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# Integrating Agriculture in National Adaptation Plans

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## Big boost for Kenya National Adaptation Plan as the Green Climate Fund Approves US\$3 Million for Readiness Support



FAO Deputy Director-General, Ms. Maria Helena Semedo countersigning the Readiness Framework Agreement between the FAO and the GCF during the twenty-second session of the Conference of the Parties (COP 22) in Marrakech, Morocco.

In January 2018 the Green Climate Fund (GCF) Secretariat approved the project **“Enhancing capacity for planning and effective implementation of climate change adaptation in Kenya”**. This US\$3 million National Adaptation Readiness project is to be implemented by FAO in close collaboration with the Climate Change Directorate between 2018 and 2022. The NAP Readiness project builds on the results of the Integrating Agriculture in National Adaptation Plans (NAP-Ag) project- a collaborative initiative of the FAO and UNDP funded by the German Federal Ministry for Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMU). Since its inception in Kenya,

the NAP-Ag project has achieved significant results notably:

- the first-ever capacity needs assessment focused on climate change adaptation planning in Kenya;
- enhanced capacity of technical officers at the national level on climate risk management in the crops, livestock, fisheries and forestry sub-sectors;
- development and launch of the Kenya Climate Smart Agriculture Strategy and its Implementation Framework;
- strengthened evidence base for adaptation interventions.

Kenya's GCF National Designated Authority sought technical support from the FAO country office to

formulate a NAP Readiness project proposal. This led to the three-year project, developed with relevant national counterparts under FAO-Kenya's technical oversight and overall strategic direction.

**Enhancing capacity for planning and effective implementation of climate change adaptation in Kenya**

The approved project revolves around four thematic areas and provides for the critical needs of the country's climate change

adaptation planning process, in particular, needs related to strengthening individual technical capacities at the county level, linking national and county level climate data

and information management systems, enhancing private sector engagement and strengthening the knowledge base for NAPs.

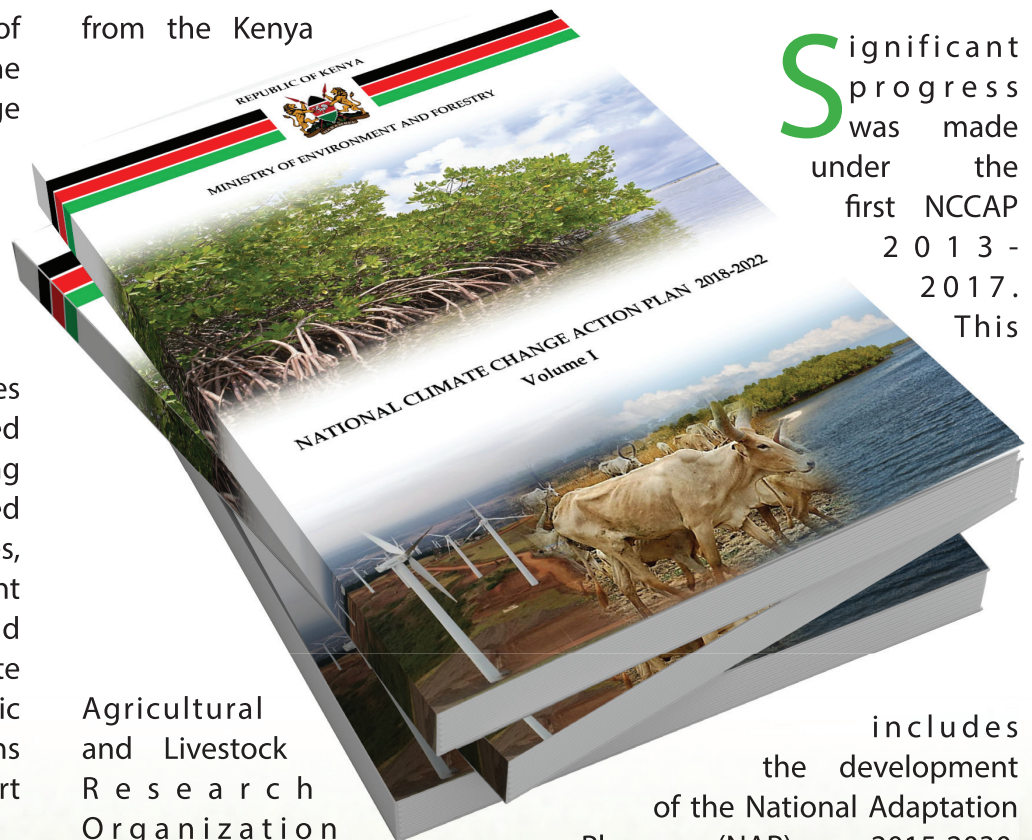
## 2.0 Kenya set to launch its second National Climate Change Action Plan

The Government of Kenya represented by the Climate Change Directorate has finalized the process of developing and validating the second National Climate Change Action Plan (NCCAP 2018-2022).

This follows the expiry of the first Action Plan in December 2017. The NCCAP is anchored in Section 13 of the Climate Change Act (2016) which requires that the NCCAP be updated every five years. The updating of the second NCCAP included consultations with counties, civil society, development partners, youth, women and marginalized groups, the private sector, research and academic institutions. The consultations also involved Sectoral Expert Group Meetings.

The Expert Group Meeting on Agriculture was convened with technical and financial support of the NAP-Ag project. The meeting, held between 9-13 April 2018 brought together national experts from the state departments of crops,

livestock, water, fisheries and the blue economy. Also in attendance were senior researchers from the Kenya



Agricultural and Livestock Research Organization (KALRO). The meeting aimed at reviewing the performance of the agriculture sector in the 2013-2017 NCCAP and developing priority adaptation and mitigation actions for the agriculture sector for incorporation in to the NCCAP 2018-2022.

The Action Plan is a five-year policy document that aims to guide the country towards low carbon climate resilient development. The Action plan will help national and county governments and businesses to identify and plan for appropriate adaptation and mitigation interventions.

Significant progress was made under the first NCCAP 2013 - 2017. This

includes the development of the National Adaptation Plan (NAP) 2015-2030; establishment of a climate change fund to support adaptation actions in five ASAL counties; expansion of renewable energy including geothermal, solar and wind; establishment of the National Climate Change Resource



Centre; and improvement of the legal and policy framework (the Climate Change Act, 2016; National Climate Change Framework Policy and National Climate Finance Policy).

The second NCCAP, nationally validated on 26th June 2018 will assist Kenya to achieve domestic obligations under the Climate Change Act, 2016 and international obligations under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, including Kenya's Nationally Determined Contribution.

### 3.0 NAP-Ag Kenya project partners with IFAD to scale up assistance to counties on climate risk management in the agriculture sub-sectors.

Following the successful capacity needs assessment and development support provided to the Government of Kenya through the NAP-Ag project, the Kenya Representation of the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD Kenya office) has partnered with the NAP-Ag project to scale up assistance to six counties within the Mount Kenya region on climate risk management in agriculture. The counties include: Nyeri, Meru, Embu, Tharaka Nithi, Murangá and Kirinyaga. The first leg of the training took place at the Kaguru Agricultural Training Centre, in Meru County, Kenya.

The four days training held from 28-31 May 2018 brought together over sixty county and sub-county officers. Financial support for the training was provided by the IFAD's Upper Tana Natural Resource Management Project.

The trainers comprised the NAP-Ag project Technical Coordinator, Ms. Zipora Otieno, Mr. Philip Kisoyan, FAO Natural Resource Management Officer, Dr. Lucy Ngángá, Ms. Veronica Ndetu and Mr. Benjamin Kibor all of the Climate Change Unit at the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation.

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The first day of the training was dedicated to establishing a common understanding of climate change adaptation and mitigation and to cultivating why the synergies between adaptation and mitigation matter. Other important topical

issues covered on the first day included Kenya climate change response strategies, adaptation in the agriculture sector and introduction to Climate Smart Agriculture (CSA). The second day of the training was devoted to deepening the trainees' understanding of climate smart agriculture in the crops, livestock, fisheries and aquaculture sub-sectors. On the third day of the training, trainees were taken through cross-cutting

issues in CSA, mainly gender, agro-weather information, CSA extension, climate finance and market linkages. The methodology used in the training comprised of videos, power point presentations, interactive plenary discussions, and group discussions. The last day covered natural resource management and agroforestry in CSA perspective and community based natural resource management. The four-day

intensive training culminated in the issuing of Certificates of Completion to all trainees in an award ceremony presided over by IFAD's Upper Tana Natural Resource Management Project team. The collaboration with IFAD is expected to deepen with the approval of the NAP readiness project that will see a more comprehensive capacity development program implemented in Kenya's forty seven counties.



*Trainees pose for a group photo during the training held at Kaguru Agricultural Training Centre, in Meru County. Back left is Mr. Boniface Kikuvi of IFAD's Upper Tana NRM project.*

## 4.0 Moving from Strategy to Implementation: The Kenya Climate Smart Agriculture Implementation Framework (KCSAIF).

Kenya has launched its Climate Smart Agriculture Implementation Framework (KCSAIF 2018-2027). Thanks to the generous support provided through the NAP-Ag project, the KCSAIF is the implementation plan for the Kenya Climate Smart Agriculture Strategy launched last year with technical and financial support from the NAP-Ag project. The development of the Implementation Framework also benefited from the contribution of other partners notably the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD), the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA), the East African Community (EAC), the CGIAR Research

Program on Climate Change, Agriculture and Food Security (CCAFS) and the Department for International Development (DFID) of the UK Government.

**T**he KCSAIF aims to leverage on global opportunities and tap into available climate finance mechanisms by providing clear structures through which farmers can directly benefit from the efforts of the national and county governments, development partners, the private sector, civil society organizations and farmer associations.

To achieve this, actions designed around four components will be executed, namely (1) Institutional Coordination (2) Agricultural Productivity and Socially Inclusive Value Chain Integration (3) Resilience and Associated Mitigation Co-benefits (4) CSA Knowledge, Extension and Agro-weather Services.

**I**n 2017, the NAP-Ag project technically supported county consultations in Kenya's forty seven counties. The objectives of the consultations were to share

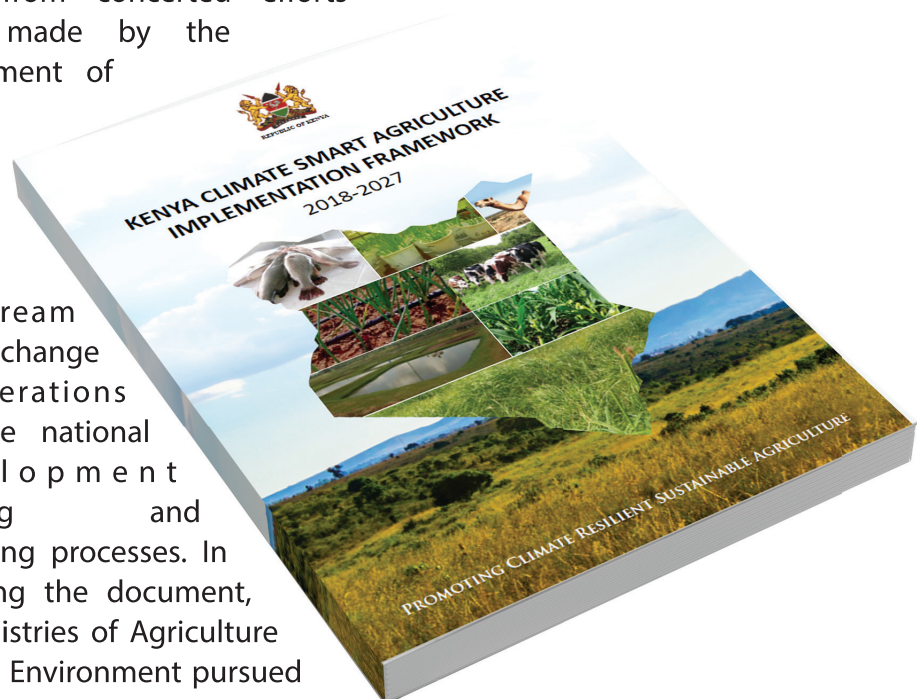
the draft Kenya Climate Smart Agriculture Implementation Framework with County Governments; engage County Governments in establishment of baselines and formulation of targets for activities; and integrating concerns and aspirations of County Governments on climate change matters for consideration and incorporation into the KCSAIF.

**T**he preparation of the Kenya Climate Smart Agriculture Implementation Framework stems from concerted efforts being made by the Government of Kenya to

mainstream climate change considerations into the national development planning and budgeting processes. In preparing the document, the Ministries of Agriculture and the Environment pursued

a consultative approach under the guidance of a multi-stakeholder/multi-disciplinary Expert Team.

**T**he Expert Team drew representation from relevant Ministries and Departments, Parastatals, Civil Society Organizations (CSOs), Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), Community-Based Organizations (CBOs), Private Sector, researchers, academia and individuals.



## 5.0 Kenya's Success Story featured at the 48th SBSTA Side Event in Bonn, Germany.

**H**ow do we move from negotiations to implementation? How can we use climate finance to drive action across the global agriculture community and support smallholders in adopting sustainable and resilient farming systems? How can the Green Climate Fund (GCF) and the Global Environment Facility (GEF) support realization of these goals?

These and other questions were

discussed during the forty-eighth session of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA 48) side event co-organized by the three UN Rome Based Agencies (FAO, IFAD, WFP). SBSTA supports the work of the Conference of parties (COP) through the provision of timely information and advice on scientific and technological matters as they relate to the UNFCCC, its Kyoto Protocol and the Paris Agreement.



*Dr. Lucy Ng'ang'a of the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation sharing Kenya's success story during the 48th SBSTA Side Event held in Bonn, Germany.*

The side event was motivated by the landmark decision on agriculture at COP 23 (adoption of the Koronivia Joint Work on Agriculture) which opened the door to bold, transformative action to make farmers' more resilient, while mitigating climate change. The 48th SBSTA event which took place from 30 April to 10 May at the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Headquarters in Bonn, Germany brought together representatives

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of Parties to the UNFCCC, UN agencies, international and bilateral organizations, experts, scientists and members of civil

society.

Kenya was represented by Dr. Lucy Ng'ang'a of the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation. During the side event, Kenya shared its experience in successfully formulating a GCF NAP Readiness project, citing the critical success factors, challenges encountered and lessons learnt. The FAO Kenya office was commended for taking a lead role in supporting the Government of Kenya to access resources from the GCF. The \$3 million project developed under the auspices of the NAP-Ag project will be implemented in close collaboration with the Climate Change Directorate under the Ministry of Environment and Forestry.

Other panelists who participated in the side event included representatives from the Mongolia Ministry of Environment, GCF, GEF and CGIAR's Climate Change, Agriculture and Food Security (CAAFS) programme.



*Participants pose for a group photo during the 48th SBSTA meeting held in Bonn, Germany. Second row, fifth from right is Dr. Lucy Ng'ang'a of the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation.*

## 6.0

# FAO lauded by Government during National Climate Finance Workshop in Nairobi.

Kenya's Principal Secretary for the National Treasury, Dr. Kamau Thugge was among other high ranking officials who attended this year's national climate finance workshop held in Nairobi from 19-20 June. The workshop, convened by NEPAD and the GCF NDA brought together stakeholders to learn and share best practices and plan future activities related to climate finance. Also in attendance were representatives of various line ministries, the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD), Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN), African Development Bank (AfDB), Kenya Private Sector Alliance (KEPSA), academic institutions and other key actors.

Speaking during the workshop, the Treasury Principal Secretary applauded FAO for playing a critical role in supporting the Government of Kenya to mobilize financial resources from the GCF noting that the resources would help the country implement its NDC.

In her official address, the NAP-Ag Kenya project Technical Coordinator, Ms. Zipora Otieno highlighted the vital role of international Accredited Entities in supporting national governments to access



*Treasury Principal Secretary, Dr. Kamau Thugge giving his remarks during the workshop held at Hilton Hotel, Nairobi.*

and manage climate finance emphasizing that the magnitude of resources needed for climate action required concerted efforts by both public, private and the international community. "The recent signing of a Collaborative Programme Agreement between the FAO, the GCF and the National Treasury is a classic example of the much-needed country-led and donor-supported initiatives that will help steer Kenya towards a climate resilient development path," she added.

The workshop, which featured updates on GCF, GEF and the Adaptation Fund policies and programmes also included technical sessions

on mechanisms and opportunities to mobilize climate finance in both domestic and international circuits. Through interactive group work, participants articulated a series of recommendations highlighting the need for a more strategic framework for climate financing and coordinated action across sectors.

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*NAP-Ag Kenya Technical Coordinator, Ms. Zipora Otieno speaking to participants during a workshop session.*



*From right: Treasury Principal Secretary-Dr. Kamau Thugge, Treasury's Senior Policy Analyst-Mr. Peter Odhengo, Mr. Christopher Oisebe-Director, Financial Affairs Department at the National Treasury and Mr. Kwame Ababio of NEPAD chatting during the workshop.*

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