



COMESA Climate Initiative

**Climate, Agriculture, Land Use, and
Livelihoods**

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COMESA Vision on AGRIC AND NR

- Under Article 123 of the Treaty, COMESA member states have agreed to cooperate in the management of natural resources in the following ways
- CAADP
- 4 Pillars of CAADP
- EAP
- Aims to contribute to the improvement of environmental conditions in Africa in order to contribute to the achievement of economic growth and poverty eradication





The COMESA Logic

Agriculture:

- Lead sector for overall growth in Africa
- Most important form of land use in Sub-Saharan Africa
- Significant pressures on land use and livelihoods
- Driven by human and natural threats

Climate Change:

- Intensifies and speeds up these pressures
- Adds a new dimension of variability and change
- Driven by human and natural threats





The COMESA Partnership

- **Political Platform:** COMESA Summit, Council of Ministers, Member Countries, Climate Working Group
- **Country Platforms:** CAADP Country Roundtables, Rwanda, Uganda, Malawi, Zambia, Congo DR
- **Technical Platforms:** ICRAF, FANRPAN, CIFOR, WWF, IFPRI, MSU, wide range of other African Institutions
- **Financial Platforms:** AfDB, IFC, and Gulf, South Africa, and global investors





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Frameworks and Tools

Measurement & Monitoring : Development and deployment of an advanced methodology for measuring and monitoring carbon sequestration.

Funding secured

Best Practice: Development and deployment of a “toolbox” of best practices for sustainable agriculture, land management and related livelihood strategies

Funding secured

Institutions & Policy: Capacity-building for creating the institutional and policy reforms necessary to support carbon finance.

Funding being sought

Applications and Learning

Climate Working Group: Established under the auspices of the African Union and NEPAD to promote African interests in international climate negotiations

Funding being sought

Portfolio Development: Staff assigned to member countries to source and develop carbon sequestration projects

Funding in-process

Carbon Financial Facility: Design and develop an institutional structure to support carbon finance for agriculture and land-use projects in Eastern and Southern Africa

In development





Thank you

