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EAST AFRICAN BANKERS' FORUM

Draft Concept Note

The purpose of this concept note is to describe a proposed outreach event on climate finance for representatives of public and private financial institutions of the East African region to be held under the joint sponsorship of the regional office in Kampala of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), and possibly other partners such as GIZ, the German cooperation services organisation.

The event, **the Climate Finance and Investment Forum in East Africa**, would be organized jointly by the UNFCCC Secretariat, the East African Development Bank (EADB), UNEP, its collaborating centre, the UNEP Risoe Centre on Energy, Climate and Sustainable Development (URC), and possible additional partners such as GIZ.

This note is a working document to help advance the preparation of the Forum by interested partners.

OBJECTIVE OF THE FORUM

The Forum's objective is to inform representatives of the financial sector in East Africa of the latest developments and achievements with regard to climate finance in order to facilitate and enhance the finance of climate change mitigation [and adaptation] projects in the region by both public and private institutions.

OVERVIEW

The Forum would be organized over two days in Kampala and gather approx. 100 participants from the region. Proposed date for the event could be in the second half of September 2014 (Week of September 22).

Preliminary programme, budget and participant list are presented below.

PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME

It is proposed that the Forum combines a series of lectures by experts, together with an exhibition area for a few exhibitors such as the sponsor organisations, private sector financial institutions, and project developers.

Sessions would cover a wide variety of climate finance subjects. Note that the aim of the planned events is to provide information to bank representatives that meets their actual interests and needs and are relevant for their activities. The programme proposed below, based on the one adopted for a similar event to be hold in June 2014 with the Lomé regional centre of the UNFCCC Secretariat, will be adapted where necessary to the requests of the anticipated audience.

DAY 1	
Session 1	Introductions by Host country and Partners' Officials Opening ceremony with interventions
Session 2	International climate finance and the UNFCCC framework Climate change and the UNFCCC framework - Current issues in international negotiations - the UNFCCC regional centre in Kampala
	Coffee break
Session 3	Climate finance instruments: Opportunities for Africa Taking stock of the CDM emerging regional and national carbon markets - NAMA and other UNFCCC new market mechanisms - REDD+
	Lunch
Session 4	Public financial institutions and climate finance How public finance institutions contribute to climate finance, what instruments are available (loans, guarantee facilities, refinancing lines, technical assistance, investment funds, etc.)
Session 5	Presentation from regional climate change projects
	Coffee break and networking

DAY 2	
Session 6	The role of a private financial institutions in enabling sustainable development Sustainable banking and business opportunities – Managing environmental and social risk — Large scale clean energy projects - clean energy SMEs & End-users finance – voluntary carbon market
Session 7	Examining the opportunities in emerging African investment funds Clean energy investment funds will present their investment strategies
	Coffee time
Session 8	Clean energy finance: the case study of South Africa The South African government renewable energy policy – The South African Independent Producer Procurement Programme - The role of private sector finance
	Lunch
Session 9	Renewable energy project finance Regional actors will present successful case studies and discuss means to overcome barriers and challenges
	Forum closure
	Final coffee time and networking

PRELIMINARY BUDGET

The budget below has been prepared to the best of our estimates and to serve as a working piece. Total preliminary budget is US\$ 68,000 on the basis of 100 participants, half of it being devoted to support to selected participants.

Item	Amounts in US\$
Venue and Hospitality for 100 participants for 2 days: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - lunch for participants (two) - coffee breaks (four) - projector and internet access 	12,000 (In-kind contribution by partners?)
Speakers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - UNFCCC, EADB, UNEP, URC, GIZ and other possible partners - Expert speakers: 5 experts (flight ticket @US\$2,000, hotel & DSA & terminal expenses @US\$600 each) 	In-kind contribution by partners 13,000
Support to selected participants' expenses: 30 participants (flight ticket @US\$500, hotel & DSA & terminal expenses @US\$600 each)	33,000
Communication <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Website for registration - Participants folders – banners – internet access - etc. - Translation (English/Portuguese)? - Media coverage 	5,000
Others	5,000

PRELIMINARY PARTICIPANT LIST

Below is a preliminary list of stakeholders to be invited to attend the Forum. This preliminary list is to be reviewed by partners based on their contacts and knowledge in the region.

Financial support would be given to selected participants under circumstances to be agreed upon by organizing partners.

- Representatives of Ministries and other public institutions in Uganda
- Public financial institutions
- Investment funds
- Private sector financial institutions in Uganda
- Private sector financial institutions in neighbouring countries in East Africa
- Low carbon private sector organizations
- Clean energy project developers of the region
- Development organisations
- Organising partners
- Media