

Webinar: Building resilience in the agriculture sector in Africa in light of COVID-19 pandemic – Experience from the Adaptation Fund project implemented by Sahara and Sahel Observatory (OSS) in Uganda

Location: Virtual (Webex)

Date: Thursday, May 28th, 2020

Time: 9am-10:30am EDT/4pm-5:30pm EAT

Participants (about 50): AF entities, OSS, Uganda Ministry of water and environment, GRP network, WRI, AF NGO Network.

Background

The Adaptation Fund Board (AFB) at its 28th meeting approved the updated Knowledge Management (KM) Strategy and Work Plan for the Fund and approved the Medium-Term Strategy (MTS) of the Fund at its 30th meeting. As part of the KM and MTS strategies the AFB will systematically use information from its funded projects/programmes under implementation as well as from its unique decision-making structure and operations to (i) enhance countries' capacity and knowledge to improve the design and increase the effectiveness of future adaptation projects/programmes, and to (ii) inform its decision making, enhance transparency and improve the Fund's overall effectiveness.

As part of its effort to generate and disseminate knowledge from its portfolio, the Fund is organizing a webinar to discuss the lessons learnt and best practices from project "Enhancing resilience of communities to climate change through catchment-based integrated management of water and related resources in Uganda". The webinar will help gain insights from the project currently implemented by the Sahara and Sahel Observatory (OSS) and executed by Ministry of Water and Environment, Uganda.

This event is organized remotely due to COVID19 pandemic and meant to create an opportunity for national, regional entities, executing partners and grassroots/civil society organization to share perspectives and best practices on building resilience in agriculture sector in Africa.

Objectives

- Learn from the project on best options to address adaptation needs in agricultural sector in Africa for resilient and sustained ecosystem services;
- Draw lessons from the project's approach of strengthening local governance system for natural resources management including catchment and sub-catchment governance structures and the establishment and strengthening of micro-catchment management committees;
- Learn from approaches of effective project design for maximizing resilience impact and opportunities for up-scaling and replication of successful practices;
- Learn from the project implementation about the enablers, barriers, opportunities and risks related to local-level leadership in building resilience;
- Learn from the communities' involvement to ensure sustainability of project's results;
- Discuss lessons from the current COVID19 pandemic and on why building resilience is imperative

Agenda on Thursday, 28 May 2020 (9:00-10:30am EDT, Washington DC time)

Moderator: Mr. Mahamat Abakar Assouyouti, Sr Climate Change Specialist, AFB secretariat

9:00am Introduction from the AFB secretariat – Mr. Mikko Ollikainen, Manager, AFB secretariat (5 mins)

9:05am Introduction from OSS – Mr. Khatim Kherraz, Executive Secretary, OSS (5 mins)

9:10am Overview of AF portfolio in the Africa region - Alyssa Maria Gomes, Climate Change Analyst, AFB secretariat (10 mins)

- ✓ Covers an overview of Adaptation Fund projects in the Africa region and focusing in portfolio in the agriculture sector as well cross-cutting sectors that may focus on agricultural systems.
- ✓ May also include a brief overview of on-going interventions in the agricultural sector along with emerging trends focusing on building resilience in the agriculture sector;

9:20am Q&A (5 mins)

9:25am Experience from the AF funded project in Uganda (30 mins)

Covers the project's alignment with Uganda's National Adaptation Strategy;

- ✓ "Enhancing resilience of communities to climate change through catchment-based integrated management of water and related resources in Uganda" Project approach and philosophy – Mr. Nabil Ben Khatra, Environment Program Coordinator, OSS;
- ✓ Learning from the development of a comprehensive catchment planning system and development of sub-catchment level community management structures in the three target catchments – Dr. Callist Tindimugaya, Water Resources Planning and Regulation Commissioner and National Project Coordinator, MWE
- ✓ Lessons learned from concrete adaptation practices in the context of implementing concrete adaptation actions for resilient and sustained ecosystem services of forest, wetlands and riverbanks, control of floods and landslides across agricultural landscapes and diversification of livelihood strategies – Ms. Khaoula Jaoui, Project Manager, OSS
- ✓ Lessons from locally led adaptation action lessons learned on how locally led actions implemented by the project have contributed to build resilience in the context of the project - enablers, barriers, opportunities and risks related to local-level leadership in building resilience – Mr. Samou Kone, OSS

9:55am How to build resilience in the context of uncertainty like COVID19? Perspective from AF funded project in Uganda - Dr. Callist Tindimugaya, Water Resources Planning and Regulation Commissioner and National Project Coordinator – Ministry of Water and Environment (MWE) (15min)

- ✓ COVID-19 Pandemic impact on ongoing efforts to build resilience to climate change in Uganda and the lessons from the COVID-19 experience on why building resilience is imperative

10:10am Q&A (15-20 mins)

10:30am Webinar Closure