



Outputs

Key information and follow-up products to be disseminated during and after the conference will comprise the following:

- * Conference report
- * Press releases
- * Daily bulletins
- * Web publications
- * Compendium of the conference proceedings.

Sponsorship Opportunities

An exhibition has been planned to run parallel to the Conference. The CCDA Exhibition will provide an effective opportunity for sponsoring companies to gain additional exposure and promote their products/services to a top-level international audience of over 300 people, including Heads of State, Ministers, Heads of International organizations, women leaders, and human rights advocates, members of the civil society, policy makers and other stakeholders. An Exhibition Guide with organizational profiles and list of exhibitors will be prepared.

For more information

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First Annual Conference on
Climate Change and Development in Africa

**Development First:
Addressing Climate Change in Africa**

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“Development First: Addressing Climate Change in Africa”

About CCDA-I

The overall objective of CCDA is to establish a forum for dialogue, enhance awareness raising, mobilize effective commitment and actions by bringing together policy makers, academicians and practicing stakeholders with the aim of effectively mainstreaming climate change concerns into development policies, strategies, programmes and prac-

services to better inform adaptation and mitigation policies and practices;

- * Identify policy /institutional innovations and best practices required to advance climate resilient and low carbon development in Africa;
- * Promote experience-sharing, best

tices in Africa. CCDA also aims to strengthen Africa’s position and participation in international climate change negotiations with a view to ensuring adequate reflection of the continent’s concerns and priorities in a post-2012 international climate change regime.

Specific objectives

The specific objectives of the First Annual Conference on Climate Change and Development in Africa are to:

- * Deliberate on existing policies, science, knowledge and research into development and climate change issues across the continent;
- * Demonstrate compelling evidence of impacts of climate change and the need for adequate climate data, information and

practices and lessons learned in integrating climate change concerns into development policies and frameworks;

- * Inform the African Common Position in the run up to pre-COP-17 negotiations in Durban through analysis and debates on relevant climate change issues for the continent;
- * Identify mechanisms for sustained sharing of knowledge among policy, research and practitioner communities on climate change and development;
- * Build and strengthen strategic alliances and partnerships to further Africa’s climate change agenda;
- * Identify gaps and needs to build coherence between the ClimDev Africa Programme and other initiatives across the continent.

Format of the 2011 Conference

The Conference comprises plenary sessions with keynote presentations on the broad subject of climate change and development, followed by several parallel sessions. These sessions are complemented by a plenary session that seeks to articulate the key elements of the debate on the Conference theme.

The parallel sessions will provide an opportunity for the presentation of papers related to the Conference theme, with particular focus on the following sub themes.

Topic 1.3: Data and information

Sub-theme 2: Climate Resilience Development and Adaptation

Topic 2.1: Socio-ecological resilience and climate vulnerability, including health

Topic 2.2: Climate change and water in Africa

Topic 2.3: Climate change and agriculture in Africa

The plenary sessions will focus on issues such as:

- * Africa’s contributions to the global discourse on climate change, including impact assessment, research, policy analysis, policy formulation and practice, etc.
- * Mobilization of resources and accessing climate change financing by African countries and institutions.

The exhibition runs parallel to the Conference, which is on “Development First: Addressing Climate Change in Africa”. It runs from October 17-19.

Expected Outcomes and Outputs

Outcomes

Discussions and dialogue during the conference will result in:

Theme of CCDA-I

Development First: Addressing Climate Change in Africa

The following four sub-themes will stimulate an in-depth examination of the potentials of climate change for development in Africa. They will also assist in eliciting policy options and strategies for the enhancement of climate proofing sustainable development on the continent.

Sub-theme 1: Climate Science, Data, Information and Service Delivery

Topic 1.1: Climate science

Topic 1.2: Lessons learned from various initiatives

Sub-theme 3: Low Carbon Development in Africa

Topic 3.1: Green economy in the context of Africa

Topic 3.2: Energy access and poverty

Topic 3.3: Reducing Emission from Deforestation and Degradation (REDD) and Land Use Land Use Change and Forestry (LULUCF)

Sub-theme 4: Economics and FinanceTopic 4.1: Economics of climate change in the context of Africa

Topic 4.2: Climate finance

Topic 4.3: Roles and experience of RECs and Member States in Climate Change

Who will attend the conference?

We are expecting over 300 participants at the conference including:

1. Decision-makers
2. Policy analysts and academics
3. Development practitioners from around the world
4. About 50 media practitioners from all sub regions of Africa

The First Annual Conference on Climate Change and Development in Africa will provide top level scientists, researchers, policymakers and practitioners from Africa and elsewhere with the opportunity to showcase their goods or services to an upscale, high income, international audience including, national policy makers, senior government officials, civil society groups and other key stakeholders.

- * Enhanced knowledge for application in climate resilient and sustainable development for policies, planning and practice;
- * Enhanced support for rethinking Africa’s development priorities in the context of climate change;
- * Better informed African decision makers and practitioners on the necessity of climate science, data and information;
- * Increased dialogue and communication space for research, policy and practice nexus;
- * Enhanced Africa agenda in the Durban climate change negotiations;
- * Strengthened strategic alliances and partnerships for Africa’s climate and development agenda;
- * Improved delivery of roles and effectiveness of ClimDev Africa programme.