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Accelerating Impacts of CGIAR
Climate Research for Africa



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Outcomes of the Climate Leadership Program

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The AGNES logo, featuring a white outline of the African continent to the left of the word "AGNES" in large, bold, white capital letters. Below "AGNES" is the text "African Group of Negotiators Experts Support" in a smaller, white font.

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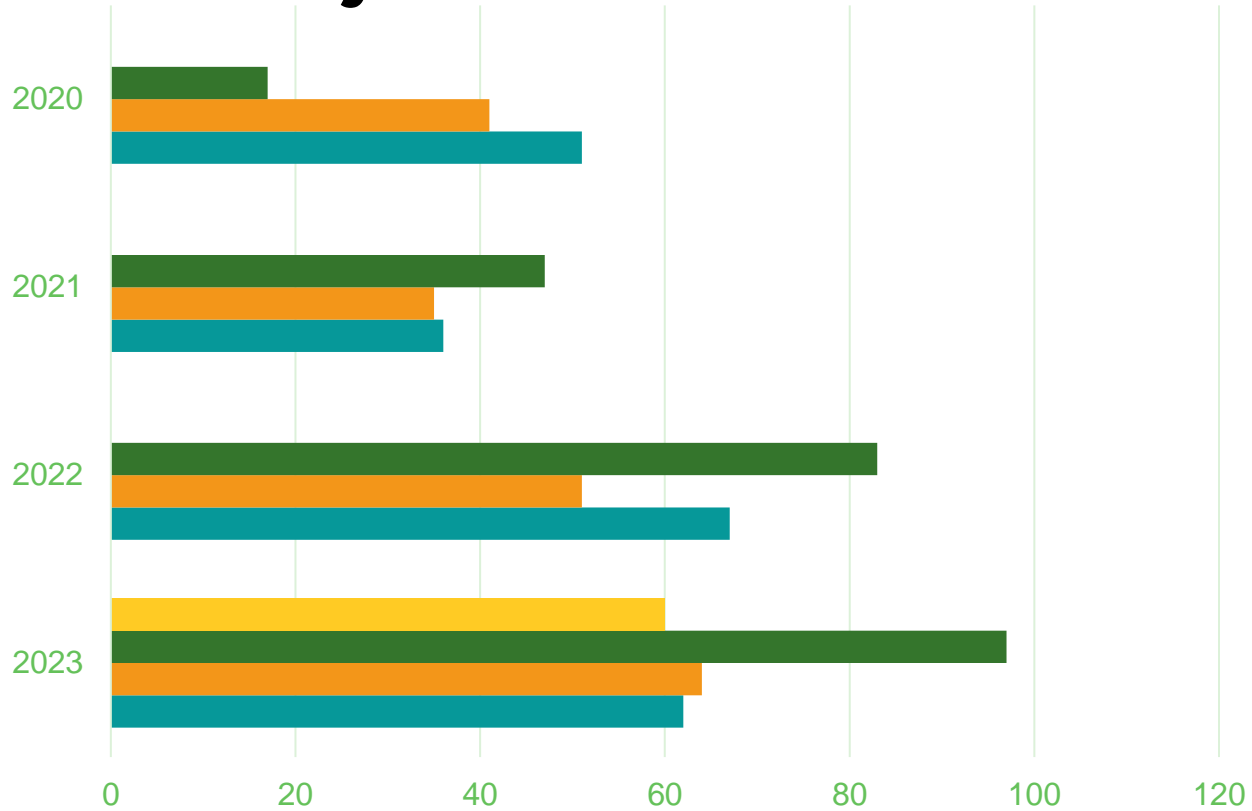
The AGNES Climate Leadership Program

Objectives:

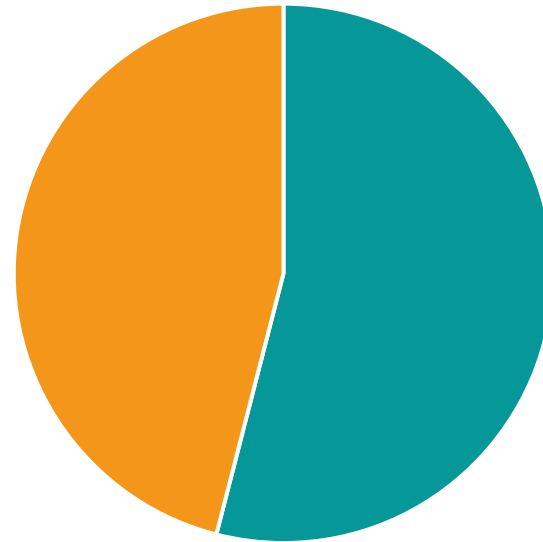
- To build and strengthen African climate leaders
- To improve their knowledge and negotiation skills to enable them to engage effectively in international climate change policy discourse
- To build capacity to contribute to the successful implementation of climate actions at regional and national levels.



13 cohorts over 4 years



Total of **711** participants since 2020



■ Men ■ Women

What have we achieved beyond the numbers?

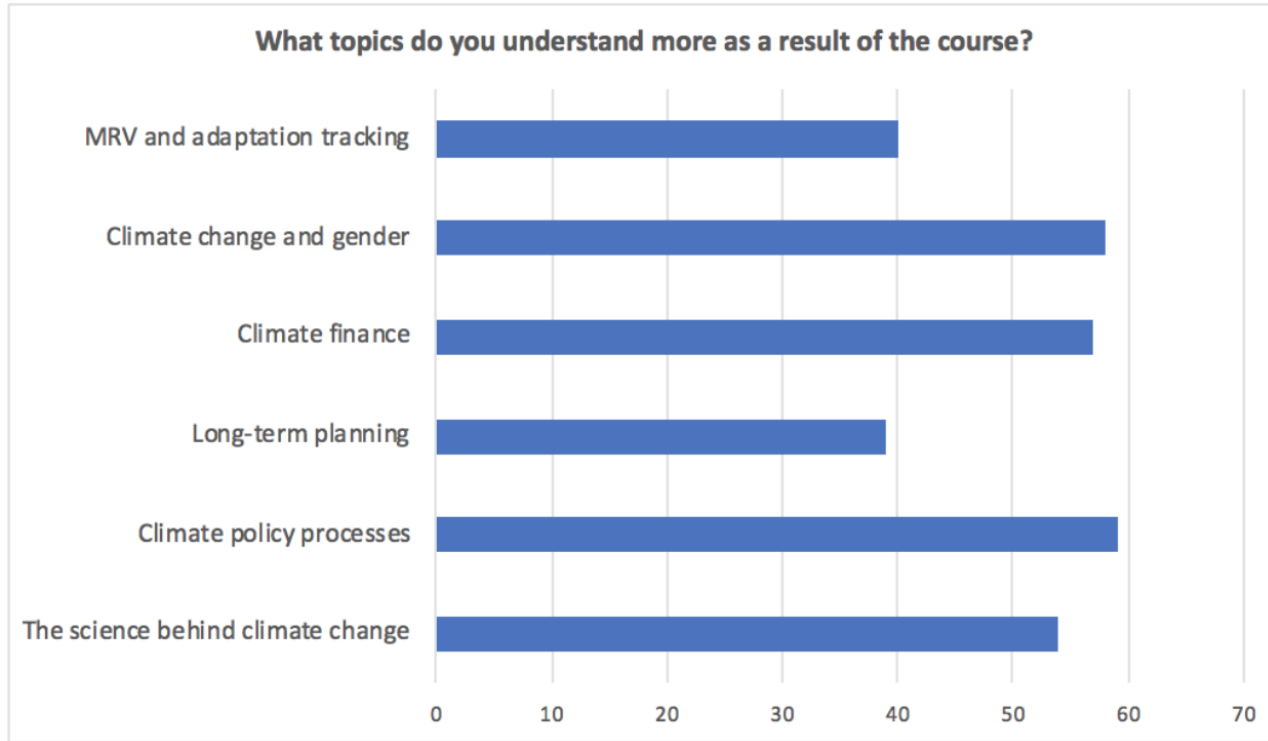
Evaluation survey sent to all cohorts in October 2023

Questions included:

- how they have **used the new knowledge and skills** in their work
- how their **knowledge, skills and attitudes have changed**
- what **leadership, negotiation and diplomacy skills they have gained**
- how they **integrated** what they have learned in their work
- how they have been involved in **training and capacity building** of others
- what other **climate change activities** they have been involved in

LinkedIn qualitative questions

Results highlights: change of knowledge





Akinlolu Sylvester Akinbowale • 1st

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I am glad to announce to you that I have been awarded a certificate for successfully completing the Climate Governance, Diplomacy and Negotiations Leadership Program.

The program has equipped me with fundamental knowledge and skills required to understand the interdependent relationships between Environment, Society, and Government, and their roles in guiding the global transition to a low carbon economy.

More so, It has given me the rare opportunity to share ideas and learn from researchers from different nationalities.

Find below my Certificate and Congratulatory E- shot from [AGNES AFRICA](#) .

Best regards,
Akinlolu Sylvester

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Result highlights: Change of skills

Negotiation skills: communication, active listening, conflict resolution, preparing and understanding differing viewpoints, the ability to find common ground, the importance of verbal and non-verbal skills, and dealing with climate funders

“The course has taught me various negotiation techniques and strategies that have helped me to better navigate complex climate change negotiations and dialogues. I have learned how to communicate effectively, build alliances, and find creative solutions to seemingly intractable problems. These skills have proven invaluable in my current role, where I frequently engage with stakeholders from diverse backgrounds to address climate change challenges.”

“I am now a better negotiator as a result of the training.”

Result highlights: Change of skills

Diplomacy skills: cultural sensitivity and understanding diverse perspectives, understanding the audience and parties involved, the need for compromise and the ability to engage various stakeholders

“I acquired valuable diplomacy skills, including the ability to build relationships and partnerships, navigate sensitive and complex environmental negotiations, engage in constructive dialogue with various stakeholders, balance conflicting interests, and promote consensus-building in the context of climate diplomacy.”

Result highlights: Integrating new knowledge

“The climate skills that I got from the AGNES Climate Leadership Program made me the most recognised climate expert who could negotiate and propose new climate strategies. I was a Lesotho Party Delegate, and I was following the Loss and Damage sector or proceedings. I also train other Lesotho Party delegates on how the UNFCCC Climate Negotiation System works. I was also able to understand more about my country's position on climate change.”

“I have the privilege of working with Ondo State Agricultural Inputs Supply Agency in Ondo State, Nigeria. We relate with rural farmers including fish farmers as we selling fishing nets etc. I have had the privilege of helping rural farmers to know why the climate is changing and the various climate-smart agricultural methods or alternatives they can adopt.”

Result highlights: Training of others

“After the course, I actively engaged in training and capacity building, particularly focusing on farmers and their understanding of climate change and gender issues. The training workshops were organized by my employer, The Kenya National Farmers' Federation. These workshops took place at various locations and dates, with the most recent one held in October 2023. The sessions aimed to empower farmers with essential knowledge and skills to address climate challenges and promote gender-inclusive sustainable agriculture practices, and it was a fulfilling experience to contribute to such important initiatives.”

Success through collaboration

AGNES has partnered with the International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI) and the Accelerating Impacts of CGIAR Climate Research for Africa (AICCRA) among others to make this course possible

Faculty are from national universities and other local partners

Plans for advanced modules are under discussion



Thank you

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