



## Joint World Bank-African Development Bank Consultation Climate Change Strategies for Africa



### Executive Summary

As part of the preparation of their respective climate change strategies, and with a view of strengthening their collaboration, the World Bank and the African Development Bank undertook joint stakeholder consultations during the period May-June 2008.

The consultations were held as follows:

- May 9: Tunis, Tunisia, hosted by African Development Bank. Participants from 24 countries from across the continent (including North Africa) attended, including civil society and private sector.
- May 26: Pretoria, South Africa, hosted by Development Bank of Southern Africa (DBSA) in partnership with SADC. Participants from 12 countries attended, including civil society.
- May 31: Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, hosted by the Government of Ethiopia, COMESA, and UNECA and held at the U.N. Conference Center. H.E. Abera Derasa, State Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development launched the consultation workshop, and participants from 15 countries including civil society attended the event.
- June 4: Dakar, Senegal, hosted by the Government of Senegal. We were honored that H.E. President Abdoulaye Wade, the Prime Minister, and the Minister of State for the Interior participated in the workshop. Participants came from 12 countries, IFC, and civil society.
- In addition to the web-based facility that permits online feedback (and which is open until June 30, 2008 and will be extended to July 31, 2008), special follow-up videoconferences are being planned for countries which could not attend the regional consultations above (e.g., Nigeria, Ghana and Liberia)

Table 1 gives the schedule and information on participation in the consultations.

The main objectives of the consultation were:

- Publicly consult on the content of the climate change strategy
- Listen to different views and obtain feedback from stakeholders as an input for informing and finalizing the strategies
- Pave the way for strengthened regional collaboration with key African institutions and development partners for implementing strategy recommendations

To help structure feedback (through group discussions), the following questions were used:

1. What do you think of the technical background underpinning each of the draft strategies presented by the World Bank and African Development Bank?

2. Please give us your views about the strategic focus of each institution's draft strategy:
  - For the World Bank, please comment on the six action pillars of the "Strategic Framework on Climate Change for Development (SFCCD)" which form the basis for the World Bank's global approach to climate change;
  - For the African Development Bank, please comment on the two strategy pillars, especially the second pillar (support to countries); is there any other priority that needs to be covered under the second pillar?
3. What are your views on the proposed measures and activities outlined in the World Bank's strategy, and what might be missing?
4. What are your views on the financing approaches outlined in the World Bank's strategy for Sub-Saharan Africa? In particular, please comment on: (i) existing sources of financing (IDA/IFC/IBRD, ADF, GEF), and particularly the role of IDA (as already reflected in IDA 15) as the main platform for funding adaptation to climate change, and (ii) proposed new instruments such as Climate Investment Funds (CIFs), Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FCPF), and the Adaptation Fund of the U.N. Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)?
5. How can each of the institution's proposed climate change strategy for Sub-Saharan Africa be implemented effectively to respond to national priorities in order to help make development climate resilient?
6. Based on your sector specific experiences and country needs, what are the key priorities and areas where you would like the World Bank and the African Development Bank to provide support on a priority basis?

The main feedback from stakeholders can be summarized through five key broad messages, summarized below, and a number of more specific ones, which are included in the more detailed feedback from each of the consultations (Annex 1-4):

### **Broad messages**

**Message 1:** Overall African countries support the strategic focus of both institutions proposed climate strategies, and welcome the initiative of undertaking joint consultations and closer collaboration.

**Message 2:** African countries are frustrated and confused about available financing for climate change and how to access it. This includes both existing instruments (e.g., GEF and CDM), as well as new instruments (e.g., Climate Investment Funds, Carbon Finance, Adaptation Fund). Moreover, countries have unanimously requested support from the WB and AfDB on this issue, as well as on help accessing more grant resources for climate change.

**Message 3:** Next to the issues of financing, African countries support a greater emphasis on capacity building of both national and regional institutions, with a priority to climate and meteorological information, as well as disaster preparedness and strategic planning.

**Message 4:** The issue of most concern to African countries is adaptation to the impacts of climate variability and change. But African countries are also willing to contribute to the mitigation agenda, but need technology and financial support to develop and make accessible renewable energy, as well as abundant coal resources.

**Message 5:** African countries would like to see WB and AfDB build on what countries have already identified as priorities in their NAPAs and PRSPS, and more attention given to community level issues.

**Message 6:** African countries welcome the country-specific components--including financing and implementation plans--and support a joint implementation of the strategies of the WB and the AfDB.

**Message 7:** While countries welcome a strong role of the WB and AfDB in the climate change agenda, they want the two development institutions to remain focused on poverty reduction in Africa.

**Table 1. Summary Information on Consultations**

Sub-Regional Meeting Location	Date	Participating Countries/Institution	Attendance
• Tunis	May 09, 2008	Burundi, Republic of Congo, Cote D'Ivoire, Djibouti, Egypt, Guinea Bissau, Madagascar, Mauritius, Mauritania, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Seychelles, Swaziland, Chad, Tanzania, Tunisia, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe	72
• Pretoria	May 26, 2008	Lesotho, Swaziland, Botswana, Malawi, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Madagascar, Maritius, Namibia, South Africa, Angola, Mozambique	78
• Addis Ababa	May 31, 2008	Burundi, Central African Republic, Republic of Congo, Comoros, DRC, Gabon, Kenya, Rwanda, Sao Tome & Principe, Sudan, Uganda, Tanzania, Ethiopia	82
• Dakar	June 04, 2008	Benin, Burkina Faso, Cote D'Ivoire, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Mali, Mauritanie, Niger, Togo,	80