

eMag of climate action in Africa

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#1 Access to climate finance in Africa





Launch of the eMag

Climate Chance is launching in the first half of 2022 the **eMag of Climate Action in Africa**, a new monthly virtual format to share information dedicated to Climate Chance's sectoral coalitions.

The objective? To highlight remarkable climate practices in Africa and to present an overview of the main issues and trends in climate action on the continent, for each major sector.

On Thursday 13th of January 2022,
the format was launched with the first topic being Access to Climate Finance in Africa.



Experience Feedback



Ayodélé Ognin, Consultant at Wurami Consulting and Founder of the Women's Impact Network (WIN), shared the following experience and recommendations:

- For NGOs, formalising documents is crucial when approaching donors.
- In addition, it is essential to provide documentation on the concrete actions that are carried out and their impact on the ground.
- Clarifying and communicating on all the activities carried out via social media can also be useful to attract the attention of funders.
- The focus should not only be on foreign funds but also and above all on the local scale and on the populations benefiting from the project.
- Contact local authorities.



Fernand Yapi, in charge of studies at the cabinet of the Cocody City Council, shared three key lessons learned on searching for funding:

- You first need to be able to mobilise funds internally to be able to train partners and accompany them. However, this is not enough to carry out a project.
- Adopting a capacity building dynamic with partners helps to attract funds..
- Involve all socio-economical stakeholders and the scientific community in relation to the project.

Fernand Yapi and Ayodélé Ognin both note the importance of **networking** and the **visibility given to projects through participation in events** (COPs, Summits, Covenants) and networks or platforms to contact potential partners and funders.



Special focus: gender-responsive climate finance

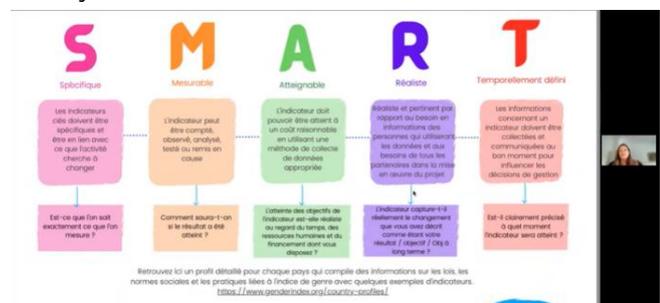
The special section on gender-responsive climate finance by Anne Barre, Gender and Climate Policy Coordinator at Women Engage for a Common Future (WECF), identified avenues for financing:

- The Heinrich Boll platform lists many funding sources that exist, the "Climate Funds Update":
<https://climatefundsupdate.org/the-funds/>
- The Climate Finance Explorer is a database of climate funds developed by the MDC Partnership:
<https://climatefundsupdate.org/the-funds/>
- Funding from the Environment Fund, Green Climate Fund
- Global Climate City Challenge

Feedback on the WECF training: How to attract donors?

- 8 central criteria for approaching donors: justification, urgency and prioritisation, assessing sustainability, risk, cost-effectiveness, institutional framework, logical framework.
- Have a coherent logical framework based on SMART objectives is central to attracting funding.

- You need to develop a strategy that allows funders to see you as relevant to their objectives.



- Research NDCs (Nationally Determined Contributions) and NAPs (National Adaptation Plans), the institutional frameworks to help show how your project contributes to climate policies at the national level.

What about gender-responsive climate finance?

- It may be interesting to be consistent with the gender action plans at the national level in the country where the project is implemented.
- Gender and Climate Solutions Award: promotes and supports associations that implement initiatives that link climate and gender
- WECF organises training on the access to climate and gender finance.



Next events

The next eMag on Circular Economy will take place on:
Thursday 3 February 2022 from 3pm to 4pm (Paris time).

[Information coming soon here.](#)

