



The Interim Inter-Ministerial Climate Change Secretariat (ICCS) is a recommendation postulated by stakeholders during consultations of the National Climate Change Response Strategy, and an endorsement by two meetings of Permanent Secretaries on June 2, 2011 and January 27, 2012. The ICCS is under the Ministry of Finance.

The establishment of an Interim Inter-Ministerial Climate Change Secretariat, is to facilitate the implementation of climate change activities by bringing together stakeholders like government, private sector, civil society and cooperating partners in achieving the aims and objectives of the National Climate Change Response Strategy.

One of the areas of need that was identified in Zambia was lack of awareness of climate change effects and how to adapt to these changes throughout the country. The ICCS has come up with strategies on raising awareness on climate change and its related impacts and resilience efforts at the national, province, district, sub district and community level including the targeted beneficiaries in the Barotse and Kafue Sub-basin.

One of these strategies is closely working with the media houses and building their capacity especially the community stations in the project implementation areas.

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FUNCTIONS OF THE INTERIM CLIMATE CHANGE SECRETARIAT

1 Facilitate activities leading to the Government's decision on the long-term institutional arrangement for climate change coordination in Zambia.

Stock Taking and Identification of Gaps. Review and compile the consultative process and recommendations followed by the strategy and policy to date; and identify any existing consultation needs and gaps that may be necessary to conclude the decision on the long term institution for climate change in Zambia.

Facilitating smooth transition to new institution. Once a decision has been reached and and Cabinet Office has finalised the terms of reference for the key long-term positions, the Secretariat would facilitate the smooth transition of responsibilities so that there would be no gaps in undertaking these functions.

2 Coordinate, in the interim, the implementation of climate change activities across sectors and projects.

Programme Coordinating Functions: Act as the national coordinating body for all Climate Change initiatives in Zambia, including:

Serving as Executing Unit for Key Projects. Up to the point where the long-term institutional arrangements would be fully operational.

Pilot Programme for Climate Resilience (PPCR). Serve as the project implementation unit for the PPCR, coordinating and supporting the implementation of all its agreed activities (including procurement and financial management).

Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Land Degradation (REDD). Serve as the executing unit for all REDD activities in Zambia, including UN REDD.

Bio-carbon Fund: Supports the Integrated Forest and Sustainable Land Management Program.

Scaling Up of Renewable Energy Programme (SREP). Focusing on expanding investments in renewable energy projects to enhance provision of electricity into the grid and abating emissions of greenhouse gases.

Other climate change and Disaster Risk Reduction(DRR) project, as determined by the Government (including, UN Joint Program on Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction, Nationally Appropriate Mitigation Actions.

3 Mainstreaming, Communication and Knowledge Management

Facilitate and coordinate mainstreaming, analytical works, communication and knowledge management related to climate change and DRR, such as:

- Continued mainstreaming of climate change and DRR issues into sectoral policies, and strategic plans (including the budget allocations and tracking)

- Facilitate and coordinate the analytical works on the impact of climate change and dissemination to appropriate institutions

- Support information, education and awareness on the effects of climate change to a range of stakeholders

- Facilitate capacity development in climate change and disaster risk management

- Facilitate the sharing of lessons learned, both nationally and internationally.

4 Resource Mobilization and Management

- Facilitate access to climate funds (both domestic and global) and ensure their efficient utilization:

- Ensure that transparent and correct fiduciary standards are maintained, according to the agreements on the use of funds that are managed through the Secretariat (including maintenance of all related financial and procurement records).