

The Africa Climate Resilient Investment Facility (AFRI-RES)

Capacity and tools for building resilience in climate sensitive sectors in Africa

Phase 1: Results, lessons learned, and ways forward

Thursday 10 November 2022

13:00 – 14:00

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The Africa Climate Resilient Investment Facility (AFRI-RES) was established to support African countries and stakeholders with the tools and capacity to integrated climate resilience in investments in critical sector. AFRI-RES is an initiative of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), the World Bank, the African Union Commission (AUC), and the African Development Bank (AFDB), with initial funding from the Nordic Development Fund (NDF).

AFRI-RES is implemented under four components. Component 1, led by the World Bank, as well as the AfDB, provides project-level support to specific projects on the integration of climate resilience. Component 2, led by the ECA and the AUC, focusses on outreach, dissemination, and comprehensive training to technical experts, media professionals and civil society on climate resilience. Component 3, led by the World Bank, focusses on the development of guidelines, standards, and good practice notes for climate-resilient investments. Component 4, led by the ECA, focusses on the development of a climate knowledge and data portal for an online repository of knowledge of relevance for climate-resilient investment planning and design in Africa. The first phase of project completes in 2022.

The objectives of event are to (i) showcase the suite of AFRI-RES products that have been developed and how they can be utilized to improve resilience in investments in key sectors in Africa, (ii) get perspectives from member States, development partners, and AFRI-RES project beneficiaries to date, (iii) explore new partnerships for tools and capacity for the integration of climate resilience in investments in Africa and how to harness the “resilience dividend” through climate finance.

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Moderator: **Mr Jean-Paul Adam**, Director, Technology, Climate Change, and Natural Resources Management Division, UNECA

13:00 – 13:20 Welcome and opening remarks

- Mr Antonio Pedro, Executive Secretary a.i., UN Economic Commission for Africa
- H.E. Dr Amani Abou-Zeid, Commissioner for Infrastructure and Energy, African Union Commission
- Dr. Kevin Kariuki, Vice-President, Power, Energy, Climate and Green Growth (tbc)

	• Mr Simeon Ehui, Regional Director, Western and Central Africa, Sustainable Development, The World Bank Group • Mr Henrik Franklin, Director for Portfolio Origination and Management, Nordic Development Fund
13:20 – 13:40	Presentation - Highlights of results and impacts from Phase 1 of the AGFRI-RES project • Kanta Kumari Rigaud, Lead Environment Specialist, Regional Climate Change Coordinator, Africa Region, The World Bank Group • Linus Mofor, Senior Environmental Affairs Officer, African Climate Policy Centre, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa • Ken Strzepek, Industrial Economics Inc Feedback: • AFRI-RES beneficiaries • Development Partners and Member States present
13:40 – 13:55	General discussion
13:55 – 14:00	Wrap up and concluding remarks