

Programme: Project Launch and Inception Workshop
“Building Climate Resilience in South-Eastern Africa ”
23-24 June 2020

Virtual Venue: Interprefy

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Concept Outline

Africa is the world’s fastest urbanizing region, manifesting itself in the growth of its megacities as well as its smaller towns and cities. The continent is expected to experience a total population increase of about 60% between 2010 and 2050, with the urban population tripling to 1.23 billion during this period. Around 2030, Africa’s collective population will become 50% urban.

Due to climate change, disasters affecting Africa -such as cyclones, floods, droughts and disease outbreaks - are increasing in frequency, unpredictability, severity and impact. As it has been very clearly illustrated by the ongoing C19 crisis, urban areas are generally more vulnerable to risks than rural areas due to denser populations, concentration of assets, and variety of activities within comparatively smaller geographic areas. These events impact a range of sectors from water supply to food and health systems, and disproportionately affect marginalized and vulnerable populations. While cities face the biggest disaster risk, cities are also where the solutions are...because cities are where people are.

This project will assist four countries to build their urban resilience including a mix of city-level infrastructure projects and national-level capacity-building. Four cities with different types of vulnerabilities were selected in these countries to implement climate adaptation projects following a participatory resilience planning process. The pilot projects include 4-8 interventions in each city, for example rehabilitating mangroves in Morondava (Madagascar), constructing and rehabilitating bridges and dams on Likangala River in Zomba (Malawi), constructing safe havens in Chokwe (Mozambique) and improving solid waste management in informal neighborhoods of Moroni (Comoros).

Leveraging the practical implementation of the project at the city level, best practices and guidelines will be derived to create the conditions for replication in other cities and towns at the national level. This national-level component will include elements of training and capacity-building for both central and local authorities to start laying the foundations for building urban climate resilience.

Given that most of the extreme climate events affecting south-eastern Africa are transboundary, there is a need to enhance inter-country collaboration to mitigate the impact of natural hazards. This project promotes inter-country experience sharing and cross-fertilization and establishes a knowledge platform on urban resilience related issues that can be disseminated in the sub-region, through the Disaster Risk Management, Sustainability and Urban Resilience Centre (DiMSUR).

The Project Inception Workshop provides the opportunity to bring all project stakeholders together, to review the project work plan and partnerships. In attendance will be representatives of the four national governments, local government officials from the participating four cities, representatives of the executing and partner organizations as well as UN system and development partners.

Objectives for the Launch event:

- Officially launch UN-Habitat's first multi-country Adaptation Fund project "Building Urban Climate Resilience in South-Eastern Africa"
- Discuss the multifaceted challenges and opportunities for resilience building using the examples of Madagascar, Malawi, Mozambique and the Union of Comoros
- Build a community of practice to support the successful implementation and replication of the project

Objectives for the Steering Committee/ DiMSUR Executive Committee/ Inception Workshop:

- Bring together the key partners and stakeholders from the city-, national- and regional-levels involved in this project.
- Exchange information on plans for the project in each city and country and establish a mechanism for sharing information and best practices at the regional level.
- Prepare a joint workplan and implementation strategy for year one, taking into consideration ongoing complementary initiatives, relevant policies/ strategies and stakeholder engagement (to be approved by the Steering Committee).
- Discuss and agree on strategies related to knowledge management, communications and outreach, as well as environmental and social safeguards, gender and youth.

For additional information or questions, please do not hesitate to contact:

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Agenda

Day 1 – Tuesday 23 June 2020			
9:45			Arrival, registration and technical briefing
10:00	-	12:00	<p style="text-align: center;">Official Launch of the Project: “Building Urban Climate Resilience in South-Eastern Africa”</p> <p><i>Welcome Remarks:</i> Oumar Sylla, Regional Representative for Africa, UN-Habitat</p> <p><i>Video Message:</i> Mikko Ollikainen, Manager of the Adaptation Fund Board Secretariat (TBC)</p> <p><i>Video introduction of the project</i></p> <p><i>Opening statement:</i> Raf Tuts, Director of the Global Solutions Division, UN-Habitat on behalf of Victor Kisob, Deputy Executive Director, UN-Habitat</p> <p><i>Participants Poll: What do we mean by urban resilience?</i></p> <p><i>Overview of the project</i> and a brief presentation</p> <p>Presenters: Fruzsina Straus, Project Manager, UN-Habitat Nellie Nyangwa, Regional Director, Oxfam Southern Africa</p> <p><i>Roundtable Discussion on Urban Resilience in South-East Africa: Key Challenges and Opportunities</i> A moderated dialogue between representatives from the national governments and city administrations of the project’s participating countries.</p> <p>Moderator: Mathias Spaliviero, Snr. Human Settlements Officer, UN-Habitat</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Speakers:</p> <p><i>Madagascar:</i> Harimanana Rabe, Dir. General of Regional Planning, MATP <i>Morondava:</i> Désiré Armand RAHARISON, Municipality of Morondava</p> <p><i>Malawi:</i> James Chiusiwa, Director, Disaster Risk Reduction, DoDMA <i>Zomba:</i> Benson Bulla, Mayor and Fred Nankuyu, Director of Planning and Development, Zomba City Council</p> <p><i>Mozambique:</i> Emilia Fumo, Perm. Sec. of the Min. of Land and Environment <i>Chokwe:</i> Lidia Cossa Camela, Mayor</p> <p><i>Union of Comoros:</i> Mohamed Daoudou, Minister, Ministry of the Interior and Decentralization <i>Moroni:</i> Sitti Farouata, Gouverneur de Ngazidja</p> <p><i>Open discussion and exchange of ideas</i></p> <p><i>Closing remarks:</i> Oumar Sylla, Regional Representative for Africa, UN-Habitat</p>
12:00	-	13:00	Break

13:00	-	15:00	<p>Country Working Groups</p> <p>Working groups will be created for each country/ city to begin planning for year 1 implementation, including establishment of National Steering Committees, review of chronogram of activities, reviewing relevant policies and legislation.</p> <p>Room A (Madagascar) https://interprefy.interpret.world/login=S-UNH.AF-RoomAs</p> <p>Room B (Malawi) https://interprefy.interpret.world/login=S-UNH.AF-RoomBs</p> <p>Room C (Mozambique) https://interprefy.interpret.world/login=S-UNH.AF-RoomCs</p> <p>Room D (Union of Comoros) https://interprefy.interpret.world/login=S-UNH.AF-RoomDs</p>
Day 2 – Wednesday 24 June 2020			
10:00	-	12:00	<p>1st Meeting of the Project Steering Committee / Expanded 6th DiMSUR Executive Board Meeting</p> <p><i>Chair:</i> Tackfine Ahmed, Director General of Civil Security, Union of Comoros</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Agenda</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Opening <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome from Oumar Sylla, Regional Representative of Africa, UN-Habitat • Welcome from Tackfine Ahmed, the Chair of the 6th DiMSUR Executive Board 2. Introductions and brief presentation of DiMSUR 3. Adoption of the Minutes of the 5th DiMSUR Executive Board Meeting 4. Agreement on the TORs for the Project Steering Committee 5. Overview of the project governance framework and DiMSUR Secretariat recruitment plan 6. Overview of 2020-21 workplan, implementation strategy and monitoring framework <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City-level activities Each municipal official will present information about their city and planned activities within the project. • National-level implementation Representatives from the national governments of the four countries discuss their existing urban resilience-related policies, strategies and frameworks and plans for the project. • Regional coordination and information sharing Discussion of ongoing regional initiative in Southern Africa dealing with urban climate resilience and how the activities of this project will complement and enrich. 7. Discussion of COVID-19 related contingencies for project implementation

			8. Other business 9. Next meeting and chairperson
12:00	-	14:00	Break
14:00	-	16:00	Operationalizing the Project and Next Steps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Debrief from each Working Group • Work plan, implementation strategy and governance framework • Stakeholder engagement strategy – who we need to engage at each level and how • Environmental and social safeguards, gender and youth • Knowledge management, communications strategy and advocacy