trust fund, on **May 11, 2017**. The TC discussed the ACCF's progress over the last year as set out in the [ACCF annual report](#), as well as the work programme for the remainder of the year.

The TC, an internal committee comprised of representatives of various Bank departments, is responsible for approving ACCF projects up to USD \$ 500 000, and for reviewing key operational and administrative documents. The Oversight Committee (OC), which includes the Bank and the donors to the

as to raise the awareness of civil society stakeholders on the upcoming ACCF call for proposals.

ACCF and provides the Fund's strategic direction, is expected to meet in September this year.

Participation in the Green Climate Fund (GCF) readiness for direct access workshop

The ACCF secretariat attended the *Readiness for Direct Access to GCF Workshop* as well as the *Readiness Coordination Mechanism* (RCM – the group of development partners that are supporting climate finance readiness activities) meeting that took place at the GCF headquarters in Songdo, Korea in **May**.

These events brought together national institutions that are accredited to directly access the GCF, as well as development partners that are supporting these institutions to develop GCF projects. They provided an opportunity to explore the role of the ACCF and the Bank in supporting African countries to access GCF finance, as well as exploring co-financing activities with the GCF to support national institutions with project development. The ACCF aims to scale up its support for these activities through its next call for proposals.

Launch of climate finance project in Cote D'Ivoire

In **June**, the ACCF secretariat joined colleagues from the Bank's Headquarters in Abidjan for the launch of the ACCF-funded project "Preparation of Côte d'Ivoire for Access to Climate finance for a transition to a climate-resilient economy" in Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire, executed by the National Programme for Climate Change (PNCC) within the Ivorian Ministry of Sanitation, Environment and Sustainable Development (MINSEDD).

The project management team of the PNCC and the Bank team discussed the project activities and work plan and agreed on next steps to ensure the smooth implementation of the project. In addition, Bank experts provided training on the Bank's procurement and disbursement processes and procedures.

The project will serve to develop two climate change adaptation proposals to be submitted to international climate funds (the Green Climate Fund and the Adaptation Fund). It will also strengthen the capacities of national climate change actors in the design and management of projects, and the mobilization of climate finance. In addition, it will support the identification of a national institution to be accredited to the Green Climate Fund.



Launching of the Cape Verde project

A team from the Bank went to Praia, Cabo Verde, in **June** for the launch of the ACCF-financed project "Strategic tools to support mitigation activities in key sectors in Cabo Verde", executed by the National Directorate of Environment (DNA) within the Ministry of Agriculture and Environment. The mission coincided with the mid-term review mission of the Bank's country strategy paper for Cabo Verde.

The mission met with the project management team in the DNA to discuss the activities and work plan and to agree on next steps to ensure the smooth implementation of the project. Bank experts provided training on the Bank's procurement, disbursement and financial management rules and procedures. In addition, the ACCF team held discussions with stakeholders from various sectors on the processes for accessing the Green Climate Fund (GCF), one of the objectives that the ACCF grant will support.

The ACCF grant is supporting Cabo Verde to advance the realization of its low carbon, climate resilient development goals. The project will support the development of mitigation projects in two key strategic sectors of energy and waste, for submission to the GCF.



LOOKING FORWARD

- Launch a call for proposals to solicit impactful projects that will enhance African countries' access to climate finance and promote climate resilient development in line with the Bank's High-Five priorities;
- Hold the inaugural meeting of its Oversight Committee, which comprises the Bank and the donors and provides strategic direction to the Fund;
- Hold an outreach event to raise awareness of the Fund on the sidelines of the 23rd Conference of Parties to the UNFCCC in Bonn, Germany in November;
- Engage with potential donors to seek to mobilize additional resources to scale up its activities.

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The Africa Climate Change Fund (ACCF) supports African countries in strengthening their resilience to the negative impacts of climate change and in their transition to a sustainable low-carbon growth.

Established in 2014 as a bilateral trust fund, with an initial contribution of € 4.725 million from Germany, the ACCF was converted to a multi-donor fund in 2017 with the contributions of € 4.7 million from Italy and € 2 million from Flanders, Belgium. It is hosted and managed by the Climate Change and Green Growth Department of the African Development Bank (AfDB) and implemented in collaboration with other Bank departments. The ACCF has approved 8 projects for a total of US \$ 3.3 million that will advance the preparation of six countries for climate finance - Cape Verde, Côte d'Ivoire, Mali, Swaziland, Kenya and Tanzania (Zanzibar) - as well as two multinational projects.

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