CSO stakeholders adopt the Isiolo County Climate Change Fund Regulations 2019

Civil Society Organisations in Isiolo County have reviewed and adopted the model County Climate Change regulations. This took place in a meeting bringing together various stakeholders, including Caritas Isiolo, Kenya Climate Smart Agriculture (KCSA) Project, Mercy Corps, Pastoralist Gender Initiative (PGI), Pastoralist Women for Health and Education (PWHE) and Gender Watch (GW). The Minister of Environment, Energy, Natural Resource and Climate Change tabled the regulations in Isiolo’s County Assembly on 15th October 2019. The Climate Finance Regulations were developed by domesticating the model County Climate Change Finance Regulation developed by the Ada Consortium to suit the Isiolo context.

KSG validates the County Climate Change Fund Curriculum

On 22nd January 2020, the Kenya School of Government validated the County Climate Change Fund (CCCF) Curriculum. The CCCF curriculum complements the existing curriculum on climate change and will build the capacity of middle and senior level public servants who are involved in decision making on policy and budget matters particularly at the county to help them establish the CCCF mechanism, and mainstream climate change

Vihiga and Tharaka-Nithi legislate their CCCF Act

Vihiga and Tharaka- Nithi join the five pilot counties of Isiolo, Garissa, Kitui, Makueni and Wajir in passing the County Climate Change Fund (CCCF) Act in 2019. The law mandates that at least one - two percent of their development budget is allocated to addressing climate change issues through the CCCF mechanism. The CCCF mechanism facilitates the flow of climate finance to county government and simultaneously empowers local communities, through strengthening public participation in the management and use of those funds, to build their resilience to a changing climate.

How can we incorporate local knowledge into climate planning and policy? ...Maps!

In Kenya, participatory mapping supported by the CCCF mechanism makes it possible for indigenous knowledge to be included in planning and policy where for too long it was excluded, showing technology can empower people’s voices. A blog, found on Ada website describes how the process brings communities and government officials together to map soil types, grazing areas, drought reserves, water points and their quality, as well as potential farming areas. Local participation has led to local expertise being expressed in a language that government understands, translating traditional knowledge into formal policy and planning. The maps strengthen the voices and ability of people to protect sites that matter to them.

In numbers...

Seven counties in Kenya have established a CCCF mechanism with each committing 1-2% respectively towards the kitty

100 community prioritised investments in public goods

278,882 people with improved resilience due to the CCCF investments

In words...

“For any project to be successful, there has to be public participation and consultation on projects that should be implemented. Without consultation, community will never involve themselves in the project, even if the project is beneficial to them...”

Chief, Wargadud - Wajir

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Seven wards in Kitui prepare for the scale out of the CCCF investments

Kitui, one of the pilot counties under the CCCF mechanism, is scaling out the CCCF mechanism to an additional seven wards – making 19 in total. The scaling out is supported by the Kenya Cereals Enhancement Programme – Climate Resilient Agricultural Livelihood Window (KCEP-CRAL) under the State Department of Crops, Ministry of Agriculture. In the preparation, Ward Climate Change Planning Committees (WCCPC) have been established as per the County Climate Change Regulations 2018 and trained on their role, they have also been trained on proposal development, leadership and Climate Information Services (CIS). Under CIS the training entailed interpretation of weather information and dissemination. KCCEP-CRAL is also scaling out CCCF in Tharaka Nithi, Embu, Makueni, Kilifi, Taita-Taveta, Kwale and Machakos.

A robust climate change governance framework for LREB

The fifth Lake Region Economic Bloc (LREB) summit resolved and committed to concerted efforts towards putting in place a robust Climate Change Governance framework at county and regional level. The meeting, held on the 14-15th January 2020 at the Kenya Medical Training Institute - Siaya, brought together Governors from the 14 LREB counties. They recognized that climate change is a defining issue and as a region, they are already reeling from its adverse effects: unpredictable and increasingly variable rainfall, floods, higher temperatures, increasing severity of droughts and changing nature of pests and diseases, amongst others.

Siaya, Kwale, and Narok integrate ICRM into their county development and resilience planning

Siaya, Kwale, and Narok counties are in the process of integrating climate risk management (ICRM) into their county plans. These counties have developed draft county ICRM action plans that outline priority interventions to manage climate risk including those to be integrated in their CIDPs. The three counties are also in the process of establishing the CCCF mechanism in their respective counties by drafting the CCCF legislation. The respective county leadership have undergone training in climate governance (Climate Change Act, 2016, CCCF mechanism and related policies and strategies), Integrated Climate Risk Management (ICRM), and Community-Based Disaster Risk Reduction (CBDRR). The World Bank, through the ‘Locally-Led Climate Change and Disaster Management’ project supported the training.

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