

# CC DARE: Climate Change and Development – Adapting by Reducing Vulnerability

A Joint UNEP/UNDP Programme for Sub-Saharan Africa funded by the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs

## Programme Summary and Application Information

### About CC DARE

The vulnerability of the sub-Saharan region is unparalleled both in terms of projected climate change impacts and of challenges in building technical and institutional capacity. The CC DARE programme will address these challenges by providing demand-driven, targeted and flexible technical and financial support to sub-Saharan African countries for the integration of climate change issues into development planning and decision-making frameworks. CC DARE is designed to complement and strengthen ongoing and planned nationally based climate change adaptation and risk management in Sub-Saharan Africa.

CC DARE is a joint UNEP-UNDP partnership programme made possible from a generous grant from the Government of Denmark. The programme was officially launched on February 1<sup>st</sup> 2008 and has a duration of three years.

Four sub-Saharan African countries have been invited to participate as pilot countries for the first six months of the programme period: Burkina Faso, Senegal, Tanzania and Uganda. Following this six month period, the programme will expand to other countries in sub-Saharan Africa.

CC DARE focuses on the following outcomes for reducing vulnerability in sub-Saharan Africa:

- Enhanced knowledge, skills and partnerships in systematic mainstreaming of climate change issues;
- Stronger technical and institutional capacities for identifying, prioritizing and implementing cost-effective adaptive measures consistent with national development goals;
- Materials documenting the experience and knowledge gained to allow others to benefit from the evolving body of best practices;
- Refined or strengthened national adaptation plans and policies;
- Enhanced regional cooperation on climate change issues.

CC DARE offers technical and financial support to a portfolio of activities within capacity building for integrating climate change into development planning and sector specific support on climate change adaptation. To ensure a demand-driven approach, a CC DARE team will visit participating countries to carry out consultations with national stakeholders and development partners for the identification of national priorities and needs related to potential CC DARE activities. The portfolio of eligible activities will be expanded gradually to ensure consistency and allow for learning-by-doing.

Emphasis will be on short-term (3-6 month) initiatives, activities and products that contribute towards the integration of climate risks into national development policies. A ceiling of USD 50,000 per proposal and a maximum of three accepted proposals will be applied to each country. In addition, the programme will provide technical support from CC DARE staff where needed and includes a separate budget for services from regional and international consultants.

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## Who can apply?

National institutions, NGOs, experts, and the private sector are eligible for requesting technical and financial assistance through CC DARE. Preference will be given to institutions involved in country-driven climate change adaptation issues whose outcomes and outputs would be enhanced by assistance from the CC DARE project. In addition, developing countries involved in the CC DARE programme should have completed or be at the final stage of completing their NAPA. In all CC DARE funded activities, sectoral line ministries are expected to be engaged in facilitating the integration of climate change risks into the national development agenda.

## How to apply

Eligible applicants must complete an application in the form of a brief activity identification note of 3-5 pages (excluding budget and appendices). Applications must include:

- a) Summary of the needed assistance including objective(s) and outcome(s) (1/2 pages);
- b) Background and rationale (1 page): A short description of the context of the problem to be addressed as well as relation between the proposed DARE assistance and national planning and policy instruments addressing climate change adaptation;
- c) Expected outcome(s) and evaluation (1-2 pages): Information regarding the key outputs contributing to each outcome, articulation of how the outcome is linked to relevant ongoing or planned national activities, how it will influence local/national mainstreaming CC adaptation issues into local/national planning, and identification of indicators for evaluating the success of outcomes (for example in terms of policy change, adaptation benefits, etc.);
- d) Design and implementation procedure including identification of key partners/stakeholders and, where relevant, assessment of need for technical assistance from CC DARE staff or regional/international consultants (1/2 pages); and,
- e) Budget for the proposed national activities, e.g. staff, local consultants' fees, secretarial services and travel costs. (1 page).

Applications should be submitted to the central CC DARE email account: [cc\\_dare@unep.fr](mailto:cc_dare@unep.fr). CC DARE staff can be consulted for advisory services on completing the application form. Contact details can be found on: [www.ccdare.org](http://www.ccdare.org).

## Approval process

Decisions on acceptance or rejection of requests will be made by an Approval Committee consisting of CC DARE Team staff from UNEP, UNDP, UNEP Risoe Centre (URC) and UNEP DHI Centre. Relevant UNEP and UNDP field staff will be consulted during the decision-making process. Eligible proposals will be notified within a two week time-frame upon receipt of a complete application.

The Approval Committee will apply the following criteria in the review of each request:

- Supported by Governments (endorsement by the UNFCCC focal point);
- Aligned with the substantive objective of the CC DARE project i.e. mainstreaming climate change adaptation;
- Identified as a priority in the NAPA and/or National Communications to the UNFCCC;
- Satisfy the application requirements;
- Preferably have as an objective the facilitation of policy or project development, institutional engagements etc.;
- Have clear output indicators that can be met within timeframe and budget of the activity;
- Include capacity building elements;
- Preferably involve government and non government actors, where applicable.