

AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK GROUP



**COP 16
Cancun, Mexico**

AfDB SIDE EVENT CONCEPT NOTE

**CONSULTATION ON THE PROPOSED
THE AFRICA GREEN FUND**

JAGUAR ROOM

Cancun Messe Complex, Cancun, Mexico

Thursday 9th December, 2010

18:30 – 20:00

A: BACKGROUND

The fifteenth Conference of Parties (COP 15) of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) took place in Copenhagen Denmark from December 7 – 18, 2009. It was expected that at this meeting, a post-2012 legally binding Climate Change treaty would be agreed upon by all parties to the convention. However this was not achieved and a political non-legally binding accord, known as the Copenhagen Accord was agreed upon. The Copenhagen Accord, among other things, agreed to a collective commitment by developed countries to provide new and additional resources, including investments through international institutions, approaching US\$ 30 billion for the period 2010 – 2012. The Accord further commits developed countries to a goal of mobilizing jointly US\$ 100 billion a year by 2020 to address the needs of developing countries. While the Accord does not represent the comprehensive and decisive global agreement that was anticipated to keep global temperatures below 2°C by 2050, it serves as a stepping stone towards a fair, ambitious and binding Climate Change treaty.

Based on Africa's characteristically low access to existing global funds, the Africa Group at COP 15 led by Prime Minister Meles Zenaoui of Ethiopia had requested that at least 40 percent of the pledges under the Copenhagen Accord should be allocated to Africa. The Group further requested that the African Development Bank (AfDB) hosts and implements Africa's share of these resources. In addition, several donors have expressed interest to allocate part of their commitments under the Copenhagen Accord to address Climate Change concerns in Africa through an instrument hosted and managed by the African Development Bank. To this end, the Bank is establishing the Africa Green Fund (AGF).

The purpose of the AGF is to receive and manage resources allocated to Africa, from all sources including the fast-track financing and long term pledges made under the Copenhagen Accord to finance projects and programs that contribute to climate resilient and low carbon development in Africa. Regional Member Countries and other approved entities will have direct and easier access to flexible instruments including grants, concessionary loans and risk mitigation instruments to support public and private sector investments in Africa. The AGF will provide a balanced allocation to both mitigation and adaptation and respond directly to national concerns through nationally defined objectives.

The hosting and management of the AGF in Africa by the Bank will increase Africa's access to the commitments under the Copenhagen Accord. This increased access will enhance the continent's confidence to contribute to the climate change debate as part of the solution to a global climate change deal. The proposal for the Bank to host and manage the AGF reflects a careful consideration of the objectives of the proposed fund, as well as the AfDB's mission, capacity, and procedures. The AfDB is a significant and committed contributor to development in Africa and, in particular, was established for the purpose of contributing to the sustainable economic development and social progress of its African member states. Addressing climate change issues in Africa is critical to achieving the mandate of the Bank. The design and implementation of the AGF will benefit from the experience that the Bank has acquired in hosting and administering similar special funds that address the needs and specificities of African countries.

B: OBJECTIVES

The overarching objective of the Bank's side event at COP 16 is to provide a platform for key stakeholders at the international level to discuss the Africa Green Fund (AGF) as an instrument to enable African countries gain enhanced access to global resources for the purpose of tackling climate change challenges on the continent.

Additional objectives of the side event include:

- To discuss Africa's key concerns related to the role of climate change financing in promoting climate compatible development within the continent and the role of the African Development Bank in addressing these concerns.
- To build successful and effective partnerships with relevant institutions working on climate change issues in Africa.

C: EXPECTED RESULTS

The results expected from the side event are as follows:

- Increased awareness on the Bank's initiative in establishing the Africa Green Fund (AGF) and increased acceptance and support for this.
- Improved understanding of African countries on the need to increase their access to global climate change financing mechanisms in order to effectively mainstream climate change into their development frameworks.
- Increased awareness by African stakeholders on the AfDB's role and actions in addressing climate change issues in Africa.
- Enhanced partnerships among institutions working on climate change issues in Africa.

D: TARGET AUDIENCE

- Ministers of finance, energy, environment, agriculture, water, etc
- Negotiators
- Parliamentarians
- Private sector representatives
- Civil Society Organisations (CSOs)
- Designated National Authority (DNA) representatives
- Financial and Carbon Market institutions
- Interested delegates

E: PROPOSED AGENDA

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Venue	Room Jaguar, Cancun Messe Complex, Cancun, Mexico
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Chair: Dr. K. ElKsheshen , Vice President, Sector Operations I, African Development Bank (AfDB)	
Moderator: Madeleine Mukamabano	
Time	Item
18.30 – 18:40	Welcome Remarks by the Chair, Dr. K. ElKsheshen , Vice President, Sector Operations I, African Development Bank (AfDB)
18:40 – 19:00	Presentation: The Africa Green Fund <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Anthony Nyong, Manager, Compliance and Safeguards Division, African Development Bank (AfDB)
19:00 – 19:30	Moderated Round Table Discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Meles Zenawi, PM. Democratic Republic of Ethiopia • Dr. Donald Kaberuka, President, African Development Bank • Mr. Jean Ping, Chairperson, African Union Commission (AUC) • Mr. Abdoulie Janneh, Executive Secretary, United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA) • Lord (Professor) Nick Stern, Grantham Research Institute, Imperial College and Member, UN High level Advisory Group on Climate Change Financing • Dr. Lindiwe Majele Sibanda, CEO, FANRPAN and Africa-wide Civil Society Climate Change Initiative for Policy Dialogues (ACCID)
19:30 – 19:50	Moderated Question and Answer Session
19:50 – 20:00	Closing Remarks by the Chair, Dr. K. ElKsheshen