



CONCEPT NOTE

DISSEMINATION WEBINAR FOR A STUDY ON ASSESSING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION INTERVENTIONS IN EAST AFRICA

Background to study

Despite these striking climate impacts, the East Africa region's adaptive capacity index is relatively low compared to other African regions. According to the East Africa Economic Outlook (AfDB, 2022), the region exhibits relatively low levels of climate resilience, as measured by the Climate Resilience Index (CRI)¹. The region's CRI score is 25.0, which is significantly lower than Southern Africa's score of 43.6 and North Africa's score of 63.5 (Figure 1a). The CRI varies between East African countries – from 18.3 to 28.9, with Djibouti, Kenya and Tanzania scoring highest, and South Sudan with the lowest CRI.

In East Africa, these efforts are impeded by a lack of robust evidence on what interventions are more effective in addressing vulnerabilities and what opportunities exist for scaling up investments in promising options. Specific questions require attention, notably: whether initiatives are making a positive difference for vulnerable communities; and whether they are achieving their desired impact i.e. promoting equity and providing good value for money. Without clear answers, valuable resources can be wasted, and progress towards a more resilient future can be hindered. This project aims to bridge this gap by generating evidence on the effectiveness of adaptation interventions across East Africa.

This study has been funded by the FCDO through its East Africa Research and Innovation Hub (EARIH). It aims to enhance the understanding of the effectiveness of adaptation interventions in East Africa to inform future investments. The study had three objectives: i) to identify priority adaptation sectors and interventions; ii) to understand the factors influencing the adoption of different interventions and the specific needs of marginalised groups (iii) to map the landscape of key funders driving adaptation efforts in East Africa. By thoroughly investigating and analysing the focus and effectiveness of interventions, we can inform future strategies for building resilient communities, ensuring no one is left behind. This will pave the way for more investments to scale up action equitably and sustainably for all East Africans challenged by climate change.

¹ The Climate Resilience Index is calculated as $RI = (ACI * TCI) / (EI * SI)$; where RI: climate resilience index, ACI: adaptive capacity index, TCI: transformative capacity index, EI: exposure index, and SI: sensitivity index. The index is derived by considering GDP as well as readiness and vulnerability to climate change.



Objectives of the workshop

Throughout the study, several stakeholders drawn from governments, universities, adaptation interventions, and civil society organisations have been consulted. These stakeholders provided valuable input and information that informed the final report of the study. Additionally, the study has elicited important policy implications at different levels. The workshop aims to sensitize relevant stakeholders on the insights from the study and the usefulness of the same, allowing them to validate the findings in readiness for more targeted policy engagements. The specific objectives are:

- i. Provide feedback to the various stakeholders consulted during the study
- ii. Raise awareness about the study's findings among a wide range of relevant stakeholders
- iii. Identify stakeholders' views on the usefulness of the findings and impact opportunities

Webinar design

Date: 21st February 2025

Duration: 2 hours (1200-1400HRs) E.A.T.

Target groups

- National Designated Authorities of East Africa and wider Africa
- Universities
- Centres of Excellence on Climate and Development
- ARIN Fellows
- Regional commissions
- Africa Group of Negotiators

Venue: Virtual via Zoom

Registration: Please register [HERE](#) for the webinar

Delivery model: Presentations, reflective discussions and interactive plenary

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PROGRAMME

S/N	Time EAT	SESSION	SPEAKER/IN-CHARGE
Session Moderator: Dr. Eurallyah Akinyi - Research Associate, Africa Research and Impact Network			
1.	12:05 – 12:20 HRs	Remarks	Dr Joanes Atela - PI of the study and Executive Director, ARIN Secretariat, Nairobi
			Dr. Emmeline Skinner - Evidence, Innovation, and Inclusion Adviser, FCDO’s East Africa Research and Innovation Hub (EARIH)
			PWC Representative: Daisy Ondimu /JPR Ochieng Odero
2.	12:20 – 12:50 HRs	Key Insights from the study ‘Assessing Effectiveness of Adaptation Interventions in East Africa’	Dr. Joanes Atela Dr. Mary Nantongo Dr. Humphrey Agevi Mr. Washington Kanyangi Ms. Leah Aoko
3.	12:50 – 13:20HRs	Panel Discussants: Report/policy brief will be sent to the discussants beforehand.	<p>1. Prof Cromwell Lukorito, Adaptation Lead, IPCC <i>Question: How do the findings of this report align or add value to the objectives of the IPCC’s 7th Assessment report- Working Group 2 report ‘Impact Adaptation and Vulnerability’</i></p> <p>2. Dr Muhamed Ali – Climate Change Advisor- Office of the President, Kenya and Chair Africa Group of Negotiators (AGN). <i>Question: In what ways do you see the insights and recommendations of the report contributing to the adaptation aspirations of Kenya and Africa under the auspices of the NDC and NAP?</i></p> <p>3. Uganda representative – Director Adaptation, Kenya Climate Change Directorate <i>Question: In what ways do you see the insights and recommendations of the report contributing to the current Kenya’s adaptation planning under the NDC and NAP?</i></p>

			<p>4. H.E. Dr Wilber K. Ottichilo E.G.H– Chair Climate Change Committee, Council of Governors – Kenya. <i>Question: In what ways does this study enhance devolution of adaptation actions to the local communities and how can the insights support various devolved climate change programmes such as the FLOCCA?</i></p> <p>5. Joseph Musah - Adaptation Fund representative: <i>Question: From the study, what potential areas do you find relevant for the adaptation fund current and future funding strategies?</i></p>
4.	13:20-13:50 HRS	Interactive Plenary	<p><i>Moderated by – Dr. Maria Nantongo</i></p> <p><i>Question: In what ways does the report findings useful to your work on adaptation and what areas do you think should be improved?</i></p>
5.	13:50–14:00 HRS	Way Forward & Next steps	Dr. Joanes Atela