

## Project Components



Education and training on climate change and governance



Technical support to local communities and county assemblies for effective oversight and participation in development planning



Support and promotion of local climate change innovators



Awareness creation on climate change and policy



Advocacy

## Key Activities

### I. Capacity Building and Training on Planning and Climate Change Governance

- Training of County Assemblies on climate change adaptation and planning
- Training of communities on environment, natural resource management and climate change

### II. Budget Oversight and Accountability for Climate Resilient Low Carbon Development Initiatives

- Budget tracking and community social accountability
- County Assembly oversight over environment and climate change budgets

### III. Women engagement in climate resilient low carbon development initiatives

- Supporting women groups to pilot climate resilient low carbon development initiatives

### IV. Establishment and Support to Local Community Networks and Advocacy Forums

- Support to formation of county environment and natural resource governance networks
- Support to local level environmental awareness and advocacy

### V. Support local media coverage of natural resource, sustainable development and climate change resilience issues

## About the Institute for Law and Environmental Governance (ILEG)

ILEG is a leading not-for-profit public interest policy research and advocacy organization based in Nairobi, Kenya. It seeks to enlarge policy choices for sustainable development in Kenya through policy and legal research, advocacy and training in the field of environmental governance. ILEG uses governance tools and principles to foster sustainable and equitable management of natural resources and subscribes to the view that laws and policies must be developed and implemented with the active participation of those who will be most directly affected by them. Towards fulfilling its mission, ILEG has formed partnerships with governmental agencies, private sector, universities, research institutions, community-based organizations (CBOs) as well as national and international non-governmental organizations (NGOs). These partnerships and affiliations help ILEG to effectively deliver on its mission. For more information, go to: [www.ilegkenya.org](http://www.ilegkenya.org)



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STRENGTHENING DEMOCRACY THROUGH  
COMMUNITY-BASED PARTICIPATORY PLANNING FOR  
CLIMATE RESILIENT LOW CARBON DEVELOPMENT IN  
KENYA



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## BACKGROUND

Kenya recognizes Climate Change as a critical challenge to her socio-economic development. Accordingly, it has put in place a number of climate-resilient low carbon development strategies, including the National Climate Change Response Strategy (NCCRS) and the Kenya National Climate Change Action Plan (NCCAP), launched in 2010 and 2013, respectively. The government has also made specific commitments to reduce Greenhouse Gases (GHGs) under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the Kyoto Protocol. Through the Intended Nationally Determined Contribution (INDC), submitted to UNFCCC in July 2015, the country commits to abate its GHG emissions by 30% by 2030 relative to the business as usual (BAU) scenario of 143 MtCO<sub>2</sub>eq.

But while the nature of Climate Change makes it largely a national government function, the mandate of County Governments focuses on areas which impact on and are impacted by climate change. Key among these is agriculture, water, disaster management and country planning. Indeed, the most critical adaptation and mitigation interventions need to be taken at the local level. Successful implementation of Kenya's national climate-resilient low carbon development targets requires County Governments and local communities to be able to systematically translate national climate targets into local actions by making the right policies and choices at the local level. However, practical experience shows that implementation on the ground is sparse, as the planning and coordination capacities and know-how in the Counties are insufficient to ensure effective cooperative planning, implementation and monitoring. There is also a misplaced perceptions that climate change is a national government responsibility. County Governments are largely oblivious of the linkages between national and local action.

## The “Strengthening Democracy through Community Based Participatory Planning for Climate Resilient Low Carbon Development in Kenya” project



This is a 4-year project (2016-2019) implemented by Institute for Law and Environmental Governance (ILEG) and supported by United Kingdom (UK) Department for International Development (DFID). Through this project, ILEG is supporting systematic strengthening of county level planning, coordination and implementation of climate resilient low carbon development in Kwale, Kilifi and Siaya counties. The project is being implemented within the broad framework of DFID's **Deepening Democracy in Kenya** Programme. ILEG will leverage on its formidable presence and networks with the County and National Government institutions, local communities, civil society organizations (CSOs), development partners and the private sector to implement project in the selected counties. The project will lay a foundation for up-scaling to other counties in the subsequent years.

## Objectives

The main objective of the project is to improve democracy and accountability in Kenya through systematic strengthening of county level planning, coordination and implementation of climate resilient low carbon development.

The specific objectives are:

- To build the capacity of local communities and county assemblies to participate effectively in natural resource governance, budgeting and development planning through training and technical support.
- To support sufficient allocation and prudent use of resources to respond to adverse climate change impacts through budget tracking, expenditure monitoring and fostering accountability in the administration of public affairs.
- To support local community action to identify, pilot and upscale low carbon development initiatives at the county level.



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