



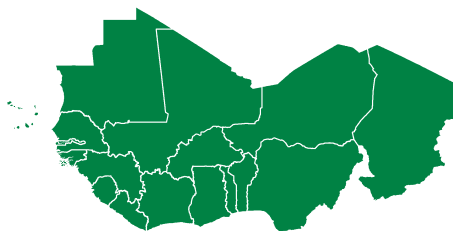
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**Global Climate Change Alliance Plus
project
- West Africa component -
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**REPORT OF ACTIVITIES 2020
Summary**

ECOWAS area (15 countries) + Chad and Mauritania :



Types of activities and result 2020

Project activities



Achievements 2020



Target objectives in 2022

1



Strengthen institutional leadership of ECOWAS on climate by developing regional strategies and community mechanisms for Member States.



- 1- Designed and distributed the [ECOWAS Guide to implementation of the Paris Agreement](#).
- 2- Supported the creation of an Interdepartmental Committee on the Environment at the ECOWAS Commission, also covering climate change, and established an ad hoc steering committee to draft the ECOWAS regional climate strategy.

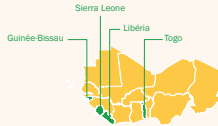


A regional climate strategy for implementation of the Paris Agreement.

2



Support operational implementation by States of the commitments they made at the time of the Paris Agreement.



- 1- Started work on drafting the ECOWAS regional climate strategy.
- 2- Conducted analysis to inform revision of the NDC for Guinea Bissau: updated the “baseline” in order to develop targets for greenhouse gas emissions and adaptation for 2020-2030.
- 3- Specified pilot support for Togo on (i) integrating climate change into methodology for developing Municipal Development Plans (PDCs), and (ii) setting indicators to monitor the NDC at the municipal level.



4 countries supported in implementing and revising their NDCs.

3



Support research and information on data relating to climate and its impacts.



- 1- Performed carbon monitoring at the three pilot sites representative of West African ecosystems (Benin, Burkina Faso and Niger).
- 2- Started work on four doctoral theses on carbon monitoring in Benin, Niger, Burkina Faso and Ghana.



1- 7 countries with up-to-date hydro-climatological data in 2022.

2- 4 pilot carbon sites set up to strengthen MRV (measurement, verification and reporting) systems (collecting data to monitor the evolution of countries' greenhouse gas emissions).

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Build the capacities of national negotiators, establish a regional task force and develop common regional positions.



Launched initial call for experts to form the first 2021 cohort of the ECOWAS Regional Support Group for International Climate Negotiations (GRANIC).



Functional operation of a Climate Negotiation Regional Support Group.

5



Provide diploma courses on climate change in the region, including e-learning.



1- Trained first cohort of 25 students on the professional Master's degree course in Climate Change and Sustainable Development: 10 countries represented.

2- Launched second cohort of degree course in September 2020: 23 students, including 20 funded by the GCCA+ West Africa project.

Total of 48 students trained – 120% of the initial target of 40



At least 40 professionals achieving master's degrees.



Updated analysis of supply and demand for digital learning on climate change, in the context of COVID-19.



At least 2000 students and learners.

6



Finance pilot projects in climate-smart agriculture for sustainable development, by launching a call for projects.



Selected 11 new projects in 7 countries for total funding of €2.3 million, following second call in May 2020 for innovative projects in smallholder climate-smart agriculture in West Africa.

Total of 15 pilot projects selected (100% of target), with total budget of €3.2 million, in 11 countries in the ECOWAS-CILSS zone



15 pilot adaptation projects, including solutions based on an ecosystem approach, funded to the tune of €3.5 million and implemented.

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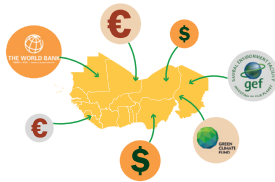
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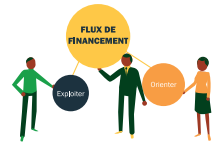
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Target objectives in 2022



1- Published the [first mapping of climate finance flows to the ECOWAS-CILSS zone.](#)



1- Getting a better grasp of climate finance flows in the region to direct and make use of them more effectively.



Facilitate access to climate finance.

2- Supported the ECOWAS Bank for Investment and Development (EBID) in applying for accreditation from the Green Climate Fund.



3- Contributed to implementing the regional finance instrument West African Initiative for Climate-Smart Agriculture (WAICSA).



2-4 climate projects put together and submitted for funding.



4- Trained 82 executive staff from various sectors in 10 countries, in developing projects eligible for the Green Climate Fund.



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