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Climate Change
Fund



NEPAD Flagship Programme

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What is it?

The NEPAD Climate Change Fund provides grants to projects and activities that aim at strengthening the resilience of African countries to climate change and biodiversity conservation by building national, sub-regional and continental capacity. The current fund will run for an initial period of two years (2014-2015).

The fund supports implementation measures specifically addressing adaptation to climate change and biodiversity conservation. The fund provides grants for:

- Knowledge and capacity development for better planning of issues related to climate change, biodiversity conservation, access and benefit sharing, among others
- Identification and support of existing platforms for policy dialogue to regional coherence around climate change
- Promotion of innovative actions that serve as models for building sustainable livelihoods, environmental sustainability and climate change adaptation

Why is it needed?

Climate change and its impact on ecosystems and people will be the biggest threat to biodiversity conservation and sustainable development in Africa. The predicted impact of climate change include, shifting rainfall patterns, rising temperatures, shifts in seasons and rising sea levels.

The sectors that are most vulnerable to climate change in Africa include agriculture, water, and health; coastal areas and islands. The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change projects an economic loss of approximately 10% due to climate change. Africa is particularly vulnerable to impacts of climate variability and change because of multiple stresses and low adaptive capacity. Climate change is also closely tied to and has an impact on land use. In terms of biodiversity, there is increased vulnerability.





Its benefits

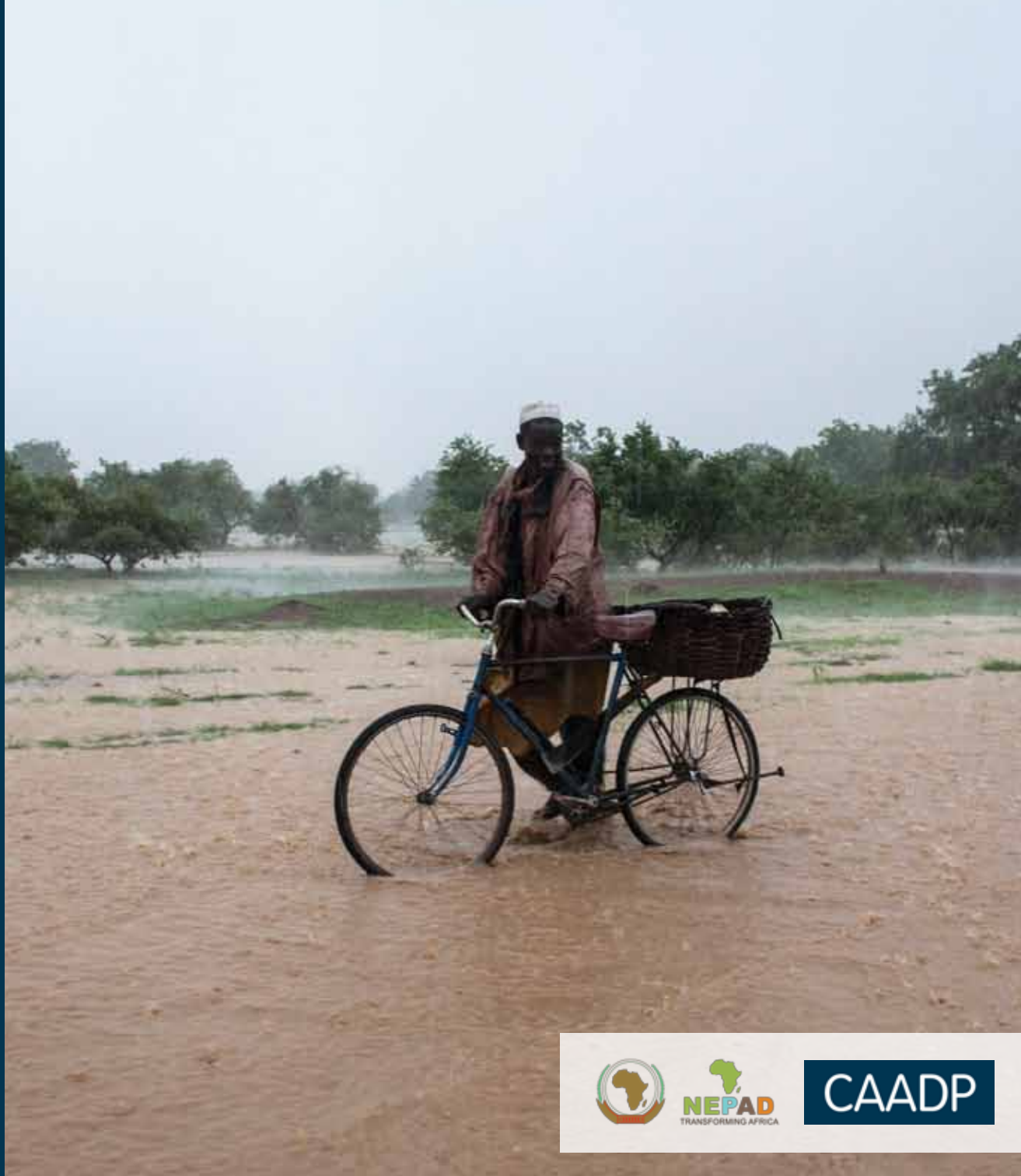
The fund provides grants in the following areas:

- 1) Training, Capacity Development and Awareness Creation
 - Training and capacity building for those involved in agriculture, climate change and biodiversity in national and regional institutions, for measures, strategies and instruments to addressing climate change adaptation.
 - Sensitisation on climate change, adaptation to climate change, biodiversity conservation, access and benefit sharing.
 - Strengthening capacities of personnel in environment, climate change and natural resource area through training and capacity development workshops.
- 2) Research and Knowledge Management:
 - Research on causes and consequences of climate change and biodiversity loss in Africa.
 - Knowledge gaps on adaptation to climate change, biodiversity to increase resilience of the African continent towards climate change.
 - Support interventions using already-proven instruments at regional and national level, lessons learned and good practices on climate change and biodiversity for evidence based planning.
- 3) Policy advice and technical Support
 - Strategy and guidelines development.
 - Support for mainstreaming climate change into national policies particularly in National Adaptation plans and National Agriculture Investment Plans (NAIPs).
 - Development of policies for improving legal and administrative frameworks for national climate change adaptation, biodiversity conservation in line with international standards.

How it works

The Fund offers two different application modes:

- **Fast Access Mode (up to EUR 100,000):** The Fund provides funding through the Fast Access Mode for human resource development activities such as workshops, training and capacity building.
- **Medium Term Mode (up to EUR 200,000):** The Fund also provides support to activities with a medium term focus which include commissioning an expert team for a series of training activities or a set of comprehensive activities aimed at strengthening the role of national or civil society organizations in climate change and environmental issues.



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