

Role of Finance Ministries in Catalyzing Private Finance for Adaptation

Uganda Case Study

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Uganda's Climate Finance Ambition – up to 2030



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Ongoing Interventions to Unlock Private Finance for Adaptation

- Leveraging local development financiers such as the Uganda Development Bank that introduced a Climate Finance Facility.
- Developing a Green Taxonomy to build clarity on what's green and ensure harmonized reporting.
- Pronounced role of the private Sector in the National Climate Finance Strategy with unprecedented engagement of different clusters of private sector.
- Instituted fiscal reforms such as tax exemptions on goods and services that build adaptive capacity.
- Prudently Integrating climate change within the Public Private Partnerships Frameworks.
- Reviewed National Public Procurement Policy to capture Sustainable Public Procurement to stimulate private finance towards adaptation.
- Creation of an enabling environment regulations, increasing access and accuracy of weather information to inform design of appropriate insurance products.

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Planned Interventions to Unlock Private Finance for Adaptation

- Targeted Sensitization campaigns on the implication of climate risk on business size, profitability and market share.
- Addressing existing structural challenges that undermine private sector participation in the climate finance space.
- Preparing a pipeline of business cases and investment opportunities presented by climate change.
- □Working on more fiscal incentives and regulatory interventions as; carbon markets guidelines and strategy, and a reward mechanism for climate responsive private sector players.

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Challenges Faced

Information asymmetry between financiers and adaptation entrepreneurs.

- Capacity gaps in integrating climate risk in financial risk analysis and investment appraisal.
- □High uncertainty of climate change which erodes the accuracy of projected climate risk on various investment areas.
- Reconciling climate risk analysis and social inclusiveness. Heightened climate risk increases premium of various adaptation services locking out most vulnerable users who need them most.
- □ High level of informality of most local green MSMEs.
- Regulatory gaps such as green bonds framework, green taxonomy etc.
- Low effective demand for some adaptation goods and services such as agriculture insurance.

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Conclusion

□Uganda's adaptation finance ambitions are immense requiring concerted efforts from all actors including the private sector.

- Whilst there are ongoing and planned interventions to stimulate private sector finance for adaptation, more needs to be done to address structural and systemic barriers to optimize private sector finance.
- Given the ongoing and planned interventions, the outlook for private sector finance for adaptation remains positive and promising owing to the growing concern about climate change by consumers and investors.

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