

Regional Workshop on Civil Society Readiness to the Green Climate Fund (GCF)

Kampala, Uganda, 20-22 June 2017

Silver Springs Hotel (Bugolobi, Portbell Road, Kampala).

Final programme, as of 12 June 2017

Co-organised by the Pan-African Climate Justice Alliance (PACJA) and CARE International

Background

The [Green Climate Fund \(GCF\)](#) was established in accordance with Article 11 of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) as an operating entity of the financial mechanism under the Convention towards addressing the challenges of climate change. To become the most important multilateral instrument in climate finance and to achieve its successful paradigm shift towards a low carbon and climate resilient development pathway, it is important that the GCF focuses on delivering transformational projects and programmes especially in developing countries. This ambition could only be achieved if a wide societal consensus and proactive, critical but constructive role of Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) is enabled within the Fund processes.

Strengthening the engagement of civil society actors and organisations from Africa in the GCF processes at the national level is an important step to scale-up existing CSOs capacities to advocate for ambitious proposals, bring on-the-ground expertise to the table and ensure accountability of GCF-funded activities by national authorities through a broader societal mobilisation for transformation and better impacts. Furthermore, African CSOs can as well play a relevant role in the international aspects of the GCF, such as during Board meetings discussions, given that just few African civil society representatives are currently engaged at that level.

Objectives

- Share knowledge and experience on GCF readiness and engagement matters from various African countries, including from civil society organisations and national authorities
- Inform about the objectives and activities of the CSOs readiness to the GCF project
- Learn about recent development and challenges around the GCF activities and processes
- Identify effective strategies to overcome barriers for CSO engagement and increase the impact that African civil society can play on GCF matters
- Agree ways of working together to enhance exchange across the region, and develop a road map to guide activities at the national level conducted by civil society organisations.

Provisional programme

Day 1, Tuesday, 20 June 2017

1230-1300 Arrival and registration of participants

1300-1400 Lunch buffet

Familiarising with country sheet exhibition: Participants with deeper insights into GCF matters in their countries highlight key aspects (GCF facts, CSO opportunities and concerns) at larger paper sheets to be put on the wall:

Malawi, Kenya, Uganda, Rwanda, Madagascar, Zambia, Tanzania, Zimbabwe

Session 1: Mapping the GCF landscape globally and in Africa

1400-1500 ***Welcome and round of introduction***

Welcome by representatives from PACJA Uganda and CARE Uganda

Organisers briefly introduce the GCF CSO readiness project and key learnings from the Pan-African workshop (held on 5 November 2016, in Morocco)

Julius Karanja, PACJA/ **Sven Harmeling**, CARE

Participants introduce themselves and map key expectations and learning objectives on paper cards, to put on wall

1500-1600 ***Green Climate Fund: What is the state of play?***

Overview presentation (15 min) on GCF basics/key upcoming issues: **Sven Harmeling**, CARE

Q&A session with **Julius Karanja Mbatia** (PACJA), **Emmanuel Seck**, (ENDA Energie), and **Arsema Andagatchew** (CDKN Ethiopia) capturing of key questions and responses, identification of areas of deeper discussion

Moderation: Sven Harmeling, Note-taking: Aldwin Mtembezeka, CARE Malawi

1600-1630 *Coffee break*

1630-1800 ***The GCF state of play in Africa***

Overview presentation (15 min) on approved GCF projects in Africa, readiness approach, key institutions etc.: **Julius Karanja Mbatia**, PACJA

Key findings and lessons from Central and West-Africa regional workshop (May 2017) (15 min): **Emmanuel Seck**, ENDA Energie (Senegal)

Learning from engaging with other climate funds: Adaptation Fund (15 min): **Julia Grimm**, Germanwatch; **Fazal Issa**, ForumCC Tanzania

Q&A session and capturing of key questions and responses, identification of areas of deeper discussion

Moderation: Sven Harmeling, CARE; Note-taking: Aldwin Mtembezeka, CARE Malawi

1800 Dinner reception

Day 2, Wednesday, 21 June 2017 (CSO only)

900-930 Recap of day 1 with participant inputs, check of agenda for day 2: **Julius Karanja Mbatia**, PACJA

Session 2: Sharing experience on in-country work, challenges and opportunities

930-1030 Sharing experience from in-country work

“Teaser” Presentations (10 min each) on the state of play in Malawi (Julius Ng’oma, CISONTECC), Rwanda (Serge Nsengimana, ACNR), Ghana (Chibez Ezekiel, KASA), Uganda (N.N.), Madagascar (Zo Lalaina Rokotobe, Conservation International)

1030-1100 Coffee break (incl. engagement with the above country presenters)

1100-1230 (3) Parallel break-out groups to deepen knowledge-sharing based on the above (and potentially other) country examples, identify key approaches and strategies and recommend practices that work, prepare 2-3 outcome slides

Group 1:

Input (10 min): Kenya (Psamson Nzioki, Transparency International)

Group 2:

Input (10 min): Ethiopia (Arsema Andargatchew, CDKN)

Group 3:

Input (10 min): Senegal (Emmanuel Seck, ENDA)

Moderator and note-taker to be identified in each group

1230-1300 **Plenary session with short (2-3 slides) report backs from the break-out groups on key issues and strategies identified**

1300-1400 Lunch break

Session 3: Towards effective CSO engagement

1400-1530 Plenary fishbowl discussion on impactful GCF engagement strategies, synergies with other programmes etc.

Moderation: Sven Harmeling, CARE; Note-taking: Julius Ng’oma, CISONTECC, Malawi

1530-1600 Coffee break

- 1600-1730 How to work together effectively in the region?
30 minutes small groups of 5-6, then joint discussion
Small groups self-moderated
Discussion moderation: Chibeze Ezekiel, KASA; Note-taking: Crispus Mugambi, CARE Kenya
- 1830 *Participants dinner*

Day 3, Thursday, 22 June 2017

Session 4: Mapping the way forward for effective CSO engagement in Eastern and Southern Africa

- 900-1100 *Development of a road map to guide CSO-led activities at the national level; workshop assessment against participant expectations; Wrap-up and outlook, agreement on collaborative actions*

All participants, moderated by Sven Harmeling, CARE; note-taking Fazal Issa, ForumCC

- 1100-1130 *Coffee break*

Session 5: Getting ready for the GCF: a joint opportunity for effective climate action

- 1130-1300 *Open exchange with representatives of the Government of Uganda, UNDP (as implementing agency of GCF Uganda project, etc.)*

The GCF in Uganda's climate finance strategy: Mr Andrew Masaba, MoFPED, Government of Uganda

Presentation Uganda GCF project and next steps for implementation: Mr Allan Kasagga, NEMA

Key learnings and take-aways from workshop: Julius Karanja, PACJA, NN/Uganda?

Q&A
- 1300-1400 *Farewell lunch*