

# **AFRICAN UNION CLIMATE CHANGE AND RESILIENT DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY AND ACTION PLAN (2022-2032)**



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# FOREWORD



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The realization of Africa's Agenda 2063 cannot be possible without proactive collective continental efforts aimed at addressing the impacts and encumbrances of climate change, which hampers our integration and development. There is sufficient scientific evidence – corroborated by the voices from diverse strata of our own communities – that Africa is bearing the brunt of climate change impacts, despite contributing less than 4% of global greenhouse gas emissions, and negligible historical responsibility. Our economies greatly rely on climate-sensitive sectors, which have great similarities across the continent. Increased frequency of climate related emergencies and conflicts across the continent continue to divert our meagre resources, hampering our overdue economic development. The message is clear – climate change is already significantly impacting Africa. We are the continent most vulnerable to climate change.

We also know that Africa has immense potential and capacity to innovate and adapt, to draw on our resilience, to prosper in the face of difficult circumstances. Endowed with rich and diverse culture and natural resources, with a youthful talented human resource base, Africa will emerge to be a global hub for climate change solutions.

Responding effectively to climate change is going to require deep collaboration. As a continent, we need to work together, and we must also build effective and meaningful partnerships with the broader international community. Much has already been achieved in this regard. The work of the Committee of African Heads of State and Government on Climate Change, the African Ministerial Conference on the Environment, the Africa Group of Negotiators, and countless other platforms and processes have supported coordination of our climate response and a consistent message to the broader international community. The core of that message is this: Africa is willing to play its part in the global response to climate change, but other parts of the world, particularly those most responsible for historical emissions, have a responsibility to assist us in our efforts. Africa's special needs and circumstances must be recognized and must inform climate support to our region. We need a quantum increase in climate finance and that finance must become easier to access. We need a greater focus on adaptation, including financing for adaptation. We need increasing ambition in emission reduction targets and a clear commitment to the full and effective implementation of the Paris Agreement.

The African Union Climate Change and Resilient Development Strategy and Action Plan is a key instrument in supporting regional collaboration on climate change and more effective international partnerships. It provides a framework for joint action and clearly expresses our needs and priorities. It will unlock Africa's potential in building climate-resilient communities and economies, which are an integral component of the continental vision for 'an integrated, prosperous and peaceful Africa, driven by its own citizens, representing a dynamic force in the international arena'. We all now have a responsibility to ensure that this becomes a living document, one that informs and enriches our actions at local, regional and global levels.

# PREFACE



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Climate change is an existential threat to Africa's communities, ecosystems and economies. It places our developmental gains, our prosperity and the aspirations of Agenda 2063 in jeopardy. It is a critical issue that every African has to deal with on a daily basis, albeit in differentiated ways. We must respond, collectively and boldly, to the cross-scale challenges presented by climate change. Partnerships are critical to an effective African climate response, and such partnerships will need to span ministries, sectors, public and private divisions and across regional and national borders. We must work together, both within Africa and with our international partners, not only in addressing the threats posed by climate change, but also in leveraging the opportunities of a just, inclusive and equitable transition to an African green economy.

While informed and guided by the existing national climate efforts and aspirations of African Member States, this Strategy and Action Plan provides an outline for a harmonized and coordinated approach to respond to climate change, setting out common principles, priorities, and action areas for enhanced climate cooperation, strengthened adaptation capacity, and long term, equitable and transformative low-emission, climate-resilient development pathways for the continent. The Strategy is founded on core principles including

## VISION

A sustainable, prosperous, equitable and climate- resilient Africa.

## GOAL

To provide a continental framework for collective action and enhanced cooperation in addressing climate change issues that improves livelihoods and well-being, promotes adaptation capacity, and achieves low-emission, sustainable economic growth.

## OVERALL OBJECTIVE

Building the resilience of African communities, ecosystems and economies, and supporting regional adaptation.

1

Strengthening the adaptive capacity of affected communities and managing the risks related to climate change.

2

Pursuing equitable and transformative low emission, climate-resilient development pathways.

3


Enhancing Africa's capacity to mobilise resources and improve access to and development of technology for ambitious climate action.

4

Enhancing inclusion, alignment, cooperation, and ownership of climate strategies, policies, programmes and plans across all spheres of government and stakeholder groupings.

African-led and African-owned innovation, social and cultural values, leveraging the continent's natural endowments, renewable energy potential, nature-based solutions, and transformative industrial pathways. A key principle that underpins the Strategy and Action

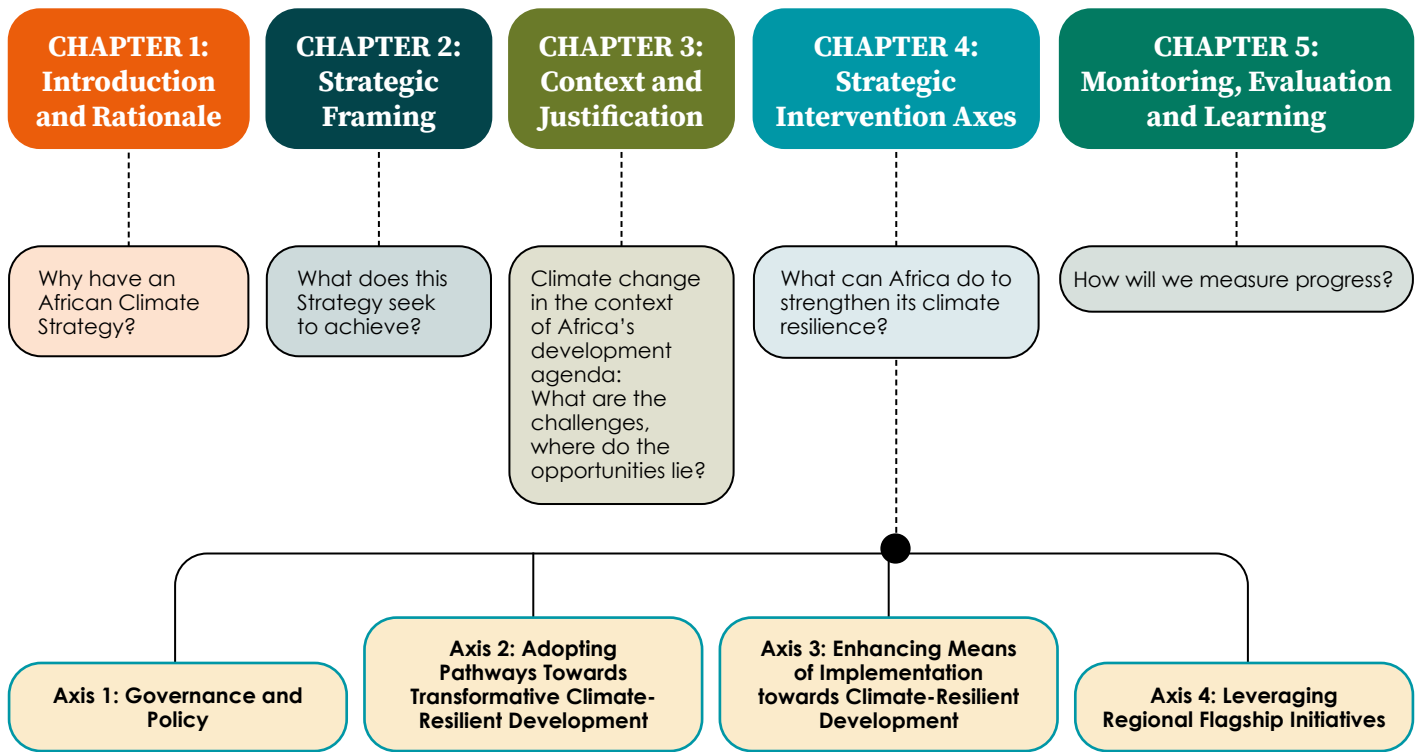
Plan is a core emphasis on a people-centred approach and equitable access for all citizens to green economic recovery and sustainable development. The Strategy and Action Plan highlights the importance of supporting the most vulnerable communities and groups in addressing their particular challenges in responding to climate impacts.



### Guiding Principles

1. A People Centred Approach
2. Conserving and restoring natural capital
3. Aligning plans and priorities
4. Leave no one behind/a just transition
5. Evidence and practice
6. African-led and African-owned
7. Whole of economy approach
8. Intersectionality
9. Common but differentiated approach

In addition, it acknowledges the importance of social inclusion, including the critical role that women and youth, and Indigenous People play as change agents in informing and driving climate responses at multiple levels. In order to promote an inclusive and ambitious climate approach, the Strategy and Action Plan seeks to enhance collective development, broad-based participation, implementation, and monitoring by providing a consolidated framework around which partnerships can be built with state and non-state actors.



Support for the implementation of this Strategy and its Action Plan from regional economic communities, member states, citizens at large, and local and international partners, is key to achieving the climate goals of the continent over the next ten years.





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## Strategic alignment



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The COVID-19 pandemic has been a stark reminder of the interconnectedness of the international system. We have seen the vulnerabilities that emerge from that interconnectedness, but we have also seen the potential for collaboration and shared solutions. Our environmental challenges, including climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution are similarly intertwined, and are in turn also linked to social and economic challenges. As Africa strives towards sustainable and resilient food systems, blue economies, cities and rural communities, as we strive to protect and restore the natural ecosystems on which our livelihoods and our economies rely, decisive action on climate change is fundamental.

On 15 July 2021 the African Union launched our continental Green Recovery Action Plan, which focuses on five priority areas:

1. Climate finance, including increasing flows, efficiency, and impact of funding.

2. Supporting renewable energy, energy efficiency and national Just Transition programmes.
3. Nature-based solutions and focus on biodiversity through work on sustainable land management, forestry, oceans, and ecotourism.
4. Resilient agriculture, by focusing on inclusive economic development and green jobs; and
5. Green and resilient cities, including a focus on water (flooding and water resources) and enhancing information, communication and technology.

The alignment between the Green Recovery Action Plan and Africa's Climate Change and Resilient Development Strategy is clear. In responding to the daunting challenges, we face, we have an opportunity to reassess and redesign our systems and put ourselves on a path towards sustainability. We must embrace this opportunity; we must recognize that time is not on our side. The health of our environment and the flourishing of our communities and our economies are inseparable. As the Climate Change and Resilient Development Strategy highlights, the growth Africa has experienced over the past decades has largely been driven by climate-sensitive sectors, including service sectors (such as tourism and hospitality, real estate, banking and transport), energy, industry and agriculture; as well as the blue economy. The Strategy also speaks to the role of climate change as a potential threat multiplier in the context of conflict and human security. Our response to climate change is therefore central to our ability to realise our continental vision of an integrated, prosperous and peaceful Africa, driven by its own citizens and representing a dynamic force in the global region. As we launch this Strategy, the real work begins. Let us all work together to make our climate and resilient development ambitions a reality.

# ACRONYMS

<b>AfCFTA</b>	African Continental Free Trade Area	<b>IPCC</b>	Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change
<b>AfDB</b>	African Development Bank	<b>IPP</b>	Independent Power Producer
<b>AGN</b>	African Group of Negotiators	<b>LDCF</b>	Least Developed Countries Fund
<b>AIP</b>	Africa Investment Programme	<b>M&amp;E</b>	Monitoring and Evaluation
<b>AMCEN</b>	African Ministerial Conference on the Environment	<b>MDG</b>	Madagascar
<b>ARBE</b>	Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, Blue Economy and Sustainable Environment	<b>MEL</b>	Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning
<b>AU</b>	African Union	<b>MRV</b>	Measure, Report and Verify
<b>AUC</b>	African Union Commission	<b>MW</b>	Megawatt
<b>AUDA-NEPAD</b>	African Union Development Agency – New Partnership for Africa's Development	<b>NAP</b>	National Adaptation Plan
<b>AUPSA</b>	African Union Peace and Security Architecture	<b>NDC</b>	Nationally Determined Contribution
<b>CAADP</b>	Comprehensive African Agricultural Development Programme	<b>NEAF</b>	North East Africa
<b>CAF</b>	Central Africa	<b>NGO</b>	Non-Governmental Organization
<b>CAHOSCC</b>	Committee of African Heads of State on Climate Change	<b>NIS</b>	National Innovation System
<b>CBD</b>	Convention on Biological Diversity	<b>NMHS</b>	National Meteorological and Hydrological Services
<b>CDR</b>	Carbon Dioxide Removal	<b>PA</b>	Protected Area
<b>CIS</b>	Climate Information Services	<b>PIDA</b>	Programme for Infrastructure Development
<b>COP</b>	Conference of the Parties	<b>RCP</b>	Representative Concentration Pathway
<b>DRC</b>	Democratic Republic of Congo	<b>RECs</b>	Regional Economic Communities
<b>EbA</b>	Ecosystem-based Adaptation	<b>SAH</b>	Sahara
<b>ESAF</b>	East Southern Africa	<b>SCCF</b>	Special Climate Change Fund
<b>ESG</b>	Environmental, Social and Governance	<b>SDG</b>	Sustainable Development Goal
		<b>SEAF</b>	South East Africa
		<b>TNA</b>	Technology Needs Assessment

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