

**Harnessing innovations, technologies and management of Africa's
natural resources for Africa's transformation: challenges and
opportunities**

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Outline

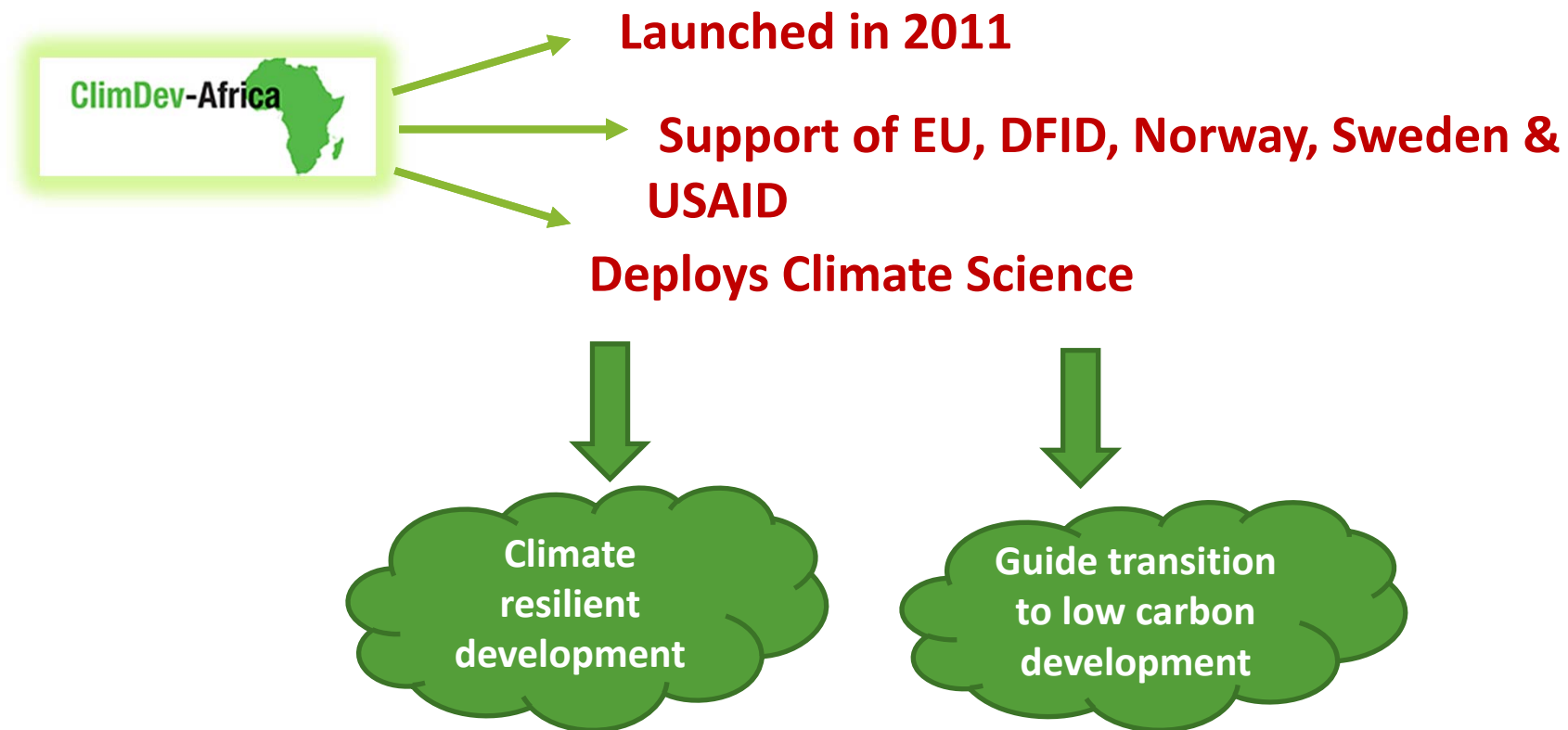
- ClimDev-Africa Context and Relevance
- Key Achievements
- Strategic direction – 2016-2020
- Some strategic activities for 2015

ClimDev Africa

A programme mandated by the African Heads of States and government implemented by a consortium of three African Institutions:

- African Union Commission (AUC)
- UN Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA)
- African Development Bank (AfDB)

Origins and Context *ClimDev-Africa*



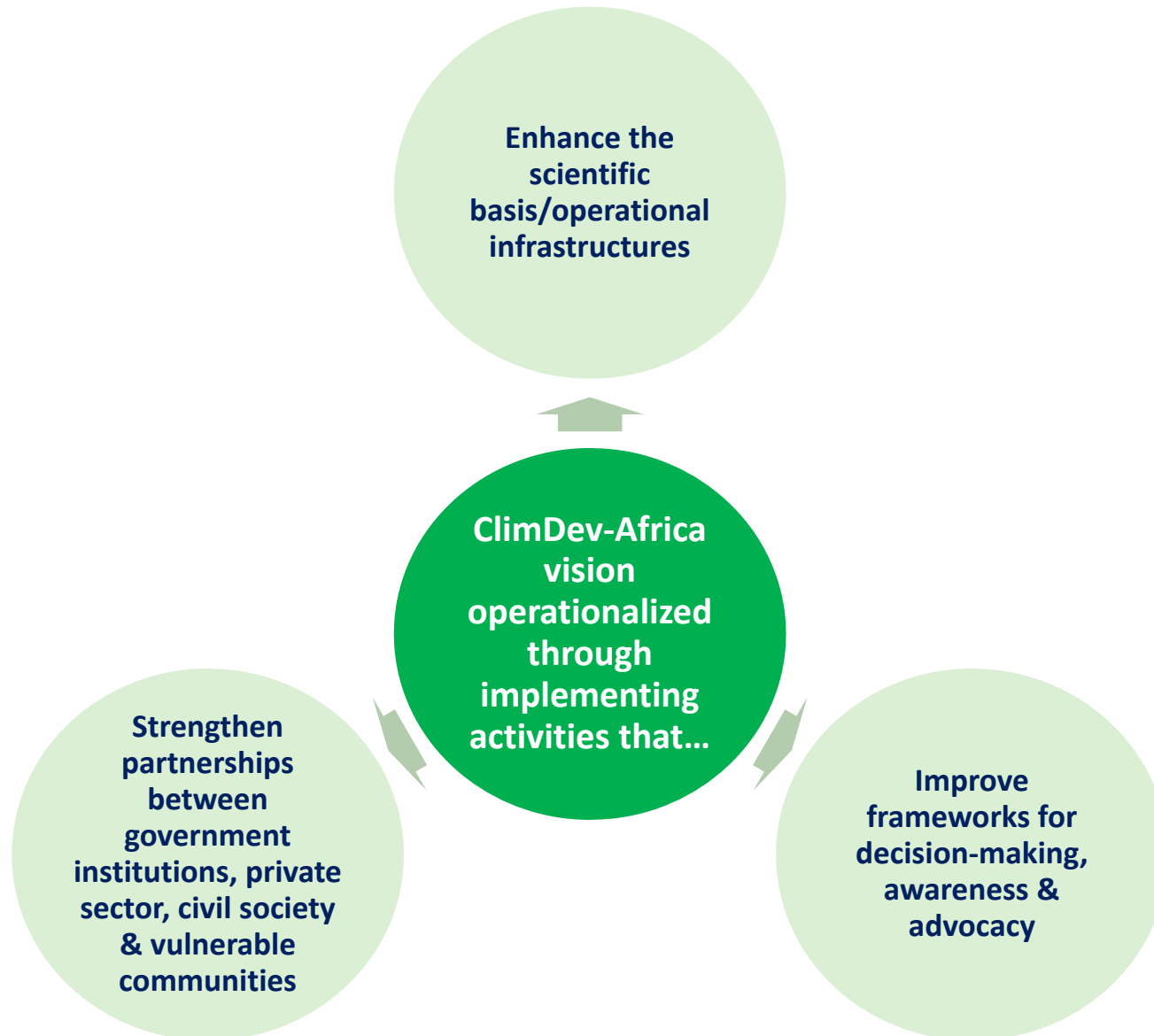
...through enhancing African countries' capacities to better manage climate change risks/opportunities

ClimDev-Africa Vision

Sustainable attainment of poverty reduction and other MDGs in Africa through policies and decisions on practices in Africa that take full account of climate change risks and opportunities at all levels (regional, sub-regional, national, local, community and individual)

Operationalization of the ClimDev-Africa

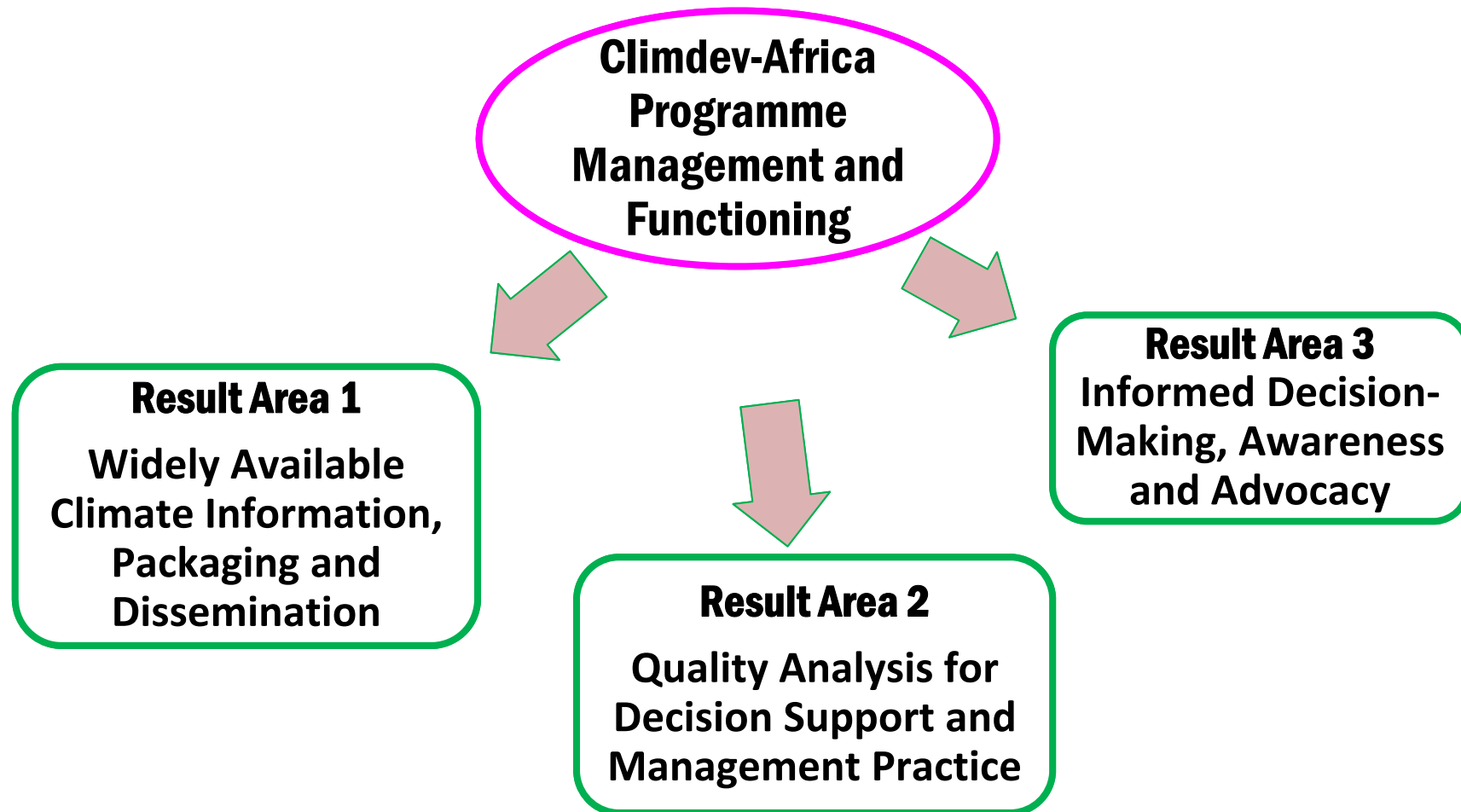
Vision



Relevance of ClimDev-Africa

- Unique in that it brings climate information & development together
- Conceptually relevant
- Reinforces Africa's development agenda
- Political buy-in at the highest level
- Combination of partners' strengths
 - ECA to generate knowledge and analytical inputs to inform policy;
 - AfDB to demonstrate return on investments in climate information in order to optimize new investments in CIS;
 - AUC to enable policy formulation and uptake at the highest level

The ClimDev-Africa Programme is structured into Three Result Areas



Key Achievements

- Provide the policy space for dialogue, ideas & knowledge sharing
 - CCDA, COP, UN Climate Summit
 - Feeding back into ClimDev-Africa strategic orientation
- Influencing policy
 - AGN, Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss & Damage, CAHOSCC*, AMCEN, AMCOMET**
- Emergence of Climate Research for Development (CR4D) Programme
- Incremental growth in countries that have the capacity to provide quality climate services to a variety of sectors
- Momentum is gathering in terms of strengthened early warning & DRR, through the support to RCCs
- Creation of demand for CIS
 - 93 project submissions, 56 selected as bankable from first call of CDSF
- Capacity enhancement for African youths & Young lawyers

Strategic Direction: 2016-2020



TO ENGAGE WITH THE AFRICAN DECISION MAKING LANDSCAPE

- Climate sensitive sectors drive growth
- Adverse climate change impacts
- Increased investment in climate smart decisions (policies, technology choices, financial flows)
- Supply of climate information services (CIS) & capacity to use CIS needs to be enhanced



TO HARNESS THE COMPARATIVE ADVANTAGE OF EMERGING INITIATIVES PROVIDING CIS IN AFRICA

- Number of initiatives aimed at providing climate information services are emerging across Africa
- Need to harness the comparative advantage of each of these initiatives to scale up investment in CIS-development planning linkages



TO CAPITALISE ON THE STRATEGIC AND OPERATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES PROVIDED BY CLIMDEV-AFRICA PHASE I

- Political mandate to invest in and promote use of CIS in decision making
- Tri-partite partnership provides opportunities to complete the CIS-development planning cycle
- Significant gains made in each result area
- Better understanding of the gaps and opportunities that need to be addressed to mainstream CIS into decision making processes in Africa
- Operational capacity ramped up

A FOCUSED STRATEGIC DIRECTION
THAT BUILDS ON PHASE I



A SUSTAINABLE RESOURCE
MOBILISATION & MANAGEMENT
STRATEGY TO SCALE UP
INVESTMENT IN CIS



MONITORING, EVALUATION &
LEARNING SYSTEMS TO SHAPE
OUR DIRECTION & ASSESS
EFFECTIVENESS OF INVESTMENTS



CLIMDEV-AFRICA: PARTNER OF FIRST
CHOICE FOR LOW CARBON AND
CLIMATE RESILIENT DEVELOPMENT

INTERNAL & EXTERNAL PARTNERSHIPS
TO DELIVER OUR STRATEGY



HUMAN RESOURCE CAPACITY TO
DELIVER QUALITY RESULTS



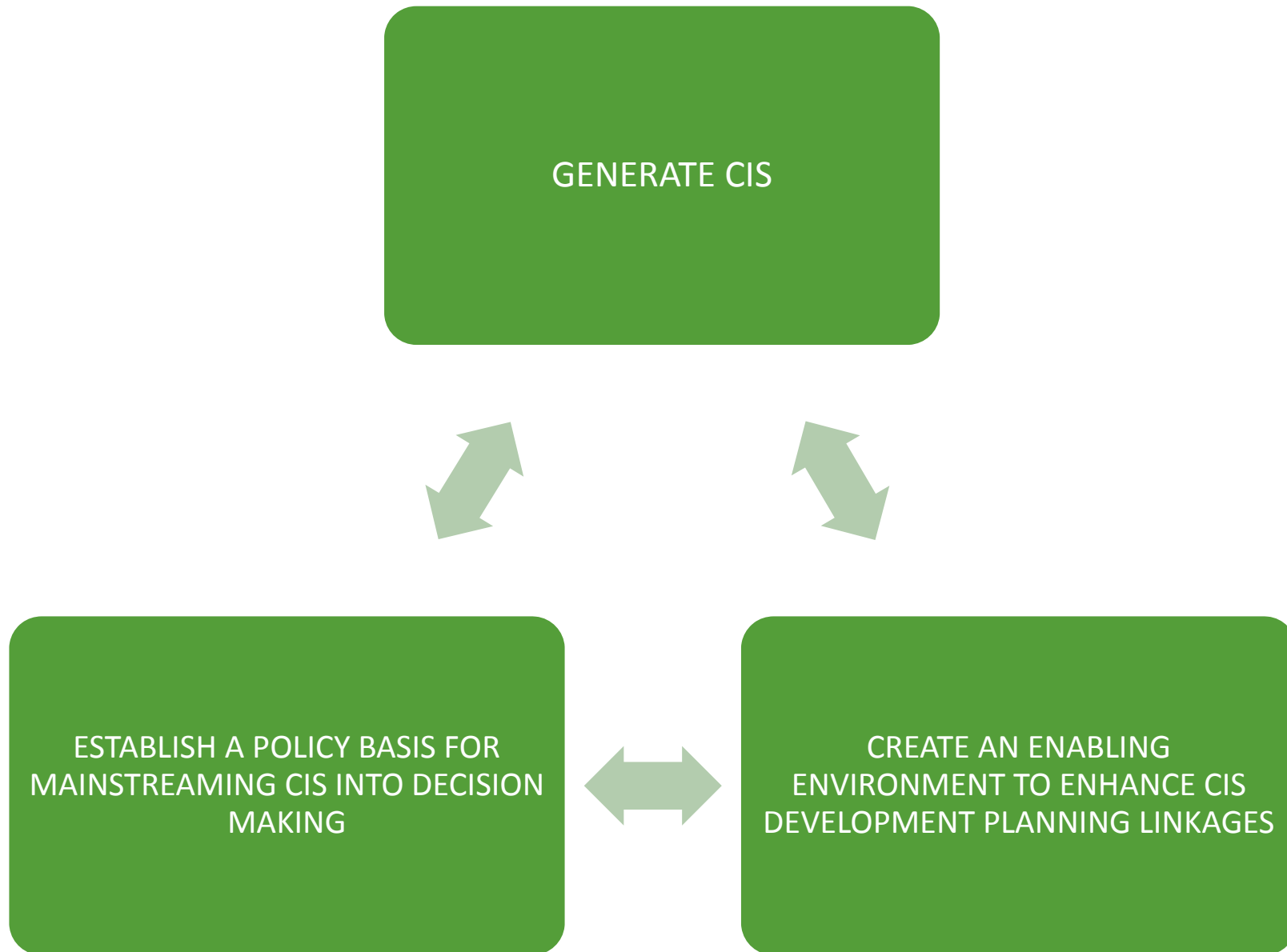
STRATEGIC COMMUNICATION
TO SUPPORT POLICY
PROGRAMME DELIVERY



GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS
TO SUPPORT EFFECTIVE DELIVERY



Key Interventions





Sustainability

Sustainability is driven through appropriate strategies such as:

- Ensuring that its projects are bankable,
- Strengthening institutional capacities,
- Effective training and empowerment,
- Sustainable resource mobilization and management strategies to scale up investments in CIS

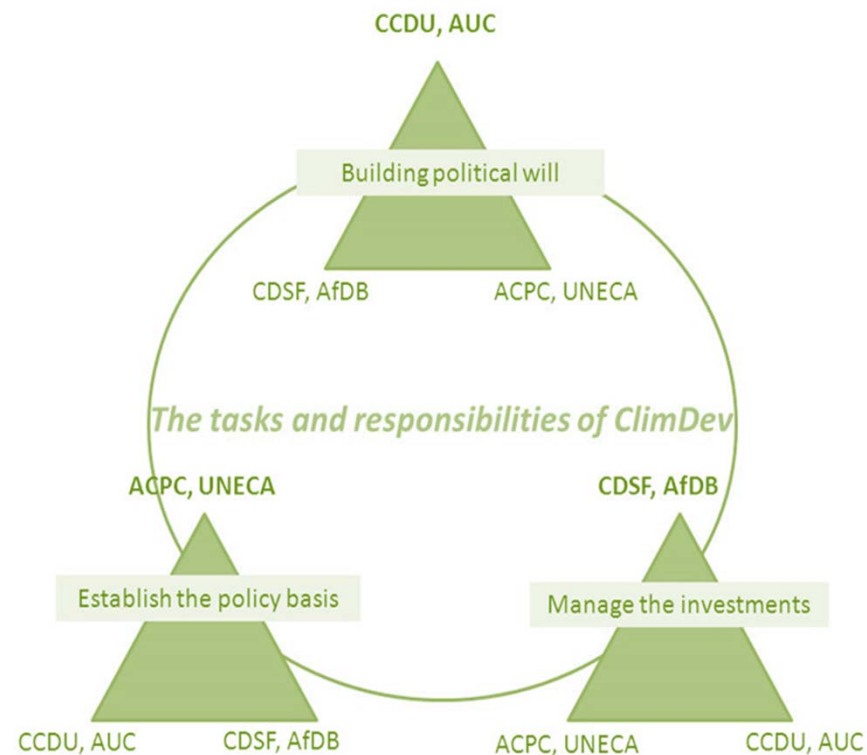


Partnerships for ensuring coherence, maximizing impact and harnessing the required resources.



INTERNAL PARTNERSHIP

Harnessing the comparative advantage of the tripartite partnership to mainstream Climate Information Services into decision making





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EXTERNAL PARTNERSHIP

Phase II will partner with a range of implementing, policy analysis, and resource funding partners to harness the comparative advantage of actors operating in the African decision making landscape

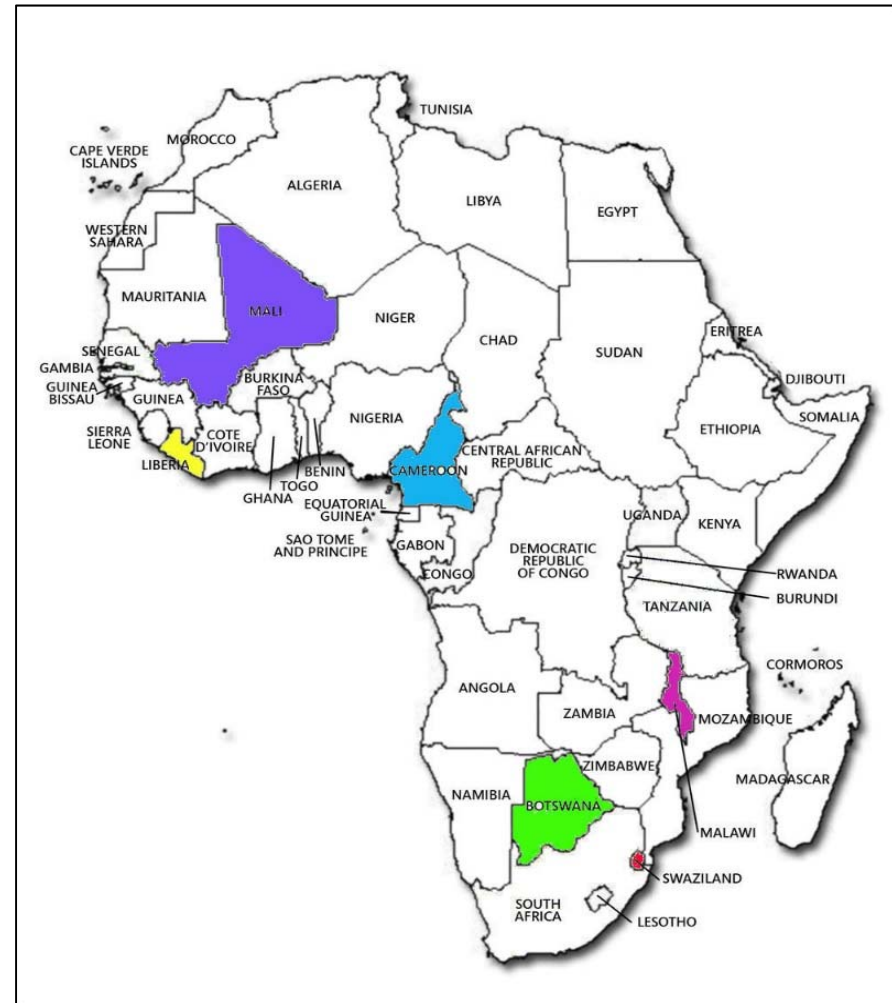
STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS	
TYPE OF PARTNERSHIP	DETAILS
IMPLEMENTATION PARTNERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Internal: collaborations with departments in ECA, AUC and AfDB win the delivery of out. • Government: e.g. Met-hydro services in Ethiopia, The Gambia and Rwanda; EPA Liberia • Climate related Institutions: GDLA and CCAFs; UNISDR, WMO, GCOS
CR4D	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Universities and research institutions
FUNDING PARTNERS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DFID, Sweden, USAID, Norway, E.U.

Some Strategic Activities in 2015

1. The way to Paris

- Africa Climate Talks
(Four Regional talks)
- Fifth conference on Climate Change and Development in Africa
- African Pavilion at COP21

2. Supporting INDC in Africa



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