West African Alliance on Carbon Markets and Climate Finance

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Objectives of the Alliance

“We have to make carbon markets accessible for West African countries to make sure least developed countries do not miss the train under the Paris Agreement as they did with the CDM”

(Ousmane Fall Sarr, Coordinator)

1. Foster active participation by West African delegates in the UNFCCC negotiations

2. Promote access to market mechanisms and climate finance opportunities

3. Pilot the transition of CDM related capacities and activities to the Paris Agreement context

4. Support Article 6 pilot experiences in the sub region
Current status of implementation

The Alliance currently comprises Benin, Cape Verde, Cote d'Ivoire, The Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Liberia, Burkina Faso, Sierra Leone, Senegal and Togo.
Organisation

Strategic guidance

- Steering Committee
  Coordinator, Secretariat, Donors, thematic working group chairs
- Member meeting

Implementation coordination

- Alliance Coordinator

Technical Working Groups

- Financial Partner
  RCC Lomé/BOAD
- Alliance Secretariat
  ENDA Energie, supported by Climate Focus
- Alliance National Focal Points

- Carbon Markets and Carbon Pricing
- Climate Finance
- Transparency
- Technology Transfer

Technical Partners: Climate Focus, EEA, DIA, AERA, Perspectives
Activities - Workshops

- First workshop on market mechanisms and NDC implementation, Dakar, January 2018
- Second workshop on Article 6 negotiations, Lomé, July 2018
Activities – Representation in UNFCCC negotiations and side events

• Up to 5 members supported to participate in international events (I4C, ACF, SBSTA, COP)

• Alliance side events
Activities – Art 6 readiness support

• Tender among member countries

• Nigeria and Togo selected for support
  • Workshops for national stakeholders
  • Institutional capacity building
  • CDM transition
Experiences and challenges to date

• Very fast growth of the Alliance (start in Nov 2017)
• Key role played by regional organizations (RCC Lomé, BOAD and ENDA Energie)
• Setting up the structure of the Alliance is time and resource intense
• Alliance has seen strong member commitment to invest time and energy into activities (essential)
• Value added to West African countries through strengthened coordination and preparation for the negotiations
• Relevant contribution of the Alliance in linking negotiations with domestic issues and connecting the dots between different negotiation streams
• Potential to forge new partnerships
Thank you.

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