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Abbreviations

ABM	Adaptation Benefit Mechanism
ACCF	Africa Climate Change Fund
AF	Adaptation Fund
AfDB	African Development Bank
AESD	Agency for Environment and Sustainable Development
AYAF	African Youth Agripreneurs Forum
COP	Conference of the Parties
CSE	Centre de Suivi Ecologique (Center for Ecological Monitoring)
CPDAE	Community of Practice of Direct Access Entities
GAC	Global Affairs of Canada
GCF	Green Climate Fund
ICRAF	International Centre for Research in Agroforestry /World Agroforestry Center
LoCAL	Local Climate Adaptive Living Facility
NDCs	Nationally Determined Contributions
NGO	Non-Governmental Organization
RMC	Regional Member Countries
SAP	Simplified Approval Process
SNAIP	Swaziland National Agriculture Investment Plan
UNEP	United Nations Environment Programme



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About ACCF

The Africa Climate Change Fund (ACCF) was established in 2014 as a bilateral thematic trust fund with an initial contribution of €4.725 million from Germany through its international development agency, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit GmbH (GIZ). The Fund was created to provide small grants to African governments, non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and regional institutions to support African countries to transition towards climate-resilient, low-carbon development and to scale up access to climate finance.

Over the years, other donors showed interest, and in early 2017, the ACCF was scaled up to a multi-donor trust fund, with new contributions of €4.7 million from the Government of Italy and €3 million from the Government of Flanders, Belgium.

The ACCF's vision is to play a significant role in supporting African countries and to make an important contribution to achieving the ambitious objective by the African Development Bank (AfDB) to allocate 40% of its project approvals to climate financing by 2020.

From 2020 to 2023, the Fund will focus on supporting preparatory activities such as project development and capacity building to African countries to enable them to scale up their access to climate finance and to demonstrate impactful adaptation approaches that build the resilience of vulnerable communities, particularly women and youth. Following a new contribution of C\$7 million (\$5.2 million) from the Global Affairs of Canada (GAC) and C\$2 million (\$1.5 million) from the Government of Quebec, in March 2020, ACCF will begin to fund projects focused on gender and climate resilience and to streamline the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) into National Development Plans.

1. Introduction

Climate change has been a key development issue and a top priority on the development community agenda for decades now. The adoption of the Paris Agreement in December 2015 as the first-ever legally binding global agreement on climate change sets out an international framework for the 197 Parties¹ that are signatories to the treaty to combat the negative effects of climate change.

Africa is the most vulnerable continent to climate change, notwithstanding its minimal contributions, with the lowest global greenhouse gas emissions. Despite this, and consistent with its overall mandate as Africa's premier development finance institution, the African Development Bank (AfDB or the Bank) has committed to scaling up climate finance to 40% of new project approvals by 2020. Additionally, the Bank has committed to mobilizing additional public resources from international climate funds and from the private sector to support its regional member countries (RMCs) to combat climate change on the continent. These targets were outlined in its second Climate Change Action Plan.²

This annual report highlights how the Africa Climate Change Fund (ACCF or the Fund) helps the AfDB to achieve its institutional goals, especially in addressing climate change issues on the African continent.

The ACCF supports the achievement of these goals by leveraging the Bank's convening power and global recognition to mobilize financial resources from the donor community to support African countries in designing and implementing their adaptation initiatives and preparations to scale up access to international climate finance. The Fund aims to support African countries to reinforce their resilience to the negative impacts of climate change and their transitions to sustainable, low-carbon growth, and access to climate finance. The Fund has provided targeted capacity building on key topics (Green Climate Fund [GCF] and Adaptation Fund [AF] proposal development, climate finance

resources mobilization, and management) to relevant stakeholders at both the national and regional levels.

In 2019, the Fund made significant progress towards achieving its objectives with the ongoing portfolio of eight projects³ from its first call for proposals (Figures 2 and 3). Through a second call for proposals, the Fund increased its portfolio to 15 projects with the approval of seven new projects.⁴

This report specifically highlights the main thematic areas of the ACCF in 2019, which are promoting small-scale adaptation initiatives in Africa, supporting readiness activities of African countries to access climate finance. The report also outlines the key achievements and milestones of the Fund for the year (Figures 1, 2 and 3), including:

Fund management level – (i) an increased visibility of ACCF within and outside the African continent; (ii) development of partnerships with key global climate change stakeholders; and (iii) replenishment of the Fund with an additional contribution from one of its current group of donors, and significant progress towards further contributions from two new donors.

Project portfolio level – (i) expansion of the geographical reach of the Fund with the approval of seven new projects increased ACCF's portfolio to 15 projects; (ii) development of four concept notes, in Mali (one) and in Kenya (three) targeting the AF and GCF, respectively; as well as one project proposal (in Kenya) for submission to GCF; (iii) capacity building of 56 public officials in Mali and Côte d'Ivoire; (iv) institutional support of an African country (Mali); (v) promotion of South-South cooperation through support for establishing a Community of Practice of Direct Access Entities (CPDAE) to climate finance; (vi) GCF accreditation support to two institutions in Côte d'Ivoire; and (vii) promotion of an innovative results-based mechanism for mobilizing public and private sector finance for adaptation in Africa.

¹ 196 nations plus the European Union.

² CCAP 2 (2016–2020)

<https://www.afdb.org/fileadmin/uploads/afdb/Documents/Publications/AfricanDevelopmentBankClimateChangeActionPlan2016-2020.pdf>

³ Six national projects (Cabo Verde, Côte d'Ivoire, eSwatini, Kenya, Mali and Tanzania [Zanzibar]) and two multinational projects.

⁴ Six national projects (Mozambique; Uganda and Kenya; Sudan; Senegal; Côte d'Ivoire; and Benin and Lesotho) and one multinational project (Cameroon, Namibia, Uganda, Sao Tome and Principe).

Figure 1

A snapshot of ACCF achievements in 2019

- The ACCF and partners convened the first meeting of the Community of Practice of Direct Access Entities to climate finance.
- The ACCF joined partners to convene the African Youth Agripreneur Forum.

June

- The ACCF portfolio increased to 15 projects with seven new projects.

November

May

The Government of Flanders committed an additional €1.046 million to the ACCF

July

The ACCF supported African participation at the first Summer Academy on Land, Security and Climate in Switzerland.

December

The ACCF convened 2 side events at COP25 to showcase its support to African countries to access climate funds.

2020



2.

Progress on Project Implementation

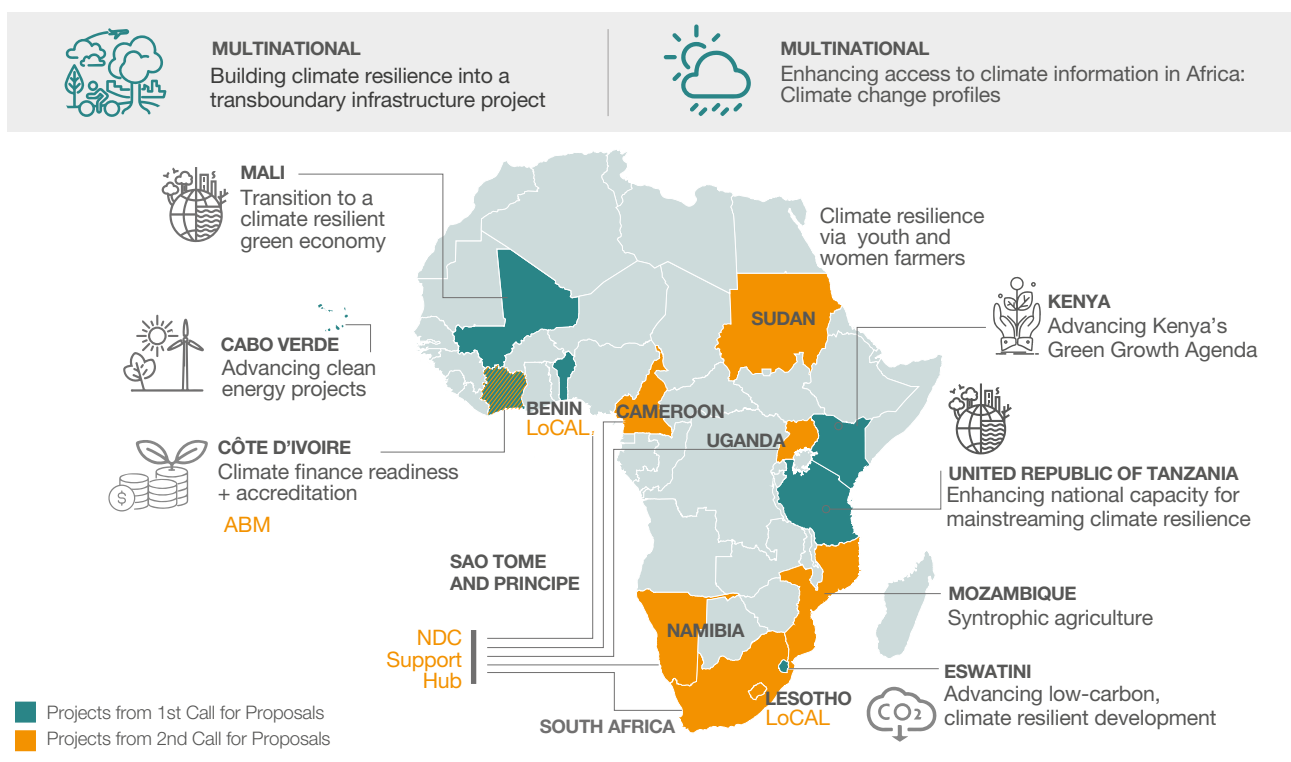
Figure 2

A snapshot of the ACCF's key achievements in 2019

CABO VERDE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Convening of an inception meeting May 2019 Two scoping assessments December 2019 	MULTINATIONAL Review of the funding proposal, feasibility study and financial model	ZANZIBAR Capacity building of five officials February 2019
ESWATINI Drafting of a Concept note August 2019	CÔTE D'IVOIRE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Convening of an inception meeting April 2019 Convening of a capacity-building workshop November 2019 Identification of two national institutions for accreditation to GCF November 2019 Data collection for concept note preparation December 2019 Convening of the ABM's first Executive Committee meeting/launching of the project September 2019 	KENYA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting of the Resource Mobilization Committee on proposal development February 2019 Submission of proposals to GCF's Simplified Approval Process Pilot Scheme (SAP) January 2019 Development of three Concept Notes and two project proposals March and April 2019
		MALI <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development of a concept note for submission to the Adaptation Fund October 2019 Institutional support of the Government November 2019

Figure 3

An Overview of ACCF Projects Portfolio



Cabo Verde: Supporting Clean Energy Projects

This project seeks to support the Government of Cabo Verde to meet its proposed targets for a low-carbon development pathway through the development of mitigation projects in strategic sectors: energy and waste.

\$495,036

In 2019, Cabo Verde made significant progress in completing the procurement of the main consulting firm responsible for the execution of the project activities. These activities included: (i) identification and assessment of at least two potential entities to be accredited to GCF; and (ii) development of project concept notes for submission to GCF.

The main achievements of the project in 2019 were:

- **An inception meeting was convened in May 2019**

The project team engaged climate change stakeholders in Cabo Verde to identify the priorities to be considered in the preparatory work for effective implementation of the project. These priorities included:



- **Two scoping assessment in December 2019**

The project conducted two scoping assessments for the proposed “Energy Efficiency and Micro-Generation” program across nine islands, and “Organic waste composting and utilization across eight islands in Cabo Verde”. These scoping assessments are part of a broader process of developing GCF concept notes and a Project Preparation Funding (PPF) application to GCF. These assessments provided preliminary technical guidance on the program design, costing and implementation arrangements. Subsequently, the project is expected to develop concept notes in 2020 for submission to GCF.



Cabo Verde Project team at an Inception Meeting

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Côte d'Ivoire: Enhancing National Climate Finance Readiness

The project seeks to enhance the country's capacity to mobilize international resources for climate-resilient development. Specifically, it supports: (i) the development of project proposals for GCF and AF; (ii) training of national stakeholders in the development of climate change projects; and (iii) the evaluation of capacity of a national institution for accreditation.

\$429,422

In April 2019, the project team organized an inception meeting, which was widely attended by 82 participants (of whom 34% were women) representing governments agencies, civil society, the private sector, research institutions and local governments. The meeting provided a platform to engage national climate change stakeholders on the key focus areas of the project and to secure their contributions to execute the project activities. Two consulting firms, Centre de Suivi Écologique (CSE, Center for Ecological Monitoring (CSE) and EPSILON, who were competitively recruited to execute the project activities, shared the working methodology and orientation with the participants.

In 2019, the following major achievements were recorded under the project components:

Component 1:

Development of two GCF concept notes, a full proposal to the Adaptation Fund, and capacity building of public officials on resource mobilization

- **Convening a two-day capacity-building workshop from 28–29 November 2019**
This workshop was attended by 52 climate change stakeholders and provided the opportunity for the project team and participants to identify the implementation area for the project to be submitted to the AF. The workshop focused on capacity building on GCF and AF project cycle management and proposal writing, and on climate finance resource mobilization approaches.
- **Field missions on data collection were carried out from 5–17 December 2019**
The consulting firms conducted a field mission to gather data towards the development of two concept notes for submission to GCF and a full proposal for submission to the AF.

Component 2:

Accreditation of a national entity to GCF

- Two national institutions, the Fonds Interprofessionnel pour la Recherche et le Conseil Agricoles (FIRCA, Inter-professional Fund for Research and Agricultural Council) and the Office Ivoirien des Parcs et Réserves (OIPR, Ivoirian Office of Parks and Reserves), were selected for accreditation to GCF through a competitive process and will be supported by the consultant in the accreditation process.



Component 3: **Audit**

- The project team is finalizing the recruitment of an audit firm to assess the efficiency of the project funds in reaching the project goals as per ACCF's operational procedures. The audit will be conducted after project closure in 2021.

eSwatini: Enhancing Readiness for Investment in Low-carbon and Climate-resilient Development

The project aims to enhance eSwatini's readiness for investment in low-carbon and climate-resilient development. It provides support to the Ministry of Tourism and Environment Affairs to assess and prioritize adaptation and mitigation actions, and develop proposals for submission to climate finance sources such as GCF.

\$305,000

In 2019, the project recorded milestone achievements with the development of five concept notes:



Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Solutions for eSwatini

This project intends to raise approximately \$1 million from GCF to support the country's transformational shift to a low-emission and resilient development by accelerating the delivery of sustainable and affordable renewable energy to the citizens.



Increasing Resilience in Eastern eSwatini in the Lubombo Region

This project will mobilize an estimated \$10 million from the GCF to support the Government's National Climate Change Policy, which seeks to adopt an integrated approach to increasing resilience to climate change risks and impacts. It will be implemented at a pilot level on the Lubombo Plateau for expansion across the entire country.



Building Resilience for Improved Food and Water Security through Climate Smart Agriculture

The project will contribute to increasing the resilience and enhancing livelihoods of people and communities in vulnerable regions of eSwatini. It will support implementation of the Swaziland National Agriculture Investment Plan (SNAIP).⁵



Building Sustainable Climate-resilient Cities of eSwatini: The case of Mbabane and Matsapha municipalities

The project will build sustainable, low-carbon, climate-resilient cities of eSwatini, i.e. Matsapha and Mbabane municipalities, including Mdzimba and Kwaluseni peri-urban areas of these cities.



Building Rural Community Resilience to Climate Change through improved adaptable water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) services in the Lubombo and Shiselweni Regions

This project will mobilize approximately \$9.5 million to reinforce the national WASH coverage from 56% to 70% by 2022 to improve rural communities' resilience to climate change. The project is anchored on the National Development Strategy Vision 2022, which supports water supply and sanitation implementation in eSwatini to attain 100% coverage by 2022.

In 2019, the Ministry of Tourism and Environment Affairs and the project team agreed to combine the five concept notes into one to mobilize \$31.7 million to contribute to build eSwatini's resilience to climate change by adopting an integrated, climate-resilient management approach in mountain ecosystems. The approach focuses on biodiversity, water, food security and energy, with the potential to develop a paradigm shift to managing climate change across eSwatini.

The consolidated project concept note on **"Improving Climate Resilience in the Kingdom of eSwatini through the integrated management of mountain ecosystems"** received comments from the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) as the selected accredited entity, and a revised version was submitted to GCF on 14 August 2019. Subsequently, the project team prepared Terms of Reference (ToRs) to conduct a feasibility study, including a gender assessment and an economic gap analysis in 2020, with the assistance of other implementing partners.

⁵ The programs on managing natural resources, improving access to markets and value chains, reducing hunger and strengthening agricultural research and the extension system.

Kenya: Advancing the Green Growth Agenda

The project seeks to support the Kenya National Environment Trust Fund to develop climate finance proposals in the forestry, green growth and agro-forestry sectors that will advance the country's transition towards a green economy. It also seeks to strengthen the capacity of the Resource Mobilization Committee⁶ established by the Ministry of Environment and Natural Resources to develop investment-ready, low-carbon and climate-resilient concept notes.

\$550,603

In 2019, the following major achievements were recorded under the project components:

Component 1:

Development of investment-ready project concept notes and proposals on climate-smart agriculture

In 2018, the project developed three concept notes. In 2019, the project team undertook initiatives with the overall goal to secure funding for implementation. Specifically, the project team engaged the members of the Resource Mobilization Committee to review and validate the concept notes and proposals.



The Lake Naivasha Ecosystem-based Management Project

On 28 January 2019, the project was endorsed by the National Steering Committee. Subsequently, the project partners conducted a field assessment and stakeholders' engagement meeting, and discussed potential partnership agreements. They reviewed the Project Identification Form (PIF) developed in collaboration with the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) United States and the WWF Kenya for submission to the Global Environment Facility (GEF-7).



Development of a project proposal

This proposal, which was initially prepared for GCF's Simplified Approval Process (SAP) and reviewed by the New Education Model in Africa (NEMA), was submitted in January 2019. As per the GCF Secretariat's recommendation, the proposal was reviewed and revised as the Makueni Climate Resilience and Food Security Project, with a focus on Makueni County. The proposal was approved for full SAP proposal development, and a feasibility study was undertaken from July to October 2019.



The Project on Overcoming food and nutrition insecurity in Tana River County

After an earlier submission, following the feedback from the European Union, the Resource Mobilization Committee explored new potential partners in 2019 for submission for funding.



Increasing the Resilience of Smallholder Farmers in the Cotton Value Chain

In 2019, the project team began discussions with a GCF-accredited entity following a recommendation by the National Treasury regarding a concept note designed for submission to GCF.



⁶ This is an inter-ministerial committee set up to mobilize international climate funds to support Kenya.

Component 2:

Develop and fundraise for investment-ready project concept notes and a proposal on green innovations

In January 2019, the project team conducted a stakeholder consultative forum on the concept note, “Climate-responsive Innovations in the Tourism Sector”.

The consulting firm, Eco Ltd and partners finalized the development of the following three concept notes:



Climate-Resilient Aggregation, Storage, Warehousing Receipts, and Trading Facility for Dried Grains in Uasin Gishu, Trans Nzoia and Nakuru Counties.

This concept note was submitted to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) for submission to GCF.



Supporting a Sustainable, Climate-Responsive Tourism Industry in Kenya.

This concept note was submitted to the Italian Agency for Development Corporation on its request for review.



Strengthening the National Innovation Ecosystem for Improved Climate Response.

The concept note was prepared for submission to GCF and is under consideration by the New Education Model in Africa (NEMA). It was later submitted to the AfDB as a GCF-accredited entity for review. Discussions between the AfDB and the Government of Kenya regarding co-financing arrangements started in October 2019 and will continue in 2020.

Component 3:

Develop and fundraise for concept notes on investment-ready projects and a proposal on forestry

Overall, the project was delayed due to some operational challenges related to stakeholder consultations and the process of recruiting the consultancy firm for the forestry component. However, it is now planned that the consultant will conduct a review of green economy-based policies and the development of related investment-ready projects in the agro-forestry sector.

At the request of the project team, in June 2019, ACCF approved the utilization of project contingencies for an additional activity, “Enhancing the capacity of counties to access climate finance”, in line with the project objectives. This activity will mainly contribute to build the capacities of county governments to design and develop climate change projects and mobilize resources.

Support from the ACCF Secretariat to the project team has contributed to addressing identified challenges; hence, the project has significantly advanced, with an implementation rate of over 70% of total project activities. The remaining activities will be completed in 2020 to close the project.



Mali: Supporting Transition to a Climate-resilient Green Economy

The project is part of the overall strategy of the Agency for Environment and Sustainable Development (AESD) to mobilize resources to support the implementation of the country's climate change agenda. It is contributing to reinforcing the country's technical and institutional capacity to access Green Climate and Adaptation Funds.

\$404,000

The key deliverables of the project are: (i) the development of three project concept notes, on water management, solid waste management and the promotion of renewable energy; (ii) the development of two strategy programs, on the Green Economy and Climate Change Resilience; (iii) the development of a portfolio of five bankable projects for the private sector; and (iv) the development of a national environment financing strategy.

As a result of sound budget management, the project saved a total of \$112,000 at the completion of its main activities. The Bank has approved the utilization of the savings to further advance the project objectives with additional activities. In 2019, the project recorded two significant achievements:



Institutional support to the Government of Mali

The project built the technical capacity of the AESD through: (i) the acquisition of an accounting software; and (ii) training of four officials of the AESD on the use of this software. This improved financial management and reporting system will increase the efficiency and transparency of AESD's accounting system.



Development of a concept note for submission to the Adaptation Fund

This concept note, "*Mitigation and Adaptation Investment in five rural communities of Mopti and Tombouctou*", will contribute to mobilize approximately \$1.5 million from the AF to support adaptation projects in five rural communities (Korombana, Borondougou, Bassirou, Kounari and Fatoma) in the regions of Mopti and Tombouctou. The concept note was supported by a feasibility study and an environmental impact assessment, which were conducted to gather information to ensure effective impact on the target communities. The expected fund will complement a first tranche of \$8.5 million grant by the AF to the Government of Mali.

The project activities are expected to be completed by December 2020, including an external audit to ascertain the effective utilization of resources and provide recommendations in accordance with the Operational guideline's requirement.



Validation Workshop on the National Environment Financing Strategy in Mali

Côte d'Ivoire: Enhancing Resilience of Smallholder Cocoa Farmers through the Adaptation Benefit Mechanism

The project was designed to empower vulnerable smallholder farmers in cocoa plantations in Côte d'Ivoire to become more resilient to the negative impacts of climate change by piloting the Adaptation Benefit Mechanism, an innovative mechanism for mobilizing public and private sector finance for enhanced adaptation action.

\$270,000

On 13 September 2019, the ACCF launched the first project from its second call for proposals. This project was approved under the second call for proposals to demonstrate for the first time how the Adaptation Benefit Mechanism (ABM) is working on the ground. The ABM is a special initiative of the AfDB to pilot an innovative results-based mechanism for mobilizing public and private sector finance for adaptation in Africa. This project will introduce a package of climate-smart and sustainable agroforestry measures that will enhance the resilience of vulnerable smallholder farmers in two cocoa plantations in Côte d'Ivoire to the negative impacts of climate change. The ABM will be used to mobilize finance for replicating the project in Côte d'Ivoire and at least three other cocoa growing countries in Africa.

The project will be implemented in collaboration with the International Centre for Research in Agroforestry/World Agroforestry Center (ICRAF) and its partners, in consultation with the Government of Côte d'Ivoire as the beneficiary country.

On 21–22 November 2019, the newly formed ABM Executive Committee (EC) convened its first meeting in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire. It was attended by the eight ABM EC members,⁷ the ABM EC Secretariat in the Climate Change and Green Growth Department of the AfDB, and representatives of ICRAF. The ABM EC noted the work carried out on the pilot phase and the pipeline of demonstration projects to date and elected its co-chairs. The ABM EC adopted the ABM Rules of Procedure and agreed on an ambitious work plan for 2020 with a focus on methodological work. The activities under this project will continue until 2021. The overall outcomes will consist of strengthened resilience of cocoa farmers and the existence of an operational mechanism to mobilize new finance for adaptation in the cocoa sector.

The ABM online platform was set up and updated after the first meeting of the ABM EC with support from the Bank's resources.



Meeting of the Adaptation Benefit Mechanism Executive Committee Members

⁷ Evelyne Andrew Batamuliza (Rwanda), Louise Helen Brown (Namibia), Doreen Mnyulwa (Zimbabwe), Fatima Zahra Taibi (Morocco), Assefa Tofu Chofore (Ethiopia), Luc Marie Constant Gnacadja (Benin), Axel Georg Michaelowa (Germany) and Daouda Ben Oumar Ndiaye (Senegal).

Multinational: Embedding Climate Resilience in Transboundary Infrastructure Projects

The project provides knowledge and capacity and facilitates partnerships for climate-proofing African infrastructure projects, drawing on the cases of two transboundary infrastructure projects: the Togo and Benin section of the Abidjan-Lagos Coastal Corridor road infrastructure project. From the amendment approved in 2016, the project is focused on supporting capacity development activities to promote climate resilient infrastructure in Africa.

\$346,600

As approved in the grant amendment in 2016, from June 2016 to May 2017, the Bank carried out a successful series of capacity development activities for RMCs in the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) and the Southern African Development Community (SADC). The remaining balance amount was approved to support the preparation of concept notes and funding proposals for the selected projects to GCF. Following the capacity building training, over 20 project proposals were submitted by the participating countries for review by the Bank team. From these submissions, two proposals were selected to be developed for submission to GCF:

- eSwatini First-Stage Comprehensive Energy Project
- Lesotho Energy Programme

The above concept notes were cleared by GCF for further development into a single funding proposal, “The Lesotho and eSwatini Joint Energy Program”, for a total financing of \$273,411,486 with a GCF funding request of \$55,562,357. They were combined into a new proposal due to their geographical proximity and their common focus on the energy sector. GCF recommended for the funding proposal to focus on the solar energy component, including energy sector reforms, to encourage private sector actors to deliver renewable energy for transformative impacts in the two countries. **In 2019, the project successfully delivered an inception note based on GCF requirements and project idea notes, and submitted the draft funding proposal and the financial models through the Bank as an accredited entity.**



Table 1
Status of Projects Implementation

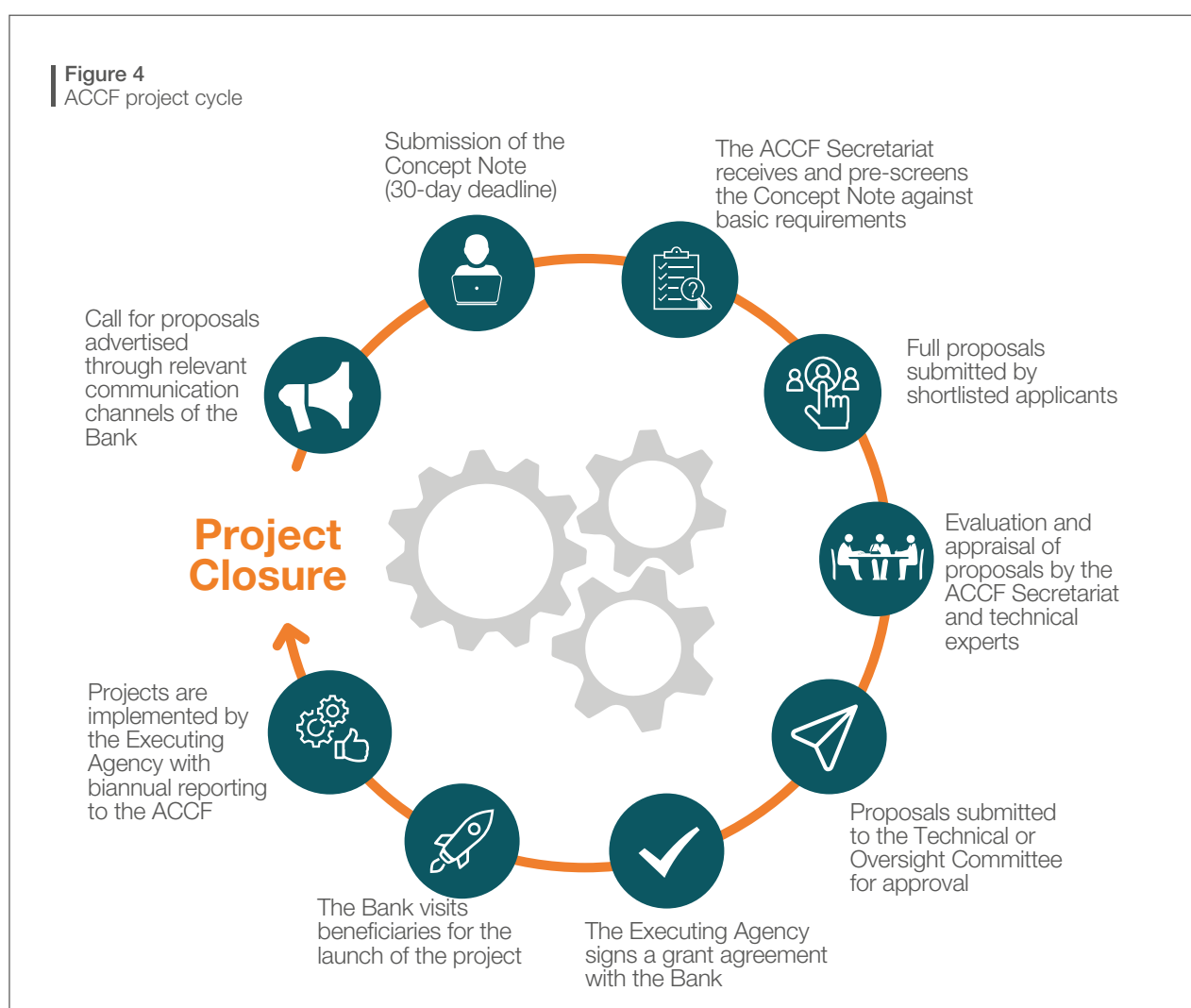
PROJECT TITLE	COUNTRY	STATUS	AMOUNT COMMITTED (\$)	DISBURSED IN 2019 (\$)	CUMULATIVE DISBURSMENT AT 31/12/2019 (\$)	CUMULATIVE % DISBURSED AT 31/12/2019
NATIONAL						
Advancing Clean Energy Projects	Cabo Verde	Activities Ongoing	361,515	79,647	108,147	22
Enhancing Climate Finance Readiness	Côte d'Ivoire	Activities Ongoing	429,422	103,445	194,969	45
Enhancing the Resilience of Smallholder Cocoa Farmers through the Adaptation Benefit Mechanism	Côte d'Ivoire	Activities Ongoing	270,000	30,841	30,841	11
Advancing Low-Carbon, Climate-resilient Development	eSwatini	Activities Ongoing	305,000	107,959	244,917	80
Advancing Kenya's Green Growth Agenda	Kenya	Activities Ongoing	550,603	114,242	272,444	48
Supporting the Transition to a Climate-resilient Green Economy	Mali	Activities Ongoing	404,000	195,633	332,591	82
Enhancing National Capacity for Mainstreaming Climate Resilience	Tanzania (Zanzibar)	Procurement Ongoing	361,515	0	67,000	19
MULTINATIONAL						
Building Climate Resilience into Transboundary Infrastructure Projects	Multinational	Activities Ongoing	270 000	21,000	278,811	80
Enhancing Access to Climate Information in Africa	Multinational	Project Completed	420,000	0	381,146	91
Total amount			3,312,176	652,766	1,910,866	53



3.

Evaluation and Project Appraisal Process

The selection of ACCF-funded projects follow a very competitive process, which is consistent with provisions under the ACCF Operational Guideline (Figure 4).



In 2019, the thorough review of the proposals by the team of experts resulted in the shortlisting of 12 projects, seven of which were selected and four are currently being appraised.⁸ Notwithstanding the quality of the proposals submitted following the second call for proposals, due to funding constraints, a number of projects were put on the waiting list pending additional resources (Annex 2).

⁸ Rwanda; Centre de Suivi Ecologique (CSE, Center for Ecological Monitoring), Cameroon and Democratic Republic of the Congo

3.1. Fund Management and Resource Mobilization

Fund Management

The ACCF Secretariat took stock of lessons learned from previous years and submitted an updated version of the Fund's Operational Guidelines for adoption by the Oversight Committee in 2018. This has significantly contributed to advancing the Fund's activities in 2019, especially by reducing the project execution challenges related to the rules and procedures of the Bank, which in most cases apply to projects with significantly large amounts of funding.

Additionally, the effective management of project funds resulted in savings that were used for additional activities (especially in Mali, Kenya and eSwatini) in compliance with the Fund's rules and procedures. Also, the ACCF Secretariat made progress in mobilizing additional resources to replenish the Fund.

Resource Mobilization

The second call for proposals received unprecedented numbers of submissions. This was testament to the relevance of the Fund and the increasing visibility of its work across the continent. The ACCF Secretariat has consistently worked to mobilize additional resources to meet the requests of its potential beneficiaries and to address climate change-related issues across Africa. To this end, the Secretariat continued engagement with current and potential donors.

In May 2019, ACCF received an additional contribution of €1.046 million from the Government of Flanders following an initial contribution of €2 million in November 2016. This additional contribution will enable the ACCF to advance projects on the waiting list in the pipeline, which were retained following the second call for proposals, but could not be funded due to lack of funds. The new contribution reflects

positive feedback from ACCF's current donors, and an acknowledgement by the Government of Flanders of the continued relevance of ACCF's work toward enhancing African countries' technical and financial capacities to transition to climate-resilient, low-carbon development.

Furthermore, ACCF continued discussions with the Global Affairs of Canada (GAC) and the Government of Québec, which resulted in securing additional contributions. The discussions with GAC focused on the ACCF's operational modalities, its governance structures and the multi-donor fund procedures, as well as the type of projects to be funded under this grant (either from the existing pipeline of projects or from a new call for proposals). The ACCF will also continue to engage with existing and new donors in 2020 to further replenish the Fund.

3.2. Coordination and Partnership

The ACCF and partners convened the first meeting of the Community of Practice of Direct Access Entities to climate finance

5-7 June 2019 – Durban, South Africa

The ACCF, in partnership with the AF, GCF and other entities, organized a three-day meeting of Direct Access Entities in South Africa on 5–7 June 2019. The meeting brought together over 30 representatives (53% women) of Direct Access Entities of GCF and the AF from Africa, Asia and South America to build a strategy and develop an action plan toward facilitating access to international climate finance.

Specifically, this meeting aimed at furthering a Community of Practice for Direct Access Entities (CPDAE) through the adoption of a governance framework and the development of a roadmap of activities to build additional capacity of the Community's members to efficiently access, receive and utilize funding from the AF and GCF.

The CPDAE meeting was hosted by the South African National Biodiversity Institute (SANBI) and was a follow-up activity to other meetings and events convened earlier at the sidelines of the 22nd session of the Conference of the Parties (COP22) in Morocco, COP23 in Germany and COP24 in Poland, in 2016, 2017 and 2018, respectively. The adoption of the governance framework and the development of the roadmap of activities will formalize the CPDAE and enhance direct access to climate finance for developing countries that are vulnerable to climate change.

The ACCF played an important role in the setting up of the CPDAE as part of the Fund's strategic orientation towards promoting South-South cooperation and learning, and especially in supporting African countries to access international climate finance.



The ACCF and partners convene the 2019 African Youth Agripreneur Forum in South Africa

24-28 June 2019 – Cape Town, South Africa

One of ACCF's strategic priorities in 2019 was to focus on youth empowerment in climate resilience. Accordingly, on 24–28 June 2019, in Cape Town, South Africa, the ACCF collaborated with these AfDB Trust Funds: Youth Entrepreneurship and Innovation; the Korea-Africa Economic Cooperation; and other partners in convening the African Youth Agripreneur Forum (AYAF) under the theme, "Climate Smart Agriculture: Business and Employment Opportunities for Africa's Youth".

The 2019 AYAF competition received over 400 agribusiness proposals. The meeting in Cape Town brought together over 187 participants, among whom were 50 agripreneurs in the agri-tech spaces.

This provided a platform to brainstorm with experts, business leaders, investors and policy makers on issues that affect youth employment and on key solutions to addressing them. More than 20 young agripreneurs at early and mature stages of start-up from 14 African countries participated in the Agri-Pitch bootcamps led by the Africa Business Group. These young agripreneurs received specific training in investment readiness, negotiations and financial deals, intellectual property and financial management. The event culminated in an award gala dinner where six winners from the two categories, (including the mature start-up category and the early start-up category) received a total of \$74,000.

Alex Muli, CEO and Co-Founder of Goshen Farm, from Kenya, and Paul Sheppard, Co-Founder of Future Farms, from South Africa, each won \$10,000 for best project in the mature start-up category and \$2,500 in the early start-up category. Mr. Muli, a speaker at the event, said, “We strive to disrupt the African agricultural ecosystem the way we do best, by creating resilient markets for our agricultural produce. We will be there soon.”

The AYAF also served as a call to action to support innovative agriculture growth through intense engagement and mentorship for small- and medium-sized enterprises. It emphasized that with greater support and opportunities to set up their agribusiness enterprise, youth can become the driving force of Africa’s agriculture transformation.

The ACCF is proud to be one of the sponsors and partners of the Forum. The ACCF is firmly optimistic about this initiative given its two-fold impacts on the African continent, especially its contribution to addressing youth employment gaps and promoting climate-resilient smart agriculture.



Participants to the AYAF

3.3. Outreach and Communication

COP 25: The ACCF Engaged with the Climate Change Community

5 and 10 December 2019 – Madrid, Spain

The ACCF convened two outreach events on the sidelines of COP25 in Spain. The events widely attended, were held on 5 and 10 December 2019, and provided the opportunity to showcase the ACCF’s work in supporting African countries in unlocking and absorbing climate adaptation finance through its pipeline of projects. Specifically, two ACCF grantees presented some interim achievements of their projects.

Lassina Coulibaly, Resource Mobilization Officer at the Ministry of Environment of Mali and Coordinator of the ACCF project, indicated that the project

supported development of the national environment finance strategy, which will contribute to boosting the country’s resource mobilization efforts. The project also supported the formulation of a portfolio of five projects for consideration by the private sector.

Osman-Elasha Balgis, Chief Climate Change and Green Growth at the AfDB, also shared the experience of a second project implemented by the Bank through the University of Cape Town. This project contributed to enhancing access to climate information in Africa through the development of climate change profiles for 25 countries in Africa. Mrs. Balgis explained that

“to access finance you need climate information. For everything you need information. With this project, we are helping African countries to get climate information.”

The presentations also provided discussions and partnership opportunities with the GCF to enable African countries to mobilize more resources in order to implement the climate change projects outlined in their NDCs.



AfDB Division Manager with speakers at the side event in Madrid, Spain

ACCF Engaged Stakeholders at the Biennial Conference on Land Policy in Côte d'Ivoire

25-26 November 2019 – Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire

In November 2019, experts from Africa and Europe met in Côte d'Ivoire at the 3rd edition of the biennial conference on Land Policy in Africa under the theme, *"Winning the fight against corruption in the land sector: Sustainable pathways for Africa's transformation"*. This five-day event aimed at exploring policy options to address corruption in the land sector in Africa, and to share experience and best practices on land administration, management and governance.

Her Excellency Angela Thoozile, Minister of Agriculture and Agrarian Reform of South Africa, at this event, stated that *"for years, land conflicts have been common and difficult to manage in many African countries because of mass migration, which requires land and sustainable land rights, and because interferences between customary land authorities and rules, on the one hand, and modern state land laws, on the other hand, are complex and evolving."*

The ACCF Coordinator, Naida Mohamed, commented that *"equitable distribution of land to women and youth is key for sustainable land management, and corruption in this sector undermines the efficient use of the continent's resources"*. She emphasized that well governed land prevents conflicts that may arise from unfair use, distribution and climate shocks. She

also pointed out the increased attention to gender on the continent in addressing land resources management.

The ACCF Coordinator engaged with representatives of the Global Land Tenure Network (GLTN)⁹ and of the International Land Coalition (ILC)¹⁰, who have expressed interest in partnering with the ACCF to organize a subsequent conference in Africa on women and land management.



ACCF Coordinator, Mrs Naida Mohamed

⁹ GLTN is an organization hosted by UN-Habitat, bringing together 80 partners.

¹⁰ ILC was founded by the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and the World Bank represented 26 countries in Africa.

Table 2
Status of activities related to the Fund management

2019 TARGETS	OBJECTIVES ACHIEVED (STATUS)	ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2019
OPERATIONALIZATION OF THE MULTI-DONOR TRUST FUND		
Approve ten new projects for a total of \$7 million.	Partly	Seven projects were approved in November 2019 for a total of \$4.4 million and four projects are undergoing appraisal.
Secure new funding of \$10 million from existing and potential donors to scale up the ACCF's operations.	No	The Secretariat received a new contribution of \$1.046 million from Flanders and advanced discussions with Global Affairs of Canada and the Government of Québec for contributions in 2020.
PORTFOLIO AND PROJECT MANAGEMENT		
Oversee the completion of seven projects and capture lessons and achievements to inform future programming.	No	A project in Mali was completed. However, at the request of the country, contingency funds were utilized for additional activities allowing an extension of the closing date by 31 December 2020.
FUND MANAGEMENT		
Achieve disbursement of \$2 million from approved projects.	Partly	The ACCF achieved a total disbursement of \$652,766 for seven projects, six of which were from the first call for proposals, and one from the second call for proposals.
Maintain a strong, organized and efficient secretariat offering value for money.	Yes	The Secretariat ensured continuity of activities.
PARTNERSHIP, COMMUNICATION AND OUTREACH		
Strengthen strategic partnerships by co-organizing events and training related to climate resilience and climate finance.	Yes	The ACCF partnered with different entities (GCF and AF) in convening two events in South Africa, and provided technical input on topical issues.
Strengthen the Fund's visibility through intensified communications and knowledge sharing.	Yes	The Secretariat organized two outreach events at the sidelines of the COP25 event in Madrid, Spain.

4.

Financial Management

In compliance with the provisions of the ACCF Operational Guidelines, the Fund's financial statements of contributions received and disbursed are audited annually by Bank's external auditors. Tables 3, 4 and 5 provide an overview of the 2019 ACCF budget expenditure and remaining funds.

Table 3
Overview of the 2019 contributions from ACCF donors

CONTRIBUTIONS	\$
Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH	6,191,640
Italy	5,559,630
Flanders	3,548,282
Interest earned	457,703
Total funds	15,757,255

Table 4
Funds utilized in 2019

USE OF FUNDS	AMOUNT ALLOCATED (\$)	DISBURSED (\$)
Project commitments	7,775,965	1,910,867
Administrative costs	927,680	784,918
Annual Audit	30,237	16,847
Outreach and events	100,000	44,589
Management fees (5%)	764,978	140,603
Total funds	9,598,860	2,897,824

Table 5
Commitments and resource mobilization needs

Cumulative commitments	9,521,221
Amount available for new commitments	6,158,395
Funding request in project pipeline	13,590,324
Resource mobilization needs	9,401,650

5.

Conclusions, Lessons Learned, and Way Forward

5.1 Lessons learned

The ACCF 2019 achievements outlined in this report made a significant contribution to the Bank's climate change goals as outlined in the second Climate Change Action Plan for 2016–2020 (CCAP2). The achievements also strengthen and reinforce institutional capacities of African governments to scale up access to international climate finance. Based on the experience gained in 2019, the ACCF Secretariat considers the following as lessons learned and recommendations.

Trade-off between relevant missions and cost management

Many of the delays encountered in project execution relate to challenges in the external beneficiaries' limited understanding of the Bank's rules and procedures, especially those related to procurement and disbursement policy. Project supervision missions (specifically to Zanzibar) provided an opportunity to address gaps and have proved highly effective in building relationships and trust that greatly improve dialogue and regular communication with the executing agency. However, in the interest of keeping administrative costs reasonable, supervision missions would only be carried out on an exceptional, case-by-case basis. Regular and open dialogues between ACCF Secretariat and the project teams, and greater involvement of the Bank's Regional Climate Change Officers and task managers based in regional or country offices will assist in ensuring more regular project supervision. As the scale of the Fund grows, it will be worthwhile to include supervision missions in project budgets.

Accountability in Bank-managed projects

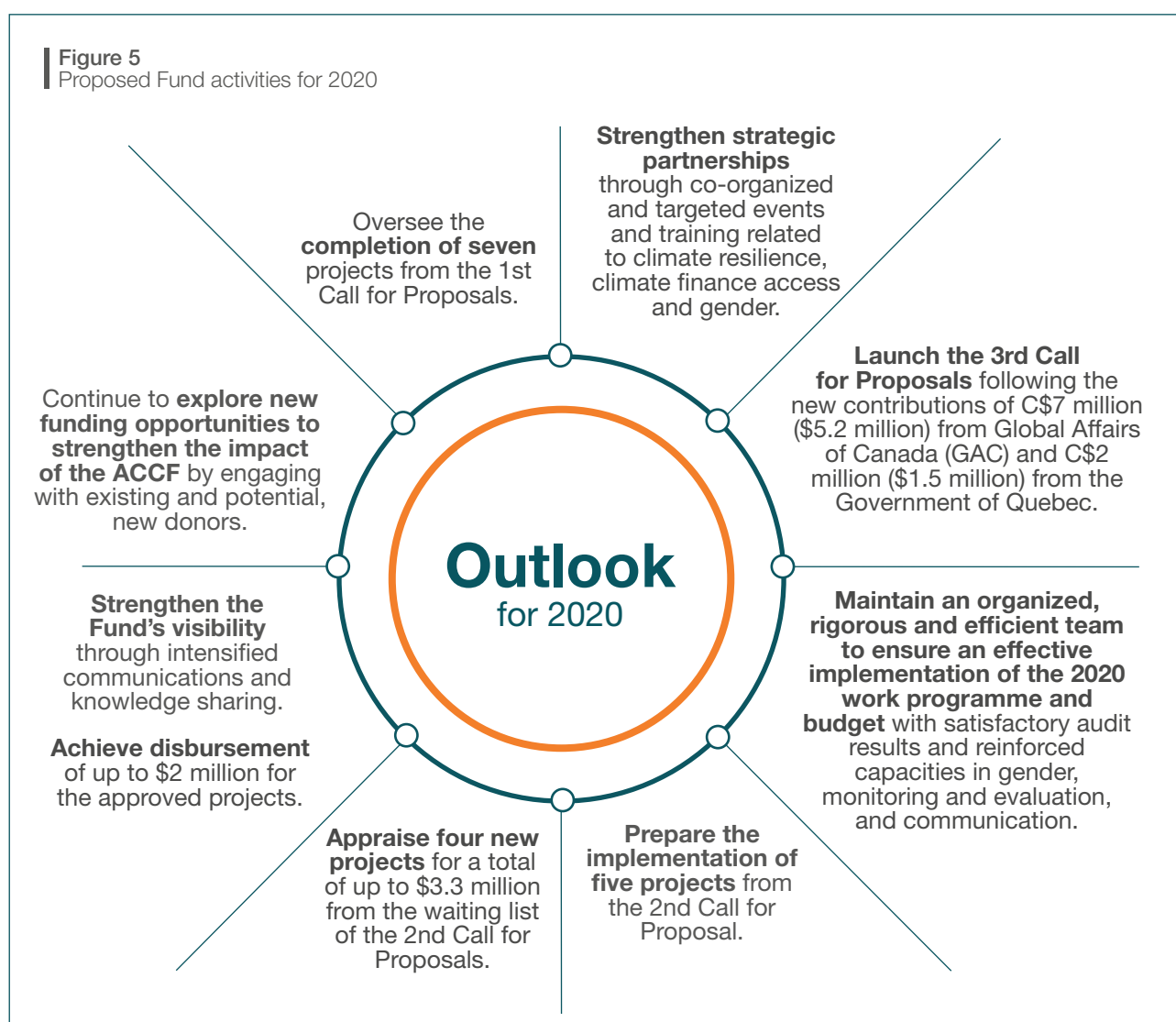
For projects executed by external beneficiaries, the Bank signs a grant agreement with the recipients, which outlines the terms and conditions of the grant and applies its regular procedures for procurement and disbursement of funds. The Bank's policy application ensures adequate checks and balances in the management of the grant throughout the project cycle, and failure to comply can result in blocking of payments until full justification is provided. In the case of Bank-executed projects, there is no grant agreement. The Bank manages the funds using its usual procurement rules, approval authorities and disbursement processes without considering the peculiarities applicable to trust funds. As a result, the Bank's task managers may be held accountable in the event of failure to implement the project according to the approved proposal. In the new operational guidelines, the ACCF has included stricter guidance for Bank-executed projects as well as the requirement to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the concerned department, which outlines the requirements for managing the tasks of an ACCF grant project. The lack of any mechanism to ensure accountability in the event of non-compliance is a risk that is not unique to the ACCF, and solutions should be further explored by the Bank's management. However, the MoU proposal is unique and innovative, and will be tested with the newly approved ACCF projects.

Staffing

The ACCF Secretariat has succeeded in maintaining a very lean multi-task team since its inception in order to keep administrative costs reasonable, given the very small size of the Fund. However, to scale up the Fund and mobilize new resources, communication, and monitoring and evaluation activities, the team needs to be significantly strengthened. The more resources the Fund obtains through new contributions, the lower the percentage of administrative costs. The ACCF also needs a full-time coordinator and full-time administrative support with the portfolio of projects increasing, and the probability of a next third call for proposals. These staff costs are fully covered by the Climate Change and Green Growth Department, but in practice, in 2019, staff were allocated to other responsibilities and unable to work on the ACCF full-time. It will be increasingly important to have a full-time coordinator and administrative assistant in 2020, in addition to technical consultants to continue to support the work of the Fund.

5.2 Outlook for 2020

Consistent with ACCF guiding principles, the Fund will continue to strengthen its portfolio by securing additional funding and approving new projects. More specifically, in 2020, the tentative activities of the Fund are shown below (Figure 5).



Furthermore, subject to successful resource mobilization, the ACCF will aim to scale up training and stakeholder engagements including:

- **Support the Community of Practice for Direct Access Entities to climate finance** – The ACCF aims to provide continued support to jointly organizing a workshop with the AF and GCF on the sidelines of the Africa Climate Week 2020 for the members of the CPDAE Committee.
- **Train the new ACCF Project Coordinators/Officers and the new task managers** – This will aim to strengthen the capacities of project coordinators specifically in the Bank's procurement and disbursement rules, as well as ACCF project management processes, and will be followed by the launch of the grant agreements of the first projects.
- **Organize a climate youth agripreneurs forum on boosting women entrepreneurs' participation** – The ACCF's contribution will allow women agripreneurs to participate, meet mentors, coaches and business investors, and compete for prizes for gender-empowered start-ups.
- **Organize a learning event on engaging the private sector in financing adaptation** – The ACCF Secretariat will continue to work with partner organizations to design the 2020 learning academy and to sponsor the participation of key stakeholders from Africa.
- **Strengthen partnerships with the Africa Water Facility and the Global Water Partnership** – The ACCF will specifically support the convening of a workshop to bring together selected entities to develop a proposal with a regional scope for submission to the GCF.

Annexes

Annex 1 Status of approved projects

Supporting Low-Carbon, Climate-resilient Development in eSwatini

Country	eSwatini
Executing Agency	Ministry of Tourism and Environmental Affairs
ACCF grant amount	\$305,000
Amount disbursed as of 31/12/2019	\$244,917.22
Procurement (Firms / Individual Consultants)	ACCLIMATISE (Consultancy Services for Scoping Assessment, Capacity Building and Development of Concept Notes and Proposal)
Main objective	The project supports readiness for investment in a low-carbon and climate-resilient development pathway through the assessment and prioritization of adaptation and mitigation actions. The project is developing concept notes and proposals for submission to GCF, as well as training for key project managers and coordinators in different national institutions on GCF project development and management.
Status	The project implementation was successfully conducted, and the achievements for the year include a completion of the work of the recruited firm ACCLIMATISE. This led to more work on the concept note for submission to GCF. As a result, the final concept note was submitted to GCF in August 2019. The Ministry found an accredited entity that will submit the full proposal to GCF: United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). They have been preparing the Terms of Reference (ToR) on the work that needs to be carried out in order to finalize the full proposal feasibility study, gender analysis). A total disbursement of \$244,917.22 was achieved (cumulatively representing 80% of project amount).

Enhancing National Capacity for Mainstreaming Climate Resilience in Zanzibar (Tanzania)

Country	Tanzania (Zanzibar)
Executing Agency	Ministry of Lands, Water, Energy and Environment, Zanzibar (MoLWEE)
ACCF grant amount	\$361,515
Amount disbursed as of 31/12/2019	\$67,000
Procurement (Firms / Individual Consultants)	Ongoing for shopping of some equipment, furniture and consultancy services for enhancing national capacity for mainstreaming climate resilience and national consultancy service for the development of a website.
Main objective	The project aims to strengthen national capacities on climate change and to integrate climate resilience into development planning at the national, local and municipal levels in four critical sectors: agriculture, fisheries, infrastructure and tourism. It is supporting the development of project concept notes that mobilize additional climate finance from GCF to build the resilience of these sectors. It is further supporting an accreditation assessment for two national institutions.
Status	The project is ongoing, and the main achievement in 2019 was to reinforce the team in terms of accessing climate finance. Therefore, a team of five government officials from the Ministry of Finance and Planning, Department of Environment, and Zanzibar Environmental Management Authority attended the training course on the development of the concept note for the Green Climate Fund. The ACCF provided more assistance and training on procurement and other aspects of project management. In this regard, the ACCF coordinator and project officer organized a mission to Zanzibar. The project was able to continue the procurement process for three different recruitments: service consultancy on enhancing capacity, national consultancy services for a website and to obtain equipment. In 2019, the project achieved a disbursement of \$67,000 (cumulatively representing 18.53%). The Bank is considering an extension of the deadline to June 2020.

Supporting the Transition to a Climate-resilient Green Economy in Mali

Country	Mali
Executing Agency	Agency for Environment and Sustainable Development (AEDD)
ACCF grant amount	\$404,000
Amount disbursed as of 31/12/2019	\$332,591
Procurement (Firms / Individual Consultants)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CIFOPE AFRIQUE SARL (Software) & (Tom Monitoring) • BEMAP Consulting (Training of AEDD Officials) • KARA Consult (Development of two Strategy Programs) • CRG SOGEMA (National Environment Financing Strategy) • Hamady N'Djim Ingenieurs Conseil SARL (Concept Note to the Adaptation Fund)
Main objective	The project aims to support the development of two strategic programs for a climate-resilient and green economy: one program in renewable energy and one program focused on adaptation in the agriculture sector. It will also help create a strategy for financing its transition to green and climate-resilient growth, and attract private sector investment in this transition. The project is also providing training to AEDD staff on fiduciary management and supporting the upgrading of accounting software.
Status	The five firms recruited completed their activities and submitted relevant deliverables to the project team. These included the two strategic programs targeting a green and resilient economy, a national finance strategy for the environment, and installation of an accounting and financial management software. A project concept note was developed for submission to the Adaptation Fund (AF). The project made savings of \$112,000.00, and the Bank agreed to allow the Executing Agency to use this amount for additional activities to raise financing from the AF and improve the AEDD monitoring and evaluation system and external audit. The Bank also agreed to an extension of the project until December 2020. The project achieved a disbursement of \$332,591 (cumulatively representing 82% of the project amount).

Enhancing Access to Climate Information in Africa: Climate Change Profiles

Country	Multinational
Executing Agency	AfDB – Climate Change and Green Growth Department
ACCF grant amount	\$420,000
Amount disbursed as of 31/12/2019	\$381,145.99
Procurement (Firms / Individual Consultants)	University of Cape Town (Consultancy to develop climate change profiles for all African countries to support decision-making)
Main objective	The project supports the collection of up-to-date information on climate change vulnerabilities, greenhouse gas emissions, and opportunities for climate change adaptation and mitigation for 25 African countries, tailored to the specific information needs of each country. It is also developing a global platform to share updated information on the profiles and providing training for staff working within economic and planning departments in African countries.
Status	The project reached the completion phase in December 2018 and received a satisfactory Project Completion Report. The project has generated 25 national climate change country profiles (including French translations for the 12 Francophone country profiles), organized three regional capacity-building/training workshops for national and AfDB climate change practitioners (in total 90 people trained) and developed novel methodologies and approaches. All the profiles are available on the Bank's website.

Clean Energy Projects in Cabo Verde

Country	Cabo Verde
Executing Agency	National Directorate of Environment
ACCF grant amount	\$495,037
Amount disbursed as of 31/12/2019	\$108,147
Procurement (Firms / Individual Consultants)	PEGASYS (Full proposal to GCF on the energy, waste and water sector).
Main objective	The project aims to enhance the capacity to access climate finance while helping the country meet its proposed targets towards a low-carbon development pathway set out in its intended nationally determined contribution to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). The project supports the development of mitigation projects in key strategic sectors of energy and waste. It will further help mobilize climate finance for the implementation of these projects from GCF, and train national stakeholders on GCF.
Status	The firm, which was recruited in 2018, started activities on: the identification of a potential national institution for accreditation; program/project development; identification of financing sources; the development of a strategic approach to each financing instrument; and capacity-building and knowledge sharing. The firm submitted the inception report in 2019 for a disbursement of \$79,647. This brings the total disbursement to \$108,147 (cumulatively representing 22% of the project amount). The Bank agreed to an extension of the deadline until 31 July 2020.

Building Climate Resilience into Transboundary Infrastructure Projects

Country	Multinational
Executing Agency	AfDB – Climate Change and Green Growth Department
ACCF grant amount	\$346,600
Amount disbursed as of 31/12/2019	\$27,148.36
Procurement (Firms / Individual Consultants)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Richard Swanson (GCF concept notes for three projects and energy sector training) • Magnus Quarshie (infrastructure/transport sector training)
Main objective	The project aims to: (i) enhance capacity of relevant officials in Benin, Togo, Zambia and Zimbabwe to climate-proof two regional infrastructure projects in energy and transport; (ii) enhance, through activities for the two regional projects, readiness and capacity in the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) and the Southern African Development Community (SADC) subregions for the preparation of infrastructure-related adaptation project proposals; and (iii) facilitate collaboration and knowledge exchange for climate resilient infrastructure development in the region.
Status	In 2019, the project contributed to the development of funding proposals, feasibility studies and financial models. It also helped submit draft funding proposals, pre-feasibility studies and financial models to the Regional Development, Integration and Business Delivery - South (RDGS) team for review and comments. Review and comments from the RDGS team received on 5 December. As of 31 December 2019, the project reached a disbursement of \$278,811 (cumulatively representing 80% of the grant amount).

Enhancing Climate Finance Readiness in Côte D'Ivoire

Country	Côte d'Ivoire
Executing Agency	Ministry of Environment and Sustainable Development
ACCF grant amount	\$429,422
Amount disbursed as of 31/12/2019	\$194,969.38
Procurement (Firms / Individual Consultants)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Centre de Suivi Ecologique (for the National Entity Accreditation to the GCF support) • EPSILON INNOVATION GROUP (Concept Note Development to the GCF+ project to the Adaptation Fund) • TEHIA Kouakou Armand (Procurement Specialist) • COFIMA (Audit) • AFRIPART SERVICE (Equipment)
Main objective	The project supports Côte d'Ivoire in enhancing its capacity to mobilize international resources for climate-resilient development. It aims to develop a project proposal for submission to the Adaptation Fund (AF) and two detailed concept notes for submission to GCF, and to reinforce climate finance capacity.
Status	The year 2019 was complicated with life challenges and the appointment of a new project coordinator, who was guided and trained by the ACCF Secretariat. The consortium EPSILON carried out a capacity training on climate finance (project design, GCF and AF processes) for 52 national stakeholders. The Centre de Suivi Ecologique (Center for Ecological Monitoring) selected two bodies that could work towards GCF accreditation, i.e. Fonds Interprofessionnel pour la Recherche et le Conseil Agricoles (FIRCA, Inter-professional Fund for Research and Agricultural Council) and Office Ivoirien des Parcs et Réserves (OIPR), organized an event on April 2019, and carried out a mission to collect the documents necessary for GCF accreditation. They also recruited an audit firm for the audit at the end of the year. For 2019, the project disbursed a cumulative total of \$194,969.38, which represents 45.4%.

Enhancing the Resilience of Smallholder Cocoa Farmers through the Adaptation Benefit Mechanism

Country	Côte d'Ivoire
Executing Agency	AfDB – Climate Change and Green Growth Department
ACCF grant amount	\$270,000
Amount disbursed as of 31/12/2019	\$30,841
Procurement (Firms / Individual Consultants)	Ongoing recruitment of ICRAF
Main objective	The project was designed to empower vulnerable smallholder farmers in cocoa plantations in Côte d'Ivoire to become more resilient to the negative impacts of climate change through the piloting of the Adaptation Benefit Mechanism, an innovative mechanism for mobilizing public and private sector finance for enhanced adaptation action.
Status	The project was launched at the first Executive Committee meeting of the Adaptation Benefit Mechanism. Activities will continue in 2020. As of 31 December 2019, the project had reached a disbursement of \$30,841 (cumulatively representing 80% of the grant amount).

Annex 2

Pipeline of projects and status of appraisals

	TITLE OF THE PROJECT	EXECUTING AGENCY	COUNTRY	GRANT AMOUNT REQUESTED (\$)	ESTIMATED MONTH OF SUBMISSION FOR APPROVAL
APPROVED PROJECTS					
141	Local climate adaptive living facility (LoCAL) -Benin	United Nations Capital Development Fund (UNCDF)	Multinational	1,000,000	Approved
273	Green energy for women and youth resilience in Uganda and Kenya	AVSI Foundation with Pan-African Microfinance Group for Africa (PAMIGA)	Multinational	859,576	Approved
319	Demonstration of an innovative results-based finance model for adaptation to climate change	Department of Climate Change and Green Growth (PECG)	Côte d'Ivoire	300,000	Approved
1008	The NDC support hub: supporting NDC implementation in Africa (Cameroon, Uganda, Namibia, Sao Tome and Principe)	Department of Climate Change and Green Growth (PECG)	Multinational	682,200	Approved
1334	Removing barriers to climate finance access by local governments/municipalities	Ministry of Local Governance, Development and Territorial Management	Senegal	523,600	Approved
923	Syntrophic agriculture as strategy to foster resilience, climate adaptation and recovery of vulnerable communities living in degraded marine and coastal ecosystems in Zambezia (Mozambique)	Istituto Cooperazione Economica Internazionale (ICEI) with Associação Rural de Ajuda Mútua (ORAM)	Mozambique	587,162	Approved
978	Building climate resilience through youth and women farmers	Zenab for Women in Development (ZWD)	Sudan	499,620	Approved
PROJECTS UNDER APPRAISAL					
1396	Promoting climate smart agriculture in Rwanda for improved rural livelihoods and agro-biodiversity conservation	Center of Excellence in Biodiversity and Natural Resources Management, University of Rwanda	Rwanda	1,000,000	November
155	Promoting and mainstreaming climate-resilient agriculture through capacity enhancement and multi-site testing in the Democratic Republic of the Congo	Caritas Congo, ASBL with the National Institute for Agronomic Studies and Research (INERA Congo) and Financial Institute for Development (IFOD)	Democratic Republic of the Congo	659,300	ongoing
1377	Support for civil society organizations of central Africa to coordinate, access climate finance, and participate in monitoring and evaluation of NDC implementation	Organisation for Environment and Sustainable Development (OPED)	Cameroon	495,360	November
242	Establishment of a South-South cooperation programme to support direct access to climate finance (Senegal, Togo, Mali, Guinea and Cabo Verde)	Centre de Suivi Ecologique (CSE)	Multinational	787,498	November
PROJECT WAITLISTED					
200	Pilot project to support climate resilience in the Sahel (Benin, Burkina Faso, Niger and Chad)	Permanent Interstate Committee for drought control in the Sahel (CILSS)	Multinational	1,000,000	Waitlisted
787	Institutional strengthening, research capacity development and green growth empowerment to enhance access to GCF in Africa	West African Science Service Center on Climate Change and Adapted Land Use (WASCAL) with the Environmental Investment Fund	Multinational	686,000	Waitlisted
1427	Unlocking blended finance and women/youth entrepreneurs for resilient blue-green growth in Mozambique	World Wildlife Fund for Nature (WWF) Mozambique	Mozambique	1,000,000	Waitlisted
First CFP ¹¹	Réseau Afrique Francophone pour la préparation à la finance climat	Sahara and Sahel Observatory (OSS)	Multinational	900,000	Waitlisted

¹¹ Call for Proposals (CFP)

	TITLE OF THE PROJECT	EXECUTING AGENCY	COUNTRY	GRANT AMOUNT REQUESTED (\$)	ESTIMATED MONTH OF SUBMISSION FOR APPROVAL
First CFP	Project development for the promotion of renewable energy in Guinea	Ministry of Energy	Guinea	400,000	Waitlisted
First CFP	Small Grants Programmes: Innovative access modalities for the Green Climate Fund	South-South-North	South Africa	436,000	Waitlisted
165	Testing and promoting technologies that enhance adaptation and mitigation to climate change in Mashonaland East Province, Zimbabwe	United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR)	Zimbabwe	926,695	Waitlisted
201	Strengthening institutions and promoting climate resilience in Uganda	CARE International in Uganda with the Advocate Coalition for Development and Environment (ACODE)	Uganda	949,108	Waitlisted
208	Strengthening the capacity to implement climate-smart agricultural practices in two rural communities in Namibia	Ministry of Environment and Tourism (MET), with Environmental Investment Fund (EIF) and the Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Forests (MAWF)	Namibia	596,300	Waitlisted
487	Electrifying off-grid rural Africa through innovation: Solar energy, mobile money and pay as you go (Djibouti, Mauritania, Somalia, Sudan)	The Regional Center for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (RCREEE).	Multinational	727,640	Waitlisted
491	Reconstitution of soils and vegetation cover in the subregion of Beladja (south of Chad)	Action and Cooperation for Development (ACODE)	Chad	408,623	Waitlisted
896	Local adaptation planning and decentralized climate finance	Innovation, Environnement et Développement en Afrique (IED Afrique) with the Programme for Local Development, Centre de Suivi Ecologique (CSE) and the National Directorate of Environment	Senegal	996,824	Waitlisted
929	Community adaptation and resilience in Somalia	The Development Fund of Norway with Horn of Africa Voluntary Youth Committee, Agriculture Development Organization, and Somaliland Ministry of Environment and Rural Development	Somalia	950,000	Waitlisted
1001	Strengthening capacities for resilience of the water sector to climate change in the Moyen Oueme Basin, Benin	Ministry of Energy, Water and Mines, with the National Water Institute and the Ministry of Livelihoods and Development	Benin	410,000	Waitlisted
1017	Support for the accreditation of the National Environment Fund, Fonds d'intervention pour l'environnement (FIE) of Burkina Faso, to the GCF	FIE	Burkina Faso	514,024	Waitlisted
1152	Building the capacity of direct access accredited entities in Africa to submit successful GCF proposals	The University of Cape Town with South-South-North	Multinational	772,900	Waitlisted
1169	Ecosystem-based adaptation and financing for livestock farmers within South Africa's threatened grassland	BirdLife South Africa	South Africa	679,273	Waitlisted
1171	Strengthening climate resilience for food	Ministry of Water, Environment, Local Development and Urbanisation	Burundi	939,750	Waitlisted
1392	Strengthening the resilience of insular and nomadic communities of Tillabery and Dosso to climate change	WaterAid Niger with Développement pour un Mieux Être (DEMI-E) and Groupe d'Appui au Mouvement Associatif	Niger	606,389	Waitlisted



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