



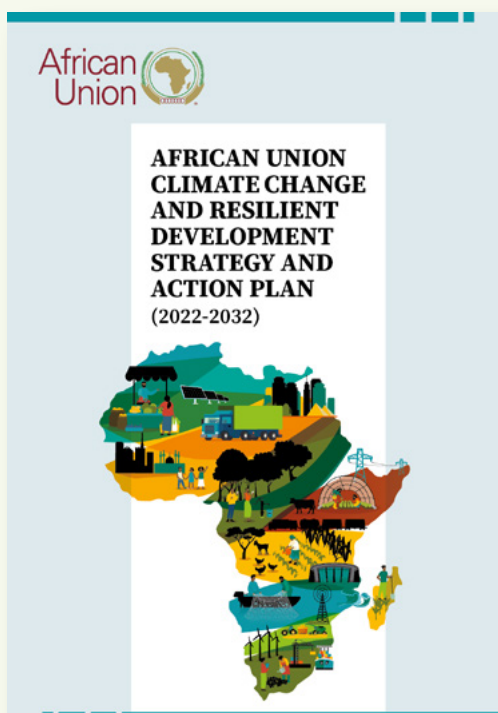
STRATEGIC CLIMATE INVESTMENT PARTNERSHIP ROUNDTABLE

Supporting the implementation of Africa's climate change priorities and pathways through transformative collaboration

Date: 19th - 20th June 2023

Venue: African Union Headquarters, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

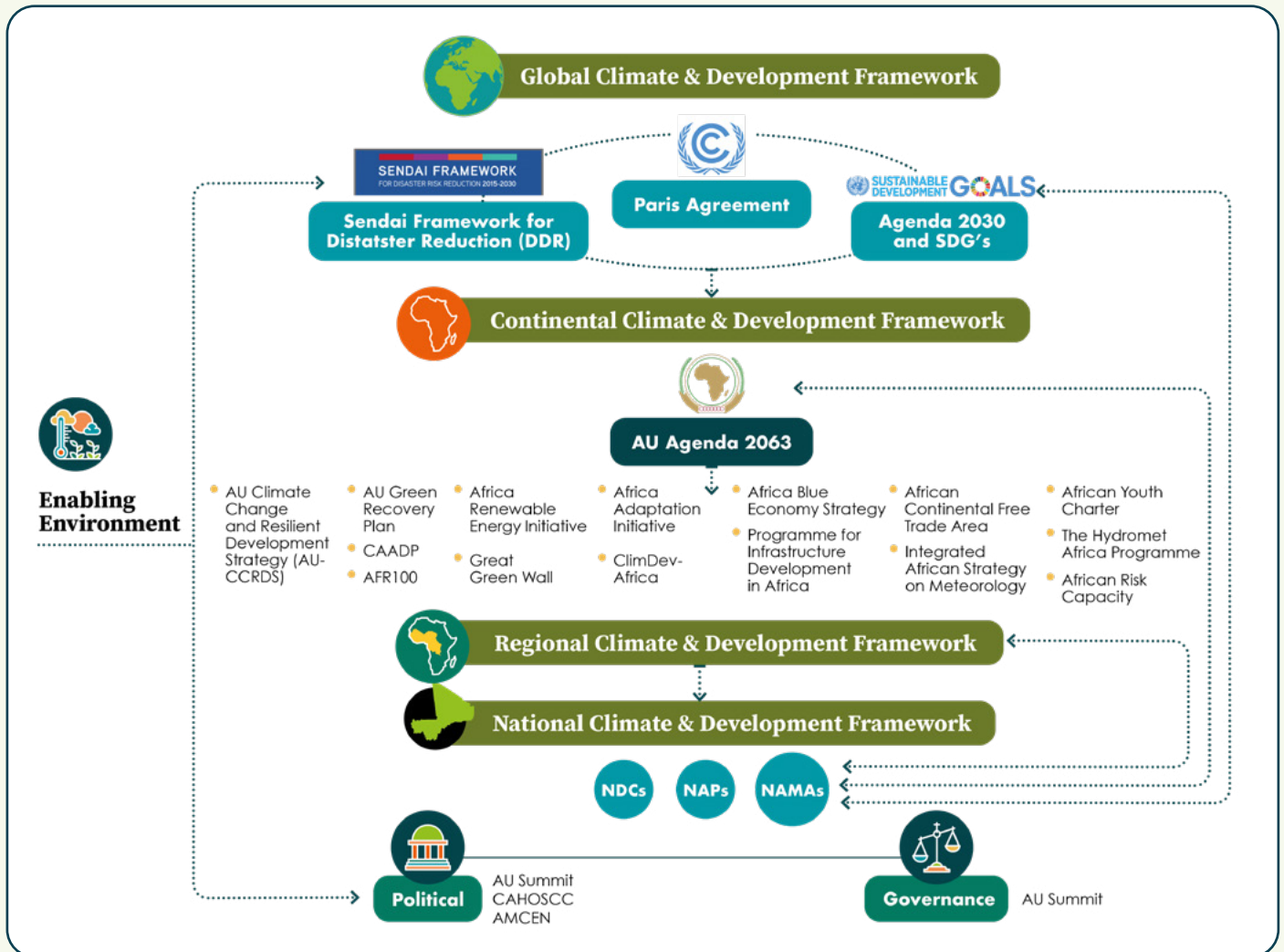
This roundtable will leverage partnerships and align investment opportunities to support the operationalisation of the African Union Climate Change and Resilient Development Strategy and Action Plan (2022-2032).





Context

On 6 February 2022, the African Union's Climate Change and Resilient Development Strategy and Action Plan (2022-2032) was endorsed at the 35th Ordinary Session of the AU's Assembly of African Heads of State and Government.



This is **Africa's first collective climate change action plan** and Strategy that details specific suggested actions the continent needs to urgently achieve to respond to climate change. The Strategy seeks to harmonise the continent's response to climate change over the next decade, setting out the key guiding principles, priorities, and intervention areas for enhanced climate cooperation.

Vision A sustainable, prosperous, equitable and climate- resilient Africa.

Goal To provide a continental framework for collective action and enhanced cooperation in addressing climate change issues that improves livelihoods and well-being, promotes adaptation capacity, and achieves low-emission, sustainable economic growth.

Overall Objective Building the resilience of African communities, ecosystems and economies, and supporting regional adaptation.

Four sub-objectives

- 1 Strengthening the adaptive capacity of affected communities and managing the risks related to climate change.
- 2 Pursuing equitable and transformative low emission, climate-resilient development pathways.
- 3 Enhancing Africa's capacity to mobilise resources and improve access to and development of technology for ambitious climate action.
- 4 Enhancing inclusion, alignment, cooperation, and ownership of climate strategies, policies, programmes and plans across all spheres of government and stakeholder groupings.

4 Strategic Intervention Axes

Axis 1

Strengthening Policy and Governance

Axis 2

9 Pathways towards Transformative Climate-Resilient Development

Axis 3

Enhancing Implementation towards Climate-Resilient Development

Axis 4

Leveraging Regional Flagship Initiatives

- 1 Food systems under a changing climate
- 2 Protecting land-based ecosystems
- 3 Enhancing climate-resilient and low-carbon energy infrastructural systems
- 4 Promoting low-carbon, resilient mobility and transport systems
- 5 Inclusive, resource-efficient industrialisation
- 6 Building low-carbon, resilient urban areas
- 7 Enhancing resilient water systems
- 8 Building a climate-resilient blue economy
- 9 Digital transformation

Partnerships will be key to the effective implementation of the Strategy. Member States, development partners, civil society, the private sector and other stakeholders all have a role to play in the operationalisation of the Strategy, including the provision of technical and financial support.

Collectively, we can achieve immense impact through co-design and joint implementation of projects and initiatives to support the Strategy's objectives, thereby contributing to a sustainable, prosperous, equitable and climate-resilient Africa.



Operationalising the Strategy through robust investment partnerships and transformative collaboration

While the adoption of the AU Climate Strategy is a key step in shaping Africa's long-term climate change response, there is an urgent need to translate the commitments and priority areas outlined in the Strategy into tangible and meaningful actions. This can only be achieved through political prioritisation; enhanced, broad-based ownership; policy alignment across all spheres of government and stakeholder groupings; and a partnership-based approach to planning, financing and implementation.

Multi-stakeholder partnerships are key to the effective implementation of the Strategy. Member States, development partners, civil society, the private sector and other stakeholders all have a role to play in the operationalisation of the Strategy, including the provision of technical and financial support. Collectively, through dynamic partnerships, especially public and private collaboration, we can achieve immense impact through co-design and joint implementation of projects and initiatives to support the Strategy's objectives.



Climate Investment and Partnership Roundtable

For the Strategy to succeed, immediate actions are needed to maintain momentum and to enhance its operationalisation. In this regard, the African Union Commission is hosting the inaugural strategic Climate Investment Partnership Roundtable on 19th - 20th June 2023. This event will allow for interactive brainstorming, strategic planning and catalysing investment opportunities and partnership alignment to support the key needs, intervention axes and priorities of the Strategy.

The roundtable is an opportunity to bring together key actors to strategize a collective approach to bring cohesion between the different climate change efforts on the continent and co-ordinate

these under the strategic direction and priority intervention areas of the Strategy. The roundtable will stimulate strategic consolidation and scaling of investment pipelines as well as implementation coordination to stimulate the necessary actions on the ground.

This roundtable serves as a critical milestone towards the African Climate Summit. The roadmap and outcome of this roundtable will be accompanied by formal 'pledging' announcements that will take place within a dedicated investment session at the African Climate Summit, to be held in Nairobi from 4th - 6th September 2023.