

Stepping up on resilience in key sectors in Africa
The Africa Climate Resilient Investment Facility (AFRI-RES)

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13:40 – 15:00, Conference Room 6

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Introduction:

Attaining Africa's development objectives - as framed by the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and the continent's wider development blueprint, Agenda 2063 – requires closing huge investment gaps urgently in key sectors such as agriculture, water, energy, transport, and landscape and ecosystems. These sectors are very sensitive to climate impacts. Against a changing and uncertain future climate, it is important to ensure that the huge investments needed in infrastructure, agriculture, water, energy, ecosystems, among others, perform in both today's and future climate. This is why the African Union Commission (AUC), the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA), the World Bank and the African Development Bank have teamed up to establish the *Africa Climate Resilient Investment Facility (AFRI-RES)*, with initial funding from the Nordic Development Fund (NDF). The initiative brings to bear the comparative strengths of each of the partners to integrate long term climate resilience in investments in climate sensitive sectors, including water, infrastructure, energy and agriculture under four components of project-level support; training, advocacy, dissemination and communication of lessons-learned to enhance public and private sector understanding of climate risks; guidelines, standards and compendium of good practice; and a knowledge portal.

The session will introduce the initiative and showcase some of the headways already made on this critical topic and have a discussion on the challenges and opportunities of integrating climate risks in the huge investments needed to close various services gaps in Africa in climate-sensitive sectors.

Draft Programme

13:40 – 13:50	Welcome and opening remarks	ECA, World Bank, AUC
13:50 – 14:35	Presentation on AFRI-RES <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Linus Mofor, Senior Environmental Officer (Energy, Infrastructure and Climate Change), ACPC, Economic Commission for Africa • Kanta Kumari Rigaud, Lead Environment Specialist & Regional Climate Change Coordinator, Africa Region, World Bank Discussants: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Fatima Denton, Director, INRA, United Nations University • Mr Filipe Lúcio, Director, GFCS, WMO • Mr. Harsen Nyambe, Head of Division, Environment, Climate Change, Water and Land Management, AUC 	
14:35 – 14:55	Questions and answers + General discussion	
14:55 – 15:00	Wrap up and concluding remarks	