

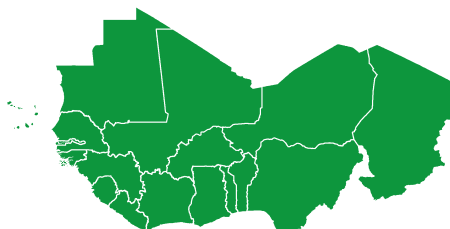


**Global Climate Change Alliance Plus
project
- West Africa component -
GCCA+ WA**



**REPORT OF ACTIVITIES 2021
Summary**

ECOWAS area (15 countries) + Chad and Mauritania :



Types of activities and result 2021

Project activities



Achievements 2021



Target objectives in 2022

1



Strengthen institutional leadership of ECOWAS on climate, through the emergence of regional strategies and community mechanisms for member countries.

1- Operationalisation of the ECOWAS Interdepartmental Committee on the Environment (ICDE) which includes all the sectoral directorates of the Commission ;

In 2021: 3 meetings of the ICDE to steer the development process of the ECOWAS Regional Climate Strategy.

2- Development of the RCS including a first regional consultation of Member States and regional stakeholders in 2021.

3- Organisation at COP26 of two side-events on the added value of the regional level in the fight against climate change, with the European Union, the African Union, the ACP Secretariat, ECOWAS, CILSS and Member States.

4- Support for the ECOWAS Heads of State Climate Declaration in late 2021.



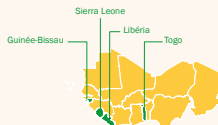
A regional climate strategy to catalyse regional climate action and support the implementation of the Paris Agreement in West Africa.

A multi-sectoral climate coordination mechanism.

2



Support the operational implementation by countries of their commitments under the Paris Agreement.



1- Pilot support for the implementation and review of nationally determined contributions (NDCs) in 4 countries (Guinea Bissau, Liberia, Sierra Leone, Togo)

- Guinea Bissau: support to the Ministry of Environment and Biodiversity in the diagnosis of the implementation of the NDC and the definition of the roadmap for the revision of the 2020 NDC ;
- Sierra Leone: support to the Environmental Protection Agency in the collection and analysis of climate change adaptation data and the revision of its NDC ;
- Liberia: Supporting the Environmental Protection Agency in the organisation of a national dialogue on climate change ;
- Togo: support to the Ministry of the Environment and Forest Resources for the territorialisation of the NDC.

2- Dissemination of the capitalisation review «Stories of NDCs in West Africa», whose first issue is pre-faced by Sékou Sangaré, ECOWAS Commissioner.



4 countries supported in implementing and revising their NDCs

Dissemination of good climate practices in West Africa.

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Target objectives in 2022

3



Support information and research on climate-related data and impacts.

1- Updating and harmonisation of hydroclimatological databases using HYDROMET and CLIDATA software in Benin, Mauritania, Gambia, Nigeria, Senegal and Togo, with the support of the CILSS and software training of 64 executives of the ministries in charge of environment and water resources.

2- Continued work on carbon monitoring measurements and 4 PhD theses on carbon monitoring in 4 forest sites representative of forest ecosystems in West Africa (Benin, Niger, Burkina-Faso and Ghana).

3- Supervising the design of a digital library of low-carbon good agro-ecological practices that are resilient and sober in West Africa.



17 countries with up-to-date, harmonised hydroclimatological databases

Published scientific references on carbon measurements in West African forests

A regional digital platform for sharing climate-integrated agro-ecological best practices

4



Building the capacity of national negotiators, creating a regional working group and developing common regional positions.

1- Deployment of the ECOWAS Regional Support Group for International Climate Negotiations (GRANIC).

2- Analysis and briefing on the region's priorities (climate finance, transparency, adaptation, loss and damage, mitigation & ambition).

3- Co-facilitation of 2 regional workshops bringing together the UNFCCC focal points of the 15 ECOWAS Member States to prepare the COP26.

4- Support for the publication of a joint ECOWAS-UEMOA-CILSS communiqué expressing the region's expectations of COP26.

5- Accompaniment of Member States by ECOWAS GRANIC at COP26 in Glasgow to promote common positions during the negotiations.



Functional operation of a Climate Negotiation Regional Support Group.

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Strengthen the provision of degree courses on climate change in the region, including digital learning.



1- Support to 23 students to follow the Professional Master in Climate Change and Sustainable Development (MCCSD) : 10 countries of the ECOWAS-CILSS area represented ;

A total of 48 students trained in two classes, 120% of the original target.



At least 40 professionals graduate with a master's degree on climate change.



2- Publication of the barometer on e-learning on climate change in West Africa.

3- Validation of a capacity building plan via digital learning on climate change in West Africa.



Design of a regional e-learning centre on climate change.



Supporting innovation in climate-smart agriculture for sustainable development through the support of pilot field projects.



1- 15 pilot projects launched by ECOWAS and in progress; Design of a regional capitalisation on the success factors of climate adaptation in partnership with the PAE project (Agroecology Programme ; AFD-EU) - 30 projects in the 17 ECOWAS countries CILSS.

2- Covering 1,100 hectares with climate-smart approaches and technologies;

3- Already 18,000 producers adopting good climate-smart farming practices have promoted pilot projects.



15 adaptation pilot projects, including solutions based on an eco-systems approach, funded to the tune of €3.2 million and capitalised at national and regional level to feed into ECOWAP and the ECOWAS regional climate strategy.

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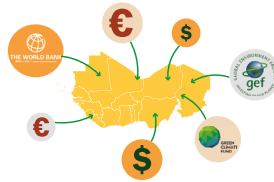


Target objectives in 2022

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Facilitating access to climate finance.



- 1- Support to the ECOWAS Bank for Investment and Development (EBID) for its accreditation to the Green Climate Fund (GCF).
- 2- Support for the preparation of the Regional Food and Agriculture Agency (RAAA) Financial Management Capacity Assessment (FMCA) to expand the base of GFC fiduciary agents (Delivery Partners) in the region.
- 3- Submission of the application for accreditation of ECOWAS as an observer member of the Green Climate Fund.
- 4- Finalisation of a 1st draft concept note for a regional project on the resilience of agro-pastoral systems in West Africa for submission to the GCF.
- 5- Support initiation of the regional financial instrument “West African Initiative for Climate Smart Agriculture (WAICSA)” by supporting the development of its communication plan.

Climate finance flows in the region are monitored to harness and direct them effectively.



4 climate projects developed and submitted for funding.

Regional endogenous capacity to mobilise climate funds strengthened.

