UGANDA’S EXPERIENCE

THE COALITION OF FINANCE MINISTERS- STEPPING UP FOR CLIMATE ACTION
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I. NDC review led to improved coordination, registering achievements in planning and budgeting for climate actions.

Improved coordination:

- MoWE is a lead agency by virtue of its mandate to develop and strengthen Uganda’s implementation of the UNFCCC and its Kyoto Protocol.
- To improve coordination, mobilize resources and make sure there is a clear connection of climate strategies with national policy priorities, a Tripatite arrangement was created, with three focal points to spearhead NDC revision and implementation (i.e. MoFPED, MOWE-climate change department, NPA).
- Additionally, an institutional framework for climate action has been established through the national climate change policy (2015).
- Lastly, MOFPED in its capacity as the national designated authority for the green climate fund has established an inter-ministerial committee on climate finance to advise on matters related to the green climate fund.

Achievements:

- As a result of the operationalization of such coordination mechanism, the NDC revision is being done in an inter-sectoral and multi-stakeholder manner at national and subnational levels including non-state actors.
- The coordinated approach has led to the upcoming National Development Plan (NDP III) including a chapter on climate change which can be leveraged for the tripartite group in annual planning;
- It has also identified PFM legislation and regulations to gain a better foothold on national systems, and this has informed outcomes like: a climate change budget tagging manual; and the Climate Change Bill to improve financing and budgetary arrangements for climate change- both are being finalised.
II. Economic analysis for mainstreaming climate actions into planning

Macro-Fiscal assessments:

- Tools in the budget cycle like the Budget Framework paper speak about the fiscal risks of climate change in a qualitative manner, and this opens space for including climate change risks in the annual budgeting process.

- The MOF and the National Planning Authority worked with the World Bank to produce a Natural Capital Accounting Issues paper and country adjusted macroeconomic indicators report which fed in quantitative estimates for the National Development Plan (NDP) and will now incorporate the contribution of natural assets and ecosystem services to the economy.

- These tools also consider the impact of the economy on the natural asset base providing a solid basis for the new NDP to incorporate risks to natural resources.
Thank You

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