



NATIONAL INTER-MINISTERIAL DIALOGUE ON CLIMATE CHANGE

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Recommendation for policy makers

The inter-ministerial dialogue on climate change to raise awareness of policy makers and build their capacities on the four pillars of the Bali Road Map (Adaptation, Mitigation, Technology and Finance) and Investment and Financial Flows (I& FF) of the four Key sectors identified by the Government of The Gambia to address Adaptation (Water and Agriculture) and Mitigation (Forestry and Energy).

The workshop had technical sessions dealing with the four pillars of the Bali Road Map as well as on the methodology to assess I&F flows in The Gambia. These presentations were made considering the international context, supplemented by national experts, who shared the outcomes of the four national issue papers on the topics of agriculture, forestry, water and energy.

The participants through the working group discussions during the technical sessions of the workshop, have discussed the key issues under adaptation and mitigation for the sectors as identified by the Government.

Based on the outcomes of the working group discussions, the participants re-dedicate themselves to the overall goals and objectives of the project and submit the statement with the following recommendations to the political leadership of The Gambia for kind perusal and necessary action.

Recommended actions

Action 1: Mainstreaming of climate change

- Integration of climate change issues and considerations in socio-economic and environmental action plans and national development programs
- Increased focus on the most vulnerable groups like women, children, youths and the elderly
- Specific attention to the implication of climate change to reach the MDGs and PRSP

Action 2: Capacity building

- Institutional and human resource capacity building, main streaming of the policy into our development plans and programs
- develop legislation to improve standards so as to reduce the emissions
- Ensuring the enforcement of the existing legislatures
- Invest in data collection, management and information dissemination
- Early warning systems in relation to climate change hazards to be in place

Action 3: Increased national, regional and international collaboration

- Increase inter-sectoral collaborations through programming
- Increase trans-boundary collaborations
- Increase private sector participation in climate change

Action 4: Public education and awareness-raising on climate change

- Increase awareness creation on climate change issues,
- Promote the use of renewable energy and more energy efficient devices

Action 5: Increased support for negotiations

- Increase the representations at national and international negotiations including NGOs
- Broader participation from line ministries through additional budget support and participation

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