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REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMMUNITIES (RECs) TECHNICAL CONSULTATIVE MEETING ON GCCA+ PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND NATIONALLY DETERMINED CONTRIBUTIONS (NDCs) REPORTING WRITESHOP

23-27 March 2020, Johannesburg, South Africa

CONCEPT NOTE

Background

SADC in partnership with COMESA are organizing a joint meeting with AUC, REC's and Commissions in the Eastern and Southern Africa. The meeting is a follow up to the 2019 joint AUC, IOC and REC meeting that COMESA organized as a technical consultative meeting on resilience that was held, in Lusaka, Zambia. The African Union and all Regional Economic Communities (REC's) and Commissions in Eastern and Southern Africa (ESA Region) are beneficiaries of a grant from the European Union through the Intra-African Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) Global Climate Change Alliance (GCCA)+ programme. These include East African Community (EAC), Southern African Development Community (SADC), Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) and Indian Ocean Commission (IOC).

The overall objective of the Intra ACP GCCA+ programme is to increase the resilience of the ESA region (and its Member States) to climate change and achieve the UN's sustainable development goals in particular Goal 13 "Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts" in order to reduce poverty and promote sustainable development.

All the RECs as well as AUC are implementing a climate change programme that will also support their Member States in the implementation of the Paris Agreement with a specific focus on NDCs while ensuring that their national climate change strategies, plans and priorities that contribute to the implementation of the Paris agreement (including NDCs) have been strengthened. It is envisaged that with adequate capacity, their Member States will effectively monitor, track and report the progress achieved in implementing their NDCs. This is essential in meeting the requirements of article 13 of the Paris Agreement. There is need to identify areas of synergy and complementarity and to harmonize NDC implementation approaches amongst REC's, Commissions and with AUC; including monitoring reporting and verification.

To date has developed a draft NDC monitoring and reporting that is being finalized prior to being validated by the Member States. The ACP GCCA+ Secretariat has also

developed one such tool for use in its Member States hence the need to harmonize these tools in line with UNFCCC reporting requirements. The meeting will focus on developing common understanding in terms of NDC reporting approaches including monitoring, reporting and implementation. The meeting will also help identify and define critical indicators and refine them to respond to the continent's reporting. It envisaged that the outcome of this meeting as pertains to the harmonized reporting would also provide inputs into a potential validation meeting with member States to endorse such a regional reporting tool.

Objective of the Meeting

The purpose of the meeting is to:

- ensure harmonized implementation of the EU GCCA+ Programme and other regional initiatives of common interest
- harmonize NDC reporting approaches including monitoring, reporting and implementation.
- identify and define critical indicators and refine them to respond to the continent's NDC reporting.
- Discuss and provide technical input into the draft NDC reporting tool drafted by SADC and also the one by ACP GCCA+

Expected Outputs

- Roadmap for harmonized implementation of the Intra ACP GCCA+ Programmes developed and Potential areas of synergy between AUC, RECs and Commissions.
- Harmonized NDC reporting tool derived from the SADC and ACP GCCA+ draft tools as well UNFCCC reporting tools.
- Roadmap into the development and use of the NDC monitoring and reporting tool clearly mapped out.

Expected Participants:

Participation will include the African Union Commission (AUC), the ACP Secretariat (Global Climate Change Alliance plus (GCCA+) all the Regional Economic Communities in the Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA, EAC, SADC); Commissions (IGAD, IOC) and strategic partners like the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) United Nations United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), NDC Partnership and the Africa NDC Hub of the African Development Bank.

Format of the meeting

To deliver on the above-mentioned objectives, the meeting will include, presentations, plenary discussions, and breakout group work sessions.

Venue (TBC): Johannesburg, South Africa

Dates (TBC): 23-27 March 2020



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Annex 1: Draft Agenda

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