

Introducing the ACPC

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This presentation covers:

- Background to the ACPC
- Background to ClimDev-Africa
- The ACPC work programme
- Next steps



The situation:

- The evidence of climate change is unequivocal
- Concerted and urgent action is needed, particularly in Africa

Our goal:

- Making development more sustainable and managing associated climate risks, for the benefit of the majority of Africans

What we do:

- Undertake activities that inform decision making at various levels on how to achieve this



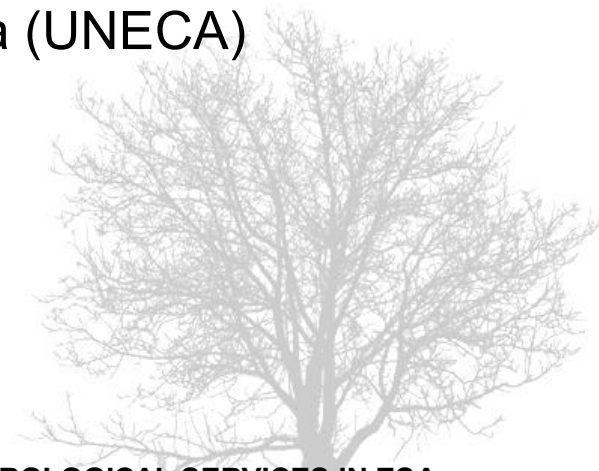
Background

The African Climate Policy Centre (ACPC) is:

- A hub for demand driven climate change and development knowledge, advocacy and capacity mobilisation & building
- Based at UNECA in Addis Ababa
- Part of the Climate for Development of Africa programme (ClimDev-Africa)

ClimDev-Africa is a joint programme of the:

- African Union Commission (AUC)
 - Climate Change and Desertification Programmes Coordination Unit (CCDU)
- United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA)
 - the ACPC
- African Development Bank (AfDB)
 - the ClimDev-Special Fund



The ACPC core team is composed of:

- multidisciplinary and multicultural professionals and experts, covering:
 - energy, water, agriculture, economics, climate science, political science, statistics, adaptation and risk management, communications

Most staff will be based in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Some staff will be deployed in the five sub-regions to be closer to:

- Sub-Regional Offices (SROs)
- Regional Economic Communities (RECs)
- Other regional and sub-regional institutions and countries

The centre will be supported by expertise from:

- various UNECA divisions
- strategic partners
- consultants and experts in specific disciplines



Three partners have funded initial ACPC activities

- The Department for International Development (DFID), United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
- The Government of Sweden
- The Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA)

Others have pledged resources

- e.g. the European Union



ClimDev-Africa Programme

The ClimDev-Africa programme aims to:

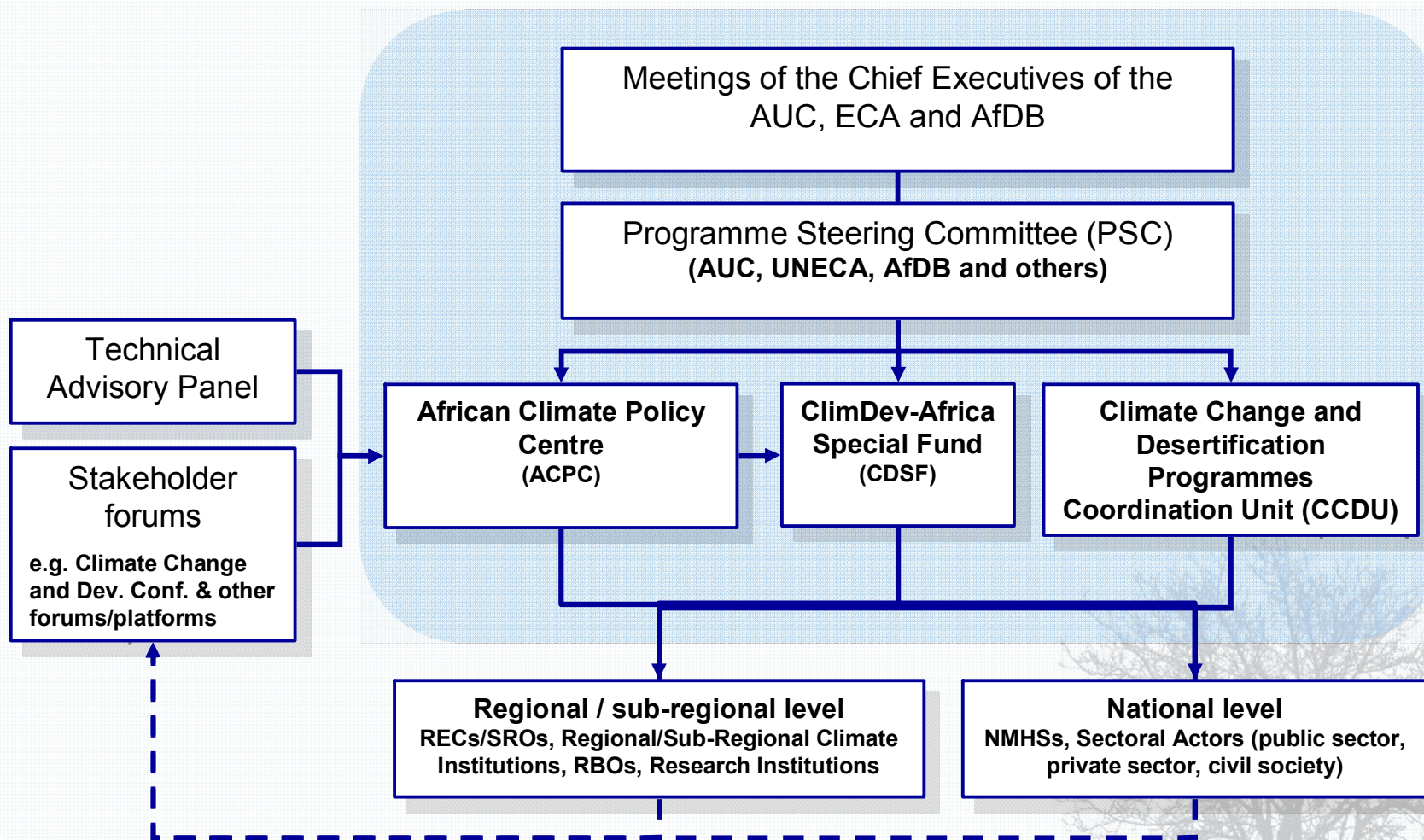
- improve climate information for Africa and the use of such information for decision-making by:
 - strengthening analytical capacity
 - knowledge management
 - disseminating relevant information

ClimDev-Africa (incl. ACPC) is under the governance of:

- The ClimDev-Africa Programme Steering Committee (PSC), consisting of:
 - AUC
 - UNECA
 - AfDB
 - and others



ClimDev-Africa Programme



Work programme

The ACPC work programme is based on the:

- ClimDev-Africa Framework Programme Document
- ACPC Project Paper

The ACPC work programme addresses needs drawn from the:

- African Ministerial Conference on the Environment (AMCEN)
- Conference of African Heads of State and Government on Climate Change (CAHOSCC) and climate change negotiators
- United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and related instruments (UNFCCC)
- United Nations Secretary General's High-level Advisory Group on Climate Change Financing (AGF)
- The Cancun Agreements
- African Development Forum VII
- Global Climate Observation System (GCOS)
- MoU's with donors and discussions with partner organizations
- Africa-EU Climate Change Partnership



Work programme

The ACPC has three broad areas of activity:

1. Knowledge generation, sharing and networking
2. Advocacy and consensus building
3. Advisory services and technical cooperation



Knowledge generation...

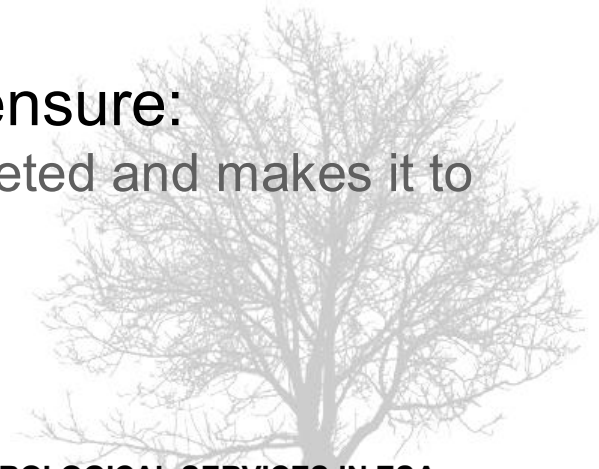
The ACPC is addressing:

- African challenges and opportunities for climate finance, including:
 - Fast Start Finance
 - The Green Climate Fund
 - Long Term Financing
- Mitigation in the context of Africa, including:
 - the development of national or sub-regional strategies on low carbon economy
- Adaptation, including:
 - the implementation of AMCEN sub-regional and national adaptation strategies
 - the creation of an adaptation and vulnerability knowledge base,
 - an assessment of the economics of climate adaptation in Africa (AdaptCost)
- Technology transfer, including:
 - a technology transfer needs assessment that maps out models of technology transfer for Africa
- Its website, including:
 - the development of a knowledge management platform to:
 - support climate policy discussions
 - act as a hub for climate change and policy communities



The ACPC will:

- Hold a Climate Change and Development Conference to:
 - enhance awareness on climate change in Africa
- Prepare for, and participate in, the Conference of Parties to the Convention on Climate Change 17 (COP17) with the aim of ensuring:
 - Africa's key concerns in climate change are brought to the fore
- Develop a communications strategy to ensure:
 - Climate and development information is targeted and makes it to all relevant audiences



Capacity mobilisation...

The ACPC will:

- Evaluate and enhance climate information systems across Africa, such as:
 - hydrological and meteorological data and information systems
- Strengthen Measurement, Reporting and Verification (MRV) systems across Africa
- Establish a fellowship programme

Next steps

Elaborating on the ACPC work programme:

- Through consultations with:
 - Countries
 - Regional Economic Communities (RECs)
 - Sub-regional organisations
 - African climate change negotiators
 - International organisations
- Discussing needs and priorities
- Identifying gaps and activities to address these

Implementing the work programme:

- Initiating activities
- Forming partnerships
- Delivering outputs



Going forward together

ESA Workshop: Enhancing Meteorological Service Delivery

- This workshop will inform the ACPC work programme, e.g. in the areas of:
 - Climate Data and Information Systems
 - Adaptation – vulnerability and adaptation knowledge base
 - Climate finance – eg linking to upgrading met networks
 - Establish partnerships for specific project, capacity building, etc
- Following the workshop the ACPC will:
 - review the Eastern and Southern Climate Change Strategy
 - continue a dialogue with the ESA and other sub-regional community on priorities and relevant actions
 - Co-implement programme and projects

Thank you

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