

DIALOGUE ON MAINSTREAMING CLIMATE CHANGE IN KWALE COUNTY INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Kaskazi Beach Hotel Diani

10th November 2017

Background

Kwale is one of the most vulnerable counties to climate change in Kenya. Climate change is expected to have widespread impacts on local communities, and their interactions with natural environment. There are signs that the impacts of climate change are already being felt, not only in terms of increases in temperature and sea-level rise, but also in respect of prolonged dry spells and droughts, among others. The link between climate change and increased disease episodes - such as malaria – is also becoming clearer.

The County Government Act 2012, obligates county governments to develop County Integrated Development Plan (CIDP), designate planning units’ at all county administrative levels and promote public participation in the planning and development processes. The CIDP is a five-year plan that sets out counties’ financial and economic priorities. It mirrors the aspirations of Vision 2030, Kenya’s long-term development blueprint. All 47 country governments had prioritized climate change in their first CIDPs. The integration of climate change in county planning, budgeting and implementation is particularly relevant with the enactment of Climate Change Act 2016. The Act requires county governments to mainstream climate change actions in CIDPs. A core element of the Climate Change Act 2016, is that county governments “shall, in development, updating and approval of CIDP, and the County Sector Plans, mainstream the implementation of the National Climate Change Action Plan (NCCAP), taking into account national and county priorities”. The priority mitigation and adaptation plans are presented in NCCAP, which is currently under review.

Kwale County formulated its first CIDP in 2013 which identified local impacts of climate change and set out measures to address such challenges. These measures are being

implemented in climate-sensitive sectors under county jurisdiction, such as agriculture, livestock, fisheries, water, health and waste management. However, the on-going dialogue to formulate a new CIDP presents a unique opportunity to consolidate the achievements of the first CIDP and align local-level climate actions with the Third Medium Term Plan 2018-2022 of the Vision 2030, National Climate Change Act 2016, National Climate Change Action Plan, Green Economy Strategy and Implementation Plan, 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, Paris Climate Agreement and other relevant national policies and international commitments.

The above state of affairs illustrates the need for dialogue around local-level climate change priorities. The discussions will feed directly into and help further the dialogue on county's current efforts to formulate a new CIDP. It will also build on the previous dialogue whose focus was on water resources management, forest conservation and governance and coastal adaptation to climate change.

Aims

This dialogue will bring together twenty five participants with an aim to discuss and contribute to on-going county's efforts to formulate a new CIDP. It is hoped that new CIDP will align local-level climate actions with relevant national policies and international commitments and recommend appropriate climate-resilient, low-carbon development policies. Specifically, this Dialogue seeks to:

- i. Contribute towards a better understanding of local-level actions required to address climate change
- ii. Provide insights on how climate change was addressed by the first CIDP;
- iii. Align local-level climate actions with relevant national policies and international commitments; and
- iv. Recommend policy and legal frameworks that will deepen mainstreaming of climate change in county planning and budgeting processes.

Expected outputs

The workshop will:

- i. Provide opportunity for county government and stakeholders (e.g. private sector, research institutions, CSOs, etc.) to identify and prioritize local-level climate actions;
- ii. Identify common areas of climate change action and potential synergies across county;
- iii. Build capacity of county policy makers and planners to apply climate change lens across sectors;
- iv. Align local-level climate actions with relevant national policies and international commitments and recommend appropriate climate-resilient low-carbon development policies.

Outcomes

- i. Strengthened capacity of county government representatives to plan and implement climate-resilient, low-carbon development policies;
- ii. Strengthened adaptive capacity through formulation and implementation of county climate-resilient, low-carbon development policy and legislations.

Impact

Reduction in climate vulnerability through implementation of robust mitigation and adaptation interventions – policies, legislations, strategies, plans, programmes and projects

Organization

The dialogue event will bring together approximately 25 participants. These will be drawn from County government, CSOs, private sector, local communities and other relevant stakeholders. The event will be facilitated by ILEG and Kwale County Natural Resource

Network. The facilitation will be guided by a programme that will start with a plenary session to bring participants up to speed with the common agenda.

Reporting and dissemination

I LEG and Kwale Natural Resource Network will prepare the report of the Dialogue that will be disseminated after three weeks of the event alongside any presentations made. The report will highlight recommendations that will further deepen the integration of climate change in county development planning and budgeting.

PROGRAMME – VERTICAL DIALOGUE

Mainstreaming Climate Change in Kwale County Integrated Development Plan

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Venue: Kaskazi Beach Hotel

Time	Activity	Presenter	Facilitator
08.00-08.45	Arrival and Registration		Valentine Opanga
08.45-09:00	Introductions		Mohammed Ali Francis Oremo
09.00-09.20	Welcome Remarks and Overview of V-LED Project	Benson Ochieng, Executive Director, ILEG	
	Official opening of Workshop	Kwale-CEC Lands, Environment & Natural Resource	
09.20-09.50	Presentation on Guidelines for Preparation of CIDPs	Athman Mwatunza, Director Economic Planning – Kwale County	
09.50-10.40	Climate change in CIDP <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adaptation actions prioritized in CIDP • Mitigation actions prioritized in CIDP 	Ali Chalala, Director, Department of Water	
10.40-11.00	TEA BREAK		
11.00-12:00	County sector analysis <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agriculture, livestock and fisheries • Forestry • Water • Energy • Disaster risk reduction 	Discussions Dr. Mohamed Pakia, Chief Officer, Environment, Lands and Planning	Francis Oremo Nathaniel Mwangeka
12.00 -12.45	Prioritizing local climate action <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Challenges, • Recommendations, • Way forward 	Discussions Dr. Pacifica Achieng' Director, Climate Change Directorate	
12.45 -13.00	Wrap and closing remarks	Francis Oremo	
13.00-14.15	LUNCH BREAK, NETWORKING AND DEPARTURE		