



Joint Workshop on BCRUP Regional Readiness Project for Africa Pilot Countries

Logistics Note

Date: 18th to 21st January 2026 Venue: UN Conference Centre, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

1.0 Introduction

The BCRUP initiative, established under a 2019 United Nations mandate, is a key global climate action programme aimed at supporting global efforts to limit temperature rise in alignment with the Paris Agreement's 1.5°C goal with the Cities- Climate Change Nexus. It focuses on improving the living conditions and climate resilience of the urban poor, particularly across the Global South.

The Building Climate Resilience with the Urban Poor (BCRUP) Programme is a climate ambition initiative designed to strengthen resilience and adaptive capacities among vulnerable populations living in rapidly growing urban areas and cities. The programme recognizes that urban poor communities are disproportionately affected by climate-induced shocks such as flooding, heat stress, informal settlement vulnerabilities, and weak infrastructure; and therefore, require targeted, scalable, and sustainable interventions to enhance their resilience. More fundamentally, is the perspective of how to empower the urban poor population/communities by improving their socio-economic situation through accelerated green urban economy, innovative-green jobs and livelihood strategies.

Kenya as the lead implementing Country, invited 20 African Countries to join and be part of the Regional Readiness Project implementation as part of the pilot execution in Africa. Currently, the BCRUP Regional Programme covers 20 African countries (**Botswana, Cameroon, Cote d'Voire, Egypt, Eswatini, Ethiopia, Gabon, Ghana, Kenya, Morocco, Mozambique, Rwanda, Uganda, Zimbabwe, Burkina Faso, Guinea Conakry, Congo Brazzaville, Union of Comoros, Nigeria and Burundi**), forming a vital front line in addressing climate vulnerability in urban settings. Significant progress has been achieved in shaping the programme's implementation. To reinforce these advancements, a consultancy was procured to develop a Governance and Operational Framework to guide BCRUP's rollout.

This framework was designed to be scalable at global, regional, national, and sub-national levels, providing tailored guidance for the 20 pilot countries in Africa. A central feature of the framework is the clear definition of roles and responsibilities for all key stakeholders, strengthening accountability, coordination, and effectiveness across the implementation process.

2.0 BCRUP Regional Readiness Project Development

The Government of Kenya jointly with key partner(s) UCLG Africa, African Green Climate Finances National Designated Authorities Network (AfDAN) and the GCF – NDA for Kenya

(National Treasury), being the lead NDA initiated the development of the BCRUP Regional Readiness project for African Pilot Countries. This process began immediately after the launch of the BCRUP implementation plan at COP28 in Dubai, a process which culminated in finalization and submission of the concept note on 24th January 2025. The GCF Secretariat technical team provided feedback on 20th August 2025 at a workshop attended by the BCRUP Taskforce / Joint Partners Secretariat including: The Government of Kenya (Ministry of Lands, Public Works, Housing and Urban Development); UCLG Africa; UN Habitat; Commonwealth Secretariat, Habitat for Humanity, NDA Kenya / AfDAN and African Research and Impact Network (ARIN).

Following the GCF's acknowledgement of receipt of the revised proposal, most of the 20 African countries participating in the BCRUP Programme were engaged by the BCRUP Secretariat during COP30 in Belem where updates on progress were provided. These engagements were encouraged by the GCF Secretariat team, from where it became apparent that a joint technical workshop was necessary to collectively review the updated submission which has been customized and aligned with the new GCF readiness template. This workshop will also serve as a platform to clarify key roles, harmonize expectations, and build a shared strategy for advancing the programme towards its approval and possibly launch by April 2026. The GCF technical team are expected to take part in the workshop and guide the process based on the new readiness requirements.

3.0 Purpose of the Workshop

To provide a platform for the 20 participating African countries finalize the regional readiness project, interact with some key partners, explore expanded financing opportunities and draw an implementation roadmap.

The meeting will:

- i. Facilitate consensus-building on the readiness project and ownership.
- ii. Provide space to strategize on additional financing avenues within and beyond the GCF where the readiness financing acts as a catalyzing fund.
- iii. Strengthen country-led alignment on implementation priorities and
- iv. Confirmation of the status of No Objection Letters and Readiness Allocation to Support the process at the Country Level.
- v. Sensitize countries and partners on the Governance Structure, Operational Framework and Resource Mobilization Strategy, and
- vi. Foster a platform for knowledge exchange, peer learning, and collective problem-solving

This regional convening is critical to the programme's success and will position BCRUP for scale-up across the African continent and beyond as it is viewed to be one of the largest readiness allocation to be granted by the Secretariat.

4.0 Participants

The workshop participants are;

1. 20 GCF National Designated Authorities (NDAs) from Pilot Countries
2. 20 BCRUP Focal Points from the Technical Departments of Urban Development
3. GCF Secretariat Members
4. Taskforce Members / Joint Partners Secretariat (UN Habitat, UCLG Africa, State Department for Housing and Urban Development, AfDAN, ARIN and Habitat for Humanity).
5. UNECA and AU Representatives.

5.0 Approach and Methodology

The workshop will be conducted as a physical, interactive meeting designed to promote meaningful engagement, consensus-building, and collaborative planning among the 20 participating African countries. The methodology will combine high-level discussions, technical deep dives, and participatory sessions to ensure both strategic alignment and practical outputs. The approach will include plenary sessions, technical working groups, peer to peer exchange and group work sessions.

6.0 Proposed Venue and Timeline

This will be a **two-day** regional workshop, held from **18th to 21st January 2026** in **Addis Ababa, Ethiopia** at the **UN Conference Centre, UNECA**. The Choice of venue is due to its central position to most African Regions.

7.0 Expected Outcome

The workshop is expected to result in strengthened coordination, alignment and ownership among the 20 participating African countries, with a unified position on the GCF Readiness Project.

Participants will emerge with clearly defined roles, harmonized implementation priorities, and a jointly developed 12–24-month regional roadmap to guide the rollout of the BCRUP programme among implementing Countries.

The workshop will also identify additional financing opportunities, enhance peer learning, and reinforce partnerships with development actors, ultimately accelerating the programme's implementation and laying the groundwork for its scale-up across Africa and other regions of the United Nation Blocks.

Key outcomes from the workshop are;

- i. Validation of the revised readiness project concept note by the pilot Countries.
- ii. Resubmission of the final regional readiness Project to GCF for Approval.
- iii. Initiating Co-designing of Project Preparation Facility.

- iv. Exercise is aimed at un-locking grant funding worth USD 2.5 billion of investment and above.

8.0 DSA and Transport Arrangements

The BCRUP Secretariat / State Department for Housing and Urban Development Kenya will Provide the following logistics:

- i. Return Air tickets from Port of Departure to Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
- ii. Daily Subsistence Allowance (DSA) at the Rate of USD 300 per day for Three (3) Days.

9.0 Details / Information to be Shared:

Two (2No.) Participants from BCRUP Pilot Countries representing both the NDA and BCRUP Technical Focal Point (Urbanization Docket) who will be sponsored

- i. Passport Biodata
- ii. Port of Origin / Airport of Departure

10.0 Accommodation

Participants are expected to make their own accommodation arrangement support by the DSA whose details are provided in 8(ii).

11.0 Conference Facility

The Workshop will be conducted at the UN Conference Centre, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

12.0 Communication and Coordination

Documentation and reporting will be undertaken by the assigned rapporteurs, who will ensure daily session reports are prepared throughout the workshop. A consolidated final report will be compiled and submitted immediately after the workshop to enable timely follow-up and implementation of the agreed action areas.

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13.0 Scheduled Program (To be shared).