EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Conducting a policy analysis on bottlenecks challenges and opportunities around the extent to which climate financing programs match needs identified for a just recovery

About PACJA

The Pan-African Climate Justice Alliance (PACJA) is a coalition of more than 1500 organizations from 52 African countries that are united in their commitment to promote climate and environmental justice, adaptation and mitigation strategies at country, continental and global levels. Founded in 2008, PACJA seeks to create a global environment free from the threat of climate change with sustainable development, equity, and justice for all. The Alliance aims at achieving this through developing and promoting pro-poor development and equity-based positions relevant for Africa in the International climate change dialogue and related processes.

Background

Climate finance is rapidly becoming the defining issue of fight against climate change. Countries are elaborating Long Term Strategies and Nationally Determined Contributions and donor countries are under extreme pressure to meet the pledge of delivering USD 100 bn per annum by 2023 (three years late) and agreeing the New Collective Quantified Goal on climate finance from 2025 onwards.

Fair and equitable access to this finance is going to be vitally important to ensure that financial resources reach all sectors of society and addresses both mitigation and adaptation needs. Raising awareness and building-in processes for fair and equitable access is critical to ensure that women, girls, youth and vulnerable groups have access to these funds and can bring their skills and contributions to the fight against climate change.

The issue to be addressed is fair and equitable access to climate finance. Currently access to climate finance is via multi-lateral institutional such as GCF, GEF and AF, competitive initiatives such as IKI and ACCF calls for proposals and smaller scale bilateral funds. The bulk of climate finance goes to mitigation projects (typically renewable energy) and climate proofing of infrastructure. Often recipients of funds are Governments and private sector actors who can receive grants, loans, guarantees from development banks such as the World Bank, USAID and other international development organisations. Many grants and loans are typically in the range of USD 10 or 50 million. However, many adaptation projects do not yield revenues and so they are not suitable for private sectors investors who cannot receive grants and large funds and this is one place where there are fundamental issues and bottlenecks.

Consequently, access to climate finance is neither fair nor equitable and the result is that women, girls, youth and vulnerable peoples are missing out even though in many cases they bear a disproportionate share of the impacts of climate change.

This research, therefore, calls for global, bilateral and national climate finance flow architecture and climate change financing policies to integrate climate justice considerations in the design and implementation of climate adaptation programmes.
Study Objectives

To provide a better understanding of the barriers and opportunities for channelling finance in a fairer and more equitable manner.

Specific Objectives

- Review and critique relevant published materials and data/information on climate finance and provide a working definition.
- Provide an overview of the interrelationship between climate finance and climate justice principles.
- Identify gaps in financing structures and identify opportunities/entry points for intervention with particular reference to gender, equity, access, availability, affordability, and awareness.
- Provide a critique of the role of climate finance in current policies and programs in a select number of countries in Africa.
- Conduct case studies to evaluate through gendered impacts, access to finance, equity and fairness, solutions and systems approaches to improving financing facility especially for women and girls.

The main deliverable:
The following are the main deliverables expected

- Guidelines for mainstreaming gender, equitable access into funding proposals.
- Critical reflections in a policy brief that contribute to expanding the narrative on the metrics that are currently used by donors and banks adding depth and discourse on fair and equitable finance.
- Recommendations on strategies that will help to address gender and ensure fair and equitable access to climate finance in country strategy papers.
- One policy brief on gender sensitive climate financing

Provisional Time Schedule

The provisional time schedule for this study is two weeks from 16th June, Confidentiality Statement

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Submission of the Technical proposal

PACJA and on behalf of the project invites proposals from eligible consultants. These proposals should be submitted electronically or by hard copy. Acceptable formats include Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel, and PDF. Technical proposal to undertake the consultancy, all applications should be sent info@pacja.org copying ann.kobia@pacja.org by 16th June, 2023.
The technical proposal should include the following information:

1. Consultant’s specific experience (please attach CVs of the key personnel to be deployed
2. Description of methodology to be adopted for each component.
3. A work plan and time frame.
4. A budget indicating fees and costs for logistics.