**Introductions**

The Isiolo County Government established Climate Change Fund Act, 2018, An ACT of the Isiolo County Assembly for the establishment of a Climate Change Fund to finance, facilitate and coordinate financing Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation projects; and for connected purposes

**Objectives of the Act**

The object of this Act is to create a fund in the County for the purpose of facilitating establishment of a mechanism to finance climate change activities, programs and projects in the County through—

(a) initiating and coordinating financing of Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation activities at the community level in the County;

(b) enhancing Climate Finance mechanisms in the County;

(c) facilitating community initiated Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation activities in the County;

(d) facilitating planning for Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation in the County planning and budgetary framework;

(e) seeking and receiving grants from national and international entities, the National Government, the County Government and other relevant organizations;

(f) providing support from the national Climate Change Policy and legislative framework; and

(g) coordinating collection and dissemination of climate change information to the public to create awareness and preparedness.

The Isiolo County Climate Change Fund shall be financed through moneys appropriated by the County Assembly not less than two percent, or such other limit as the Assembly may determine, of the development expenditure in a financial year. The County government’s contribution for Financial Year 2019-2020 adds up to Kshs. 37,468,433.
**Ward Planning Committee**

There is established Ward Planning Committee in each Ward of Isiolo County.

**Composition of Ward Planning Committee**

- One person nominated by youth in the ward
- One person nominated by women in the ward
- One person nominated by persons with disability in the ward
- One person representing Ward based Public Benefit Organizations/CBOs
- One person representing faith based organizations in the ward
- The Ward Administrator, shall be an ex officio of the committee
- Four representatives nominated by communities representing various locations in the ward;
- One person, elected by the Ward Planning Committee members who shall be chairperson and who shall meet following minimum qualifications—
  - Must be a resident of the respective ward
  - Must at least be able to read and write in English
  - Good leadership and trusted by the ward community
  - Proven track record of community services engagement in ward development initiatives
  - Be a member of a Ward Adaptation Planning Committee.
- One person, elected by the Ward Planning Committee members who shall be Treasurer
- One person, elected by the Ward Planning Committee members who shall be Secretary
- The Ward Planning Committee shall not have more than 11 members.

**Functions of the Ward Planning Committee**

The roles of the Ward Planning Committee shall be to—

a. Consult with the community on the relevant climate finance activities
b. Facilitate public participation at the ward level
c. Receive project proposals from the community at the ward level
d. Develop technical components of project proposals
e. Procure goods and services for projects, including development of procurement plans for each project at ward level
f. Monitor implementation of projects at the ward level
g. Prepare the budget at the ward level;h. Preparing the ward level project reports; andi. Any other duty assigned by the County Planning Committee.

The Ward Planning Committee shall have access to other County departments for technical assistance as they may require.

**Sources of funds**

The Fund shall be financed through—

a) Moneys appropriated by the County Assembly not less than two percent, or such other limit as the Assembly may determine, of the development expenditure in a financial year;
b) Moneys from the National Government;
c) Grants and loans from the National Climate Fund
d) Climate finance from international entities;
e) Moneys received from Public Benefit Organizations;
f) Fees and charges from climate finance activities; and
g) Other grants and donations.

**Fund Administrator**

There shall be Fund Administrator for the Fund who shall be the Secretary to the County Planning Committee.

**Functions of the Fund Administrator**

The functions of the Fund Administrator shall include to—

- Prepare a framework for receiving and evaluating project proposals
- Prepare and publish a yearly projects and program evaluation and implementation schedule stating:
  1. The key activities in a financial year;
  2. The persons responsible for each task; and
  3. The time frame for each process;
- Organize access to the services of the County Planning Committee at the ward level;
- Implement the decisions of the County Planning Committee;
- Publish the eligibility criteria for selection of projects developed by the County Planning Committee;
- Organize and coordinate the disbursement of moneys allocated to projects approved by the County Planning Committee;
- Coordinate the technical capacity requirements at the Ward Planning Committees in executing their roles
- Keep custody of the accounts of the Fund;
- Coordinate capacity building for the Ward Planning Committees;
- Coordinate the technical capacity requirements of the Ward Planning Committees under this Act where appropriate;
- Develop a complaints mechanism;
- Facilitate the functions of the institutions created under this Act where appropriate;
- Prepare a budget for the administrative costs per quarter for each institution under this Act; and
- Any other duty assigned by the County Planning Committee.
County Planning Committee
There is established Isiolo County Climate Change Fund Planning Committee

Composition of County Planning Committee
- One person, not being a public officer, appointed by the Executive Member, who shall be the chairperson,
- The Chief Officer in charge of Energy, Environment, Natural resources and Climate Change,
- The Chief Officer in charge of water and irrigation,
- The Chief Officer in charge of Finance and Economic Planning,
- The Chief Officer in charge of Agriculture,
- The Chief Officer in charge of Public Health,
- The County Drought Coordinator,
- The County Director of the National Environment Management Authority in the County,
- The County Director of the Meteorological Department in the County,
- One person from a Fund Participating Institutions,
- One person representing Public Benefit Organizations operating in the County,
- A representative of Ward Planning Committees nominated by all the Ward Planning Committees on rotational basis,
- A representative of women,
- A representative of youth,
- A representative of persons with disability,
- A representative of faith based organization.

A person shall be qualified for appointment as the chairperson, if the person—
- Is a resident of Isiolo County;
- Holds at least a Masters degree qualification from a reputable academic institution;
- Has relevant experience in similar aspect;
- Meets the requirements of Chapter Six of the Constitution; and;
- Has had a distinguished career in their respective fields.

Functions of the County Planning Committee
The functions of the County Planning Committee shall be—
- To develop projects eligibility criteria under this act;
- To receive, compile, evaluate and approve the projects submitted by the Ward Planning Committee based on the agreed criteria, and prepare the County Climate Finance Budget;
- Based on criteria, ensure equitable allocation of the moneys available in the Fund with regard to the projects received from the Ward Planning Committee;
- Provide monitoring and evaluation for projects financed by the Fund;
- Provide the essential linkages between the Steering Committee and the County Assembly with regard to management of the Fund;
- Coordinate capacity building for Climate Change Awareness and Climate Finance in the County;
- Coordinate research and development for Climate Change Finance in the County;
- Mobilize funds for Climate Change Finance in the County;
- Design a climate change awareness strategy for the county;
- Develop a climate finance research priority needs list for the county;
- Assign and coordinate technical assistance from County departments to projects funded under this Act;
- Assist the Steering Committee in developing the Climate Finance Framework;
- Any other matter relevant to the execution of the County Planning Committee's mandate.

Steering Committee
There is established Isiolo County Climate Change Fund Steering Committee

Composition of Steering Committee
- The Governor of Isiolo County, or in his absence the Deputy Governor of Isiolo County as the Chairperson;
- The County Executive Committee Member in charge of Climate Change as the Secretary;
- The County Executive Committee Member in charge of Finance;
- The County Executive Committee Member in charge of public health;
- The County Executive Committee Member in charge of agriculture, livestock and fisheries;
- One person to represent Fund Participating Institutions;
- One person to represent Public Benefit Organizations involved in climate change activities in the County;
- One person, resident of the County, appointed by the Executive Member to represent the business community.

The members of the Steering Committee shall elect one person, not being a public officer, to be the deputy chairperson.

Functions of the Steering Committee
The functions of the County Climate Fund Steering Committee shall include to—
A. Oversee implementation of county climate change activities financed by the Fund;
B. Support the Executive Member climate change to mobilize resources for Climate Change financing consistent with the approved county framework;
C. Develop necessary linkages for the Fund with the other county climate change activities;
D. Coordinate with other relevant stakeholders monitor compliance of the Fund administration to ensure compliance with the public finance management principles under article 201 of the Constitution of Kenya, the Procurement and Asset Disposals Act and the Public Finance Management Act;