

Support to Climate Resilient Green Economy

Period:
June 2012-June 2014

Location:
National and
regional level

Budget:
USD 5,2 million
UNDP: USD 5,2 m

Implementing partners:
Ministry of Environment and Forestry (MoEF), Ministry of Finance and Economic Development (MoFED), Ministry of Industry (MoI), Ministry of Agriculture (MoA), and Ministry of Water and Energy (MoWE)

Fostering a Green Growth Path to Boost Sustainable Development

Opportunities:

Ethiopia's Growth and Transformation Plan (GTP) sets the vision for the country to become a middle income, climate resilient economy by 2025. The country's Climate Resilient Green Economy (CRGE) vision consists of a strategy that provides a blueprint for Ethiopia's response to climate change and an overarching plan to realise the ambition to build a climate resilient green economy. The CRGE strategy further seeks to improve resilience to climate change, ensure carbon abatement, enhance avoidance of future emissions, as well as foster both economic development and less carbon dependent growth.

Without the CRGE and by following the business-as-usual path, Ethiopia's greenhouse gas emissions are estimated to reach the current level of South Africa – the continent's largest emitter today – by 2030. This would further translate into a risk of losing 10% of Ethiopia's annual gross domestic product (GDP) by 2050.

The government recognizes this challenge and is placing clear focus on addressing the sectors (agriculture, forestry, energy, transport and industry) with the highest climate change mitigation potential.

The roll-out of the CRGE Initiative is coordinated and overseen jointly by the Prime Minister's Office, MoEF and MoFED and implemented by the sectoral ministries.

Beneficiaries:

Civil servants and government officials will be equipped with tools, knowledge and skills to coordinate and operationalize the national CRGE strategy. This will enable them to spearhead the implementation of the strategy to the benefit of all Ethiopians, present as well as future generations.

Strategies:

UNDP strongly supports Ethiopia's efforts to pursue a Climate Resilient Green Economy and is proud to have been associated with the initiative from the start.

UNDP channels its assistance through a comprehensive package of support for the strategic implementation of the CRGE. UNDP helps to develop institutional capacity and provides technical and financial support to five key stakeholders for coordinating and operationalizing the national CRGE strategy: the Ministry of Environment and Forestry (MoEF), the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development (MoFED), the Ministry of Water and Energy (MoWE), the Ministry of Industry (MoI), and Ministry of Agriculture (MoA).

UNDP's support is focused on the review and formulation of the necessary policies and strategies, coordination support for carrying out the set priorities in the CRGE strategy, and efforts to mainstream the CRGE implementation into sectoral budgets and development planning.

UNDP is likewise supporting the government's efforts to up-scale the use of technologies and practices, and financing mechanisms that promote low carbon climate-resilient development in Ethiopia.



UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

Actions:

Develop policies, strategies, plans and coordination mechanisms that promote a climate resilient green economy

- Supporting the government to review and develop sectoral policies, strategies, and standards to ensure effective implementation of the CRGE strategy
- Developing tools to mainstream the CRGE into national development planning, budgeting, and monitoring and evaluating

Promote technologies and practices that accelerate the transition to a climate resilient green economy

- Helping the government to set-up a national framework to acquire, utilize and dispose green technologies
- Providing the Ministry of Water and Energy with technical and coordination support to take part in the UN Secretary General's initiative on Sustainable Energy for All and to adopt cleaner, more efficient technologies from the start

Foster finance and market mechanisms to promote a climate resilient green economy

- Establishing the national climate financing mechanism, the CRGE Facility, to mobilize and channel resources from domestic and international sources. Support the design of the CRGE Facility operations manual and resource mobilization strategy
- Develop carbon finance mechanisms, such as the Repi landfill in Addis Ababa Clean Development Mechanism project

Build capacities at national, regional and district levels for the effective implementation of a climate resilient green economy

- Conduct capacity needs assessments for the Ministry of Finance and Economic Development and the Ministry of Industry and support the design a programme to address the capacity gaps
- Institutional capacity of key stakeholders developed through staffing, trainings and South-South partnerships

Progress to Date

- Energy policy reviewed and revised
- 1000 professionals from the various ministries trained in mainstreaming the CRGE strategy in sectoral development plans
- National framework on green technologies developed and 16 green technologies introduced in 91 districts
- CRGE Facility established
- First CRGE investment plan formulated (national programme on improved cook stoves)

Impact:

The implementation of the CRGE strategy will place Ethiopia internationally at the forefront of successfully tackling climate change. It will also enable the country to handle environmental, economic and social development issues, reap benefits and boost sustainable development while striving towards a middle income status.

Climate change adaptation and mitigation measures will be successfully integrated into the government's development agenda at federal and regional levels, triggering further actions such as fostering resilience building as a cornerstone of disaster risk management and effectively linking environmental, economic and social issues in the successor of Ethiopia's Growth and Transformation Plan.



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