Kenya: Integrated Governance for Planning and Action on Climate Change

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Several key strategies & processes critical for creating enabling environment for climate change action between 2010-16
Climate Change Act (2016): regulatory framework for enhanced response to climate change

- Defines mechanism & measures for low-carbon development and connected purposes
- Transformational shift in climate change management & MRV
- Balance between adaptation and mitigation for national good
- Public participation to make impact on threshold of decision making
- Gender and intergenerational inclusivity as overarching principles

Kenya geothermal
Climate change a shared responsibility between the national and county governments
National: high-level institutional coordination

**NATIONAL CLIMATE CHANGE COUNCIL**
Chair: President
Vice-chair: Deputy President
Members: 4 Ministries, Council of Governors, private sector, civil society, academia, & marginalized communities

- Transition to low carbon climate resilient development
- National Climate Fund

**MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT**
Climate Change Directorate
- Secretariat for NCCC
- Principal technical agency on climate change ➔ support sector actors and counties
- Coordinate National CC Action Plan
- Establish & manage national registry of mitigation & adaptation actions

**POLICY ENABLING ENVIRONMENT**
Mainstream climate change into planning, budgeting & implementation

Designate minister for climate change affairs

May enact legislation that further defines implementation of obligations under Climate Change Act

Report annually progress of implementation to County Assembly
Private sector: Create room to recognize contribution

- Understand incentives
- Involve in development of legislation and NDC
  - **Safaricom**: Carbon footprint trend analysis & ‘**M-Kopa** pay as you go’ solar home kits, energy efficient cook stoves, etc.
  - **KAM**: Energy and water resource audits to enhance efficiency - benefiting members & already extended to some Gov facilities
  - Geothermal, solar and wind energy production
  - Public private partnerships across different sectors
  - **Media**: Media Council of Kenya & Arid Lands Information Network (ALIN) partnerships
  - Adaptation business cases – 3 value chains

Packaging of ideas matters – business cases?
NDC implementation can take advantage of CC/SDG agenda

- Important to have clearly defined roles/responsibilities

- Benefits
  - Avoid duplication of govt processes
  - Enhance resource efficiency
Conclusions

- Importance of high-level coordination for political impact
- Ownership at all levels of government
- Stakeholder inclusiveness: non-state actors are the potential investors
  - Importance of partnerships
- Clear division of roles/responsibilities
- Combination of top-down & bottom-up approaches
- Take advantage of synergies between NDC & sustainable development agenda
THANK YOU