

CLIMATE CHANGE POLICY IMPLEMENTATION FOR ZAMBIA

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Climate Change Policy in Zambia

- ▶ Zambia is in the process of adopting a comprehensive National Policy on Climate Change which has been formulated and only awaits Cabinet approval
- ▶ The goal of this policy is to support and facilitate a coordinated response to climate change in the country
- ▶ It is aimed at enabling the country re-align its climate sensitive sectors of the economy of the economy and its society in order to meet its developmental goals through adaptation and mitigation interventions
- ▶ However, the country has been implementing climate change interventions over the years with specific strategic policy documents on adaptation and mitigation

The National Adaptation Programme of Action Napa

- ▶ As a Least Developed Country (LDC), Zambia developed its National Adaptation Programme of Action in 2007 to address urgent and immediate adaptation needs
- ▶ The NAPA identified four sectors are the most vulnerable to climate change impacts
- ▶ These included:
 - ▶ (i) agriculture
 - ▶ (i) water and energy
 - ▶ Natural Resources (forests and wildlife); and
 - ▶ Human health
- ▶ The NAPA recommended ten project profiles as interventions covering these vulnerable sectors, out of these four projects are at different stages of implementation

Mitigation

- ▶ Although there has not been specific strategy on mitigation before the National Climate Change Policy, Zambia has been involved in a number of mitigation initiatives
- ▶ For example, the country has been facilitating implementation of the clean Development Mechanisms (CDM), a flexible mechanism under the Kyoto Protocol
- ▶ About three CDM projects have been registered under the Zambian Designated National Authority (DNA) and some are already earning certified emission reduction (CERs)
- ▶ In addition, Zambia is one of the pilot countries under the UN-REDD Programme under which Strategy has just been completed and is undergoing validation
- ▶ Other areas of mitigation include in transport where energy efficiency has been promoted, use of cleaner fuels, promotion of conservation agriculture and now five NAMAs have been formulated for implementation

Lessons from implementing climate change interventions

- ▶ Multi-Sectoral approach is critical for success in implementing projects and programmes, require
- ▶ Coordination through an identified institutional framework is essential to ensure efficiency and avoid duplication by sectors
- ▶ Mainstreaming or integrating into development plans at different levels take time and effort, understanding also needs to be enhanced in what it means
- ▶ Coherence of projects and programmes both at