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Regional Strategic reflection for Climate Action and the Launch of the GCCA + West Africa Project (GCCA + WA)

1 Background and rationale

Given the urgency of climate change for the West African region, ECOWAS considers that "ACTING TOGETHER" in line with regional solidarity, will reduce its vulnerability to the consequences of climate change, not to risk that current policies and initiatives fail at reaching expected effects and impacts. It is, therefore, necessary to operate the regional levers to facilitate the implementation of the Paris Agreement, knowing that Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) are one of the cross-cutting main tools for leading climate action in West African countries.

To this end, ECOWAS has identified potential actions to support member states in accordance with the mandate of regional institutions, and with contribution of all actors including technical and financial partners: (i) pooling efforts to create economies of scale, (ii) strengthening regional leadership, particularly in terms of negotiations, (iii) regional capitalization on public policies and innovative practices, and (iii) support for national policy initiatives and orientations.

It is in this context that the project of the Global Climate Change Alliance plus (GCCA +) West Africa is implemented. Funded for 12.1 million euros by the European Union (EU), it is implemented by Expertise France for a period of five years (2018-2022), under the leadership of ECOWAS which ensures the project ownership, and in partnership with CILSS which directly implements part of the activities.

The project aims at contributing to the West African regional effort to implement the Paris Climate Agreement through the levers mentioned above, and especially by building the capacities of regional institutions but also supporting the emergence of innovative field solutions to strengthen the climate resilience of agricultural and rural actors.

The year 2018 focused on the prefiguration of the project, during which a regional diagnosis has been produced to assess the implementation of the Paris Agreement and the capacity building needs of the countries with regards to implementing their NDCs.

For the first year of implementation, the key milestones **are to launch activities related to the implementation of the Paris Agreement and the negotiations**, to fund field initiatives through a **call for**

proposals of projects, and to prepare activities to facilitate access to climate finance. The CILSS will implement the activities regarding climate information analysis and diploma courses on climate change.

It is in this context that ECOWAS wishes to bring together all stakeholders around an event that is the cornerstone of coordinated regional climate action. This event, in several stages, appears as an opportunity to proceed with the large-scale institutional launch of the GCCA + WA project, to exploit the synergies between actors to coordinate the regional climate action, and to start more broadly the debate around the regional climate strategy which is a key activity of 2019. The launching part of GCCA+ West Africa will therefore be a preamble.

2 Part I - Institutional launch of the GCCA + West Africa project

2.1 Overall objective

The objective of the launch is to encourage the adhesion and the appropriation of the GCCA + WA project stakeholders, which is essential to create a regional and political emulation around the project and its ambitions.

2.2 Specific objectives

- ⇒ Officially launch the GCCA + AO project,
- ⇒ Present the context of intervention: from the first GCCA to the Paris Agreement, through the regional diagnosis,
- ⇒ Present the outline of the project: approach, ambitions, key activities, governance.

2.3 Date and schedule

The launch will take place on the morning of **Thursday, July 25, in Lomé** in hotel Sarakawa.

The proposed schedule is the following:

Schedule	ACTIVIITIES	RESPONSIBLE/SPEAKERS
Jour 1 – 25/07		
08h00-09h00	Reception	RAAF
Opening ceremony		
9:00 – 09:15	Address by the Minister of the Environment of Togo	MERF Togo
09:15-09:30	CAERE launch speech	ECOWAS
09:30-09:45	Speech by CEO/ARAA	RAAF
9:30 - 9:45	Speech by CILSS	CILSS
9:45 – 10:00	Speech by EF	EF
10:00-10:15	Address by DUE/ Secrétariat ACP	DUE/ Secrétariat ACP
10:15-10:30	Artistic interlude	PCU
10 :30-10 :45	Introduction of PCU staff	PCU
10 :45-11 :00	Family photo	PCU
11 :00-11 :30	Coffee break	RAAF
PRESENTATION OF THE CONTEXT AND THE PROJECT		
11 :30-11 :45	Introduction: from the first to the second phase of GCCA	PCU
11 :45-12 :15	The achievements of the first phase	CILSS
12 :15-13 :00	Regional diagnosis on the implementation of the Paris Agreement	PCU
13 :00-13 :30	GCCA+ WA project overview	PCU
13 :30-14 :30	Lunch	RAAF

3 Part II - Workshop: Regional Strategic Thinking for Climate Action of Regional Action

3.1 Overall objective

The objective of the workshop following the launching of the GCCA + West Africa project **is to startup a regional strategic reflection for climate action**, initiated by ECOWAS, which should lead to better coordination in the region and the development of a regional climate strategy. This objective is itself part of the broader framework of strengthening regional climate leadership in response to the climate emergency and the need for collective action (see preface signed by Commissioner Sangaré).

3.2 Specific objectives

- ⇒ Develop a vision for emerging regional climate leadership / political commitment,
- ⇒ Initiate reflection on a regional climate strategy at ECOWAS level: define regional ambitions and the means to achieve them,
- ⇒ Identify the role of ECOWAS, other actors and synergies to be exploited in terms of climate action,
- ⇒ Encourage the creation of a regional coordination framework for climate action.

3.3 Expected outcomes

- ⇒ Record political momentum through the "Call of Lomé"
- ⇒ Note the current baseline situation, and a list of actors/partners is established to participate in the activities, based on the initial diagnosis of the program,
- ⇒ Discuss expectations and level of ambition at the regional level,
- ⇒ Action tracks and concrete local levers are identified to answer them,
- ⇒ Identify action lines and tools for coordinating and exploiting synergies at the regional level,
- ⇒ Launch the work on the roadmap for the regional climate change strategy.

3.4 Methodology

3.4.1 *The regional level: Rationale and expectations*

After the morning presentation of the initial diagnosis on the implementation of the Paris Agreement (carried out in the second half of 2018), the second half-day will resume on the potential and expected role of the regional level.

For this, the first part of the afternoon will be devoted to an interactive plenary on **the potential contribution of ECOWAS to the implementation of the Paris Agreement**.

This plenary will be organized around 3 underlying questions to set the main orientations and the framework of this contribution:

- Why is ECOWAS's intervention is relevant/desirable?
- What would be its content: on which topics can ECOWAS play an important role?

- What means are needed (political, financial, technical, etc.) for ECOWAS to fulfill this role?

3.4.2 *Thematic declination of regional action*

The second day will be organized mainly around two sessions of group work.

For each theme, the objective is threefold:

- Identify the initial situation,
- Collectively determine the level of ambition for the region (and therefore what is expected from the regional climate strategy),
- Determine how to pool efforts for each theme.

The working methodology will focus on meeting its three objectives, and will therefore be structured according to the approach adopted for the Talanoa dialogue¹.

The working groups will be pre-defined by the GCCA + WA project team with regard to balance profiles of participants.

The first session will focus on ways to **implement the Paris Agreement**, around two working groups:

- The first group will work on supporting the establishment of a climate governance framework, targeting specific topics (eg institutional arrangements, legislative and regulatory framework, anchoring in the strategy and sectoral policies),
- The second group will focus on the means to operationalize and implement the actions planned within the NDCs, by targeting specific topics (for example: finance mobilization including public finance, structuration of programs and technologies transfer, legislative and regulatory framework).

The second session will focus on **climate action monitoring**, around two working groups:

- The first group will work on how to improve data production, collection and analysis, at regional and national level,
- The second group will work on the establishment of MRV systems for monitoring the action and support received, in accordance with the “Rulebook” adopted at the Katowice Conference for the implementation of the Agreement from Paris.

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Method of dialogue initiated by the Fijian and Moroccan Presidencies between the COP22 and 23, mainly used to encourage the countries to raise their level of ambitions. This methodology is organized around three questions: where are we? - where do we want to go? - how can we go?

3.5 Date and schedule

The workshop is scheduled **from 25th afternoon to 27th July 2019 in Lomé.**

REGIONAL STRATEGIC REFLECTION FOR CLIMATE ACTION		
14 :30-16 :30	Plenary: Can ECOWAS contribute to the implementation of the Paris Agreement?	PCU?
16 :30 – 17 :00	Closing speech of the first day : introducing “ the Call of Lomé”	CAERE
17 :00	End of day 1	
Day 2 – 26/07		
09:00-09:30	Introduction and opening of the works of Day 2	DADR/ECOWAS
09 :30-10 :30	Update of regional mapping	PCU
10 :30-11 :00	Experience sharing of an example of creation of synergies and collaboration on a regional scale A regional or international body will present an experience to serve as a reflection startup on how to leverage existing initiatives into a successful collaborative framework	TBD
11 :00-11 :30	Coffee break	RAAF
11 :30-13 :30	Session 1: Reflection on regional action on Climate Governance and Contribution to the Paris Agreement	PCU
13 :30-14 :30	Lunch	RAAF
14 :30-16 :30	Session 2: Reflection on coordination mechanisms, consolidation, and monitoring of climate action	PCU
16:30-17:30	Plenary: Restitution of group work	PCU
17 :30	End of day2	
JOUR 3 – 27/07		
09:00-09:30	Introduction and opening of the work of Day 3	DADR/ECOWAS
09 :30-11 :00	Plenary: results, recommendations and action plan from the workshop	PCU
10 :30-12 :00	Coffee break	RAAF
12 :00-13 :00	Reading and adoption by acclamation of the "Call of Lomé" and / or press conference	PCU
13 :00-13 :30	CLOSING CEREMONY	CAERE/DADR
13 :30-14 :30	Lunch	RAAF

4 Targeted audience

Around seventy people are expected to participate in the workshop:

Organization / Body	Participants number
Commissioner of the Department in charge of Agriculture, Environment and Water Resources (DAERE) of ECOWAS	01
DADR/ECOWAS	02
Environment Direction/CEDEAO	02
BIDC/ECOWAS	02
WAEMU /Environment Departement	01
Center for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency of ECOWAS (CEREC/ECREE) ;	01
Secrétariat Exécutif /Comité permanent Inter-Etats de Lutte contre la Sécheresse au Sahel (CILSS)	01
Centre Régional AGRHYMET (CRA)	02
FAO	01
CORAF	01
ICRISAT	01
Delegation of European union Burkina Faso	01
EU Brussels (DEVCO or DG Climat)	01
Delegation of the European Union Togo	01
African Center of Meteorological Application for Development (ACMAD)	01
UICN	01
WASCAL	01
Climate Analytics	01
Country representatives (Climate Change focal points)	17

Chairman of the Committee of Meteorology Directors of ECOWAS member countries	01
Expertise France International	02
Secrétariat ACP	01
The leader of the ECOWAP Donors Group: FDA (the French Development Agency)	01
NDC-Partnership ;	01
Adapt' Action	01
ADB (Africa NDC Hub)	01
UNDP/NDC Support Program	01
African Union (AU)	01
BOAD	01
GIZ	01
PNUE/CTCN(Clean Technology Center and Network)	01
RCC Regional center of collaboration LOME	01
IFAD	01
PNUE DTU Partnership	01
Focal point GCF West Africa	01
ABM (Adaptation Benefit Mechanism)	01
ROPFA (Network of Professional Farmers'Organizations of West Africa)	01
WABICC	01
Hub Rural	01
CPI	01
USAID	01
WACA –World Bank	01
Global Commission for Adaptation - WRI	01
Climate Commission for the Sahel Region	01
Regional Agency for Agriculture and Food(RAAF)	07
PCU (project coordination Unit)	05

TOTAL PARTICIPANTS	77
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