

# PROGRAMME BRIEF

## Water, Climate and Development Programme (WACDEP) for Africa



### The Programme

#### Goal and Objectives

WACDEP aims to strengthen the resilience of countries to climate change, specifically by providing support around the Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), the National Adaptation Plan (NAP) processes, as well as cooperation and financing. The goal of the programme is to promote water as a key part of sustainable regional and national development, and contribute to climate change adaptation for economic growth and human security.

The overall Programme objective is to support countries integrate water security and climate resilience in development planning and decision-making processes, through enhanced technical and institutional capacity and predictable financing and investments in water security and climate change adaptation.

#### Specific Objectives and Outcomes

The specific objectives of the WACDEP 2016–2019 Programme are to:

- facilitate investments that enhance water security and climate resilience in Africa focusing on preparing investment plans and implementation roadmaps for NDCs;
- enhance capacity for water security, and climate resilient development planning, implementation and monitoring;
- strengthen knowledge management for water security and climate resilience; and
- promote stakeholder coordination and regional/transboundary cooperation for water security and climate resilience building

The expected outcomes of the WACDEP 2016-2019 Programme are:

- “no regrets” investments for building climate resilience and ensuring water security prepared and implemented;
- capacity for water security and climate resilient integration in development planning, implementation and monitoring improved;
- tools for planning and monitoring of NDCs and NAPs implementation prepared; and
- transboundary cooperation strengthened and stakeholder participation enhanced under initiatives aimed at ensuring water security and building climate resilience in transboundary basins.

<b>Name of the Programme</b>	Water, Climate and Development Programme (WACDEP) for Africa
<b>Financing partner</b>	Austrian Development Agency (ADA), Department for International Development (DFID), GWP Financing Partners Group
<b>Duration</b>	2016-2019
<b>Implementing Agency</b>	Global Water Partnership (GWP)

### Introduction

Africa is among the most vulnerable continents to the impacts of climate change, yet it has the least ability to cope. The continent is warming faster than other regions of the world, and has been affected on a yearly basis by an increasing frequency of floods and droughts. Among the many risks that climate change poses to the continent are shifts in the distribution ranges of species and ecosystems; loss of coral reefs; reduced crop and livestock productivity; increased water scarcity, increased flooding; coastal zone erosion and flooding; salt water intrusion; and increased displacement of communities, migration and refugees. Losses to the African economies from impacts of climate change are estimated to be in the range of 1-2% of GDP, or US\$10-20 billion annually<sup>1</sup>. The economic costs of climate change in Africa are projected to rise to US\$40 billion/year, or 2.7% of Africa's GDP by 2025<sup>2</sup>.

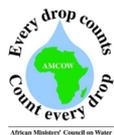
### Strategic Context

The Water, Climate and Development Programme (WACDEP) for Africa is one of the responses of the African continent to the risks posed by climate change. WACDEP is a programme of the African Ministers' Council on Water (AMCOW) that is being implemented by the Global Water Partnership (GWP) and other partners.

WACDEP is part of AMCOW'S Work Programme and supports countries to deliver on the 2008 Sharm El Sheikh Declaration on Water and Sanitation. The Declaration, among other things, commits African countries to put in place adaptation measures to improve their resilience to the increasing threat of climate change and variability of water resources. WACDEP is aligned to Africa's 2016-2025 Water Resources Management Priority Action Plan (PAP) and supports the implementation of the African Union's Agenda 2063, the 2015 Paris Climate Agreement and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

<sup>1</sup>van Aalst, M., Hellmuth, M. and Ponzi, D. (2007) *Come Rain or Shine: Integrating Climate Risk Management into African Development Bank Operations*. Working Paper, No 89. African Development Bank

<sup>2</sup>Global Climate Adaptation Partnership and partners, 2011 *The Economics of Climate Change in the United Republic of Tanzania*.





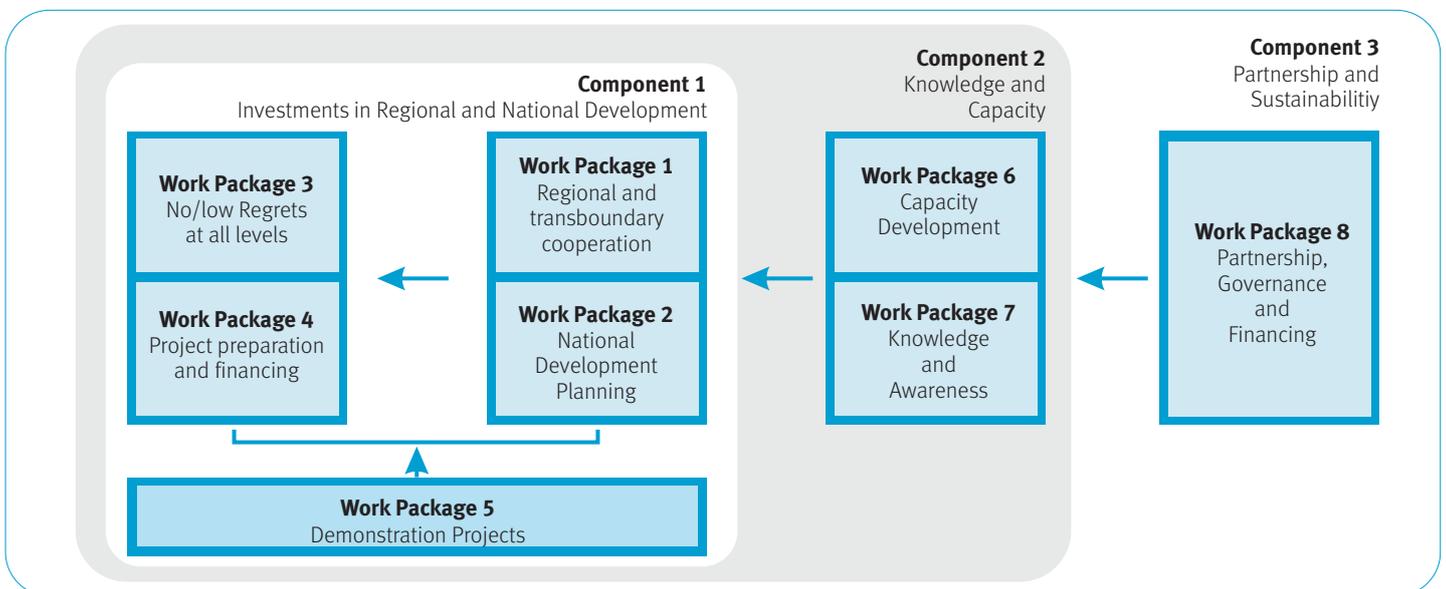
## Programme phases

The first phase of the Programme was implemented from 2011 to 2015 and targeted five transboundary basins in eight countries; namely Volta Basin (Burkina Faso and Ghana), Lake Chad Basin (Cameroon), Limpopo Basin (Mozambique and Zimbabwe), Kagera Basin (Burundi and Rwanda) and the North West Sahara Aquifer System (Tunisia). The first phase has been succeeded by a 4-year phase running from 2016 to 2019 that involves the original 6 countries of the programme plus an additional 10 new countries (Benin, Central Africa Republic, Kenya, Mali, Mauritania, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Tanzania, Uganda and Zambia). Activities under the 2016-2019 programme, which has an estimated budget of Euro 10.83 million, build on the lessons of the pilot phase and respond to emerging priorities from the countries as well as other global processes such as the Paris Climate Agreement and the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda.

## Implementation Arrangements

The Global Water Partnership Regional office for Africa Coordination Unit, based in Pretoria, South Africa is the main implementing agency for WACDEP. GWP is supported in the steering of the Programme by GWP's Regional Water Partnerships (RWPs) and AMCOW's Regional Technical Advisory Committees (TACs). Programme activities are carried out in close cooperation with the Regional Economic Communities (RECs) of West Africa (ECOWAS), East Africa (EAC), Greater Horn of Africa (IGAD), Southern Africa (SADC), and Central Africa (ECCAS). Other implementing partners include UNDP-GEF, UNDP-CapNet, NAP-Global Support Programme (NAP-GSP), EU Africa Working Group, the African Water Facility (AWF), the Infrastructure Consortium for Africa (ICA) and the Capacity Development Knowledge Network (CDKN).

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