

Africa Adaptation Initiative (AAI)

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Press release: AAI is developing two new Flagships in 2019 for implementation during the 2020-2030 'Decade of Climate Action'

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Flagship 5: Adaptation of African Agriculture:

Agriculture is the most vulnerable sector to climate change in Africa, and the region is already suffering from myriad recurring risks to food security and agricultural livelihoods. To support countries in addressing these risks, the Adaptation of African Agriculture Initiative (AAA) was launched at COP 22. This effort promotes and fosters the implementation of specific projects to improve soil management, agricultural water control, and climate risk management to improve the resilience of agriculture sector to climate change in Africa.

Key result areas include, but are not limited to:

- I. *Support the efforts of AAA to mobilize resources for adaptation and resilience of the agriculture sector in Africa via enabling direct technical support to countries and the AAA, and*
- II. *Supporting the process of developing a sectoral, regional climate bond.*

The AAI TSU will provide coordination and operational support to the below activities:

Target	Activity	Partners
All 54 countries in Africa have climate resilient agriculture investment plans.	Establish platform for best practices in adaptation in the agriculture sector, to facilitate sharing between countries and scaling of successful and relevant efforts	AAA, TSU
Climate resilient agriculture investment plans mobilize resources for investments in projects and programmes.	Agro-economic and climate finance technical support to help: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- develop climate resilient agriculture investment plans,- mobilize resources for investments that translate into programmes and projects via project costing, analysis, advice on proposal development, data and best practices sharing, etc.- develop the climate bond (below)	AAA, UNDP, AfDB, TSU
	By COP 26, launch first regional sectoral climate bond: African Agriculture Climate Bond	AAA, UNDP, AfDB, TSU



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Flagship 6 – African Climate Finance Forum

Climate finance across the continent is not well coordinated, and there are opportunities for sharing of lessons learned across regions and countries. Beginning with the entry point of the Nationally Designated Authorities (NDA) to the Green Climate Fund (GCF), this Flagship will gather key climate finance representatives from each country to have regular opportunities to meet and share successes and challenges, learning from each other. This will in turn serve all the other Flagship efforts via facilitate increased coordination and quality of submissions to GCF and other financing options from Africa.

Key activities and result areas include:

1. *Building capacity and coordination for climate finance between and within each African country and the continent as a whole. This will be accomplished via gathering a Climate Finance Forum to meet for an African dialogue once per year, supported by an annual regional sub-forum for one of the 5 regions in Africa each year.*

This Flagship will be enabled by the ongoing oversight and operational support of the TSU, including especially a climate adaptation specialist. The TSU will provide daily management of the below tasks, including securing consultant support, coordinating meetings of the Forum, and stakeholder engagement.

Target	Activity	Partners
An African NDA Forum is established to facilitate access and mobilization of resources to increase ambition for adaptation in Africa	Annual meetings of the GCF NDAs to form the Forum (one per year – assume 250,000 USD per meeting with approx. 2 participants per country) -	TSU, AMCEN, UNDP, AfDB, GCF
	Regional sub-meeting (one per year – in different region each year). Approx. 150,000 USD per meeting.	TSU, AMCEN, UNDP, GCF, AfDB, AUC, UNECA
	Climate finance expertise to provide ongoing technical support to Forum via technical assistance facility/help desk support and participation in Forum gatherings. Support to include developing and updating a database of best practices and investments to track the mobilization of climate finance for the Forum. Assume two consultant contracts and partnership support from academia and other entities.	TSU, AMCEN, SEI, Universities

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