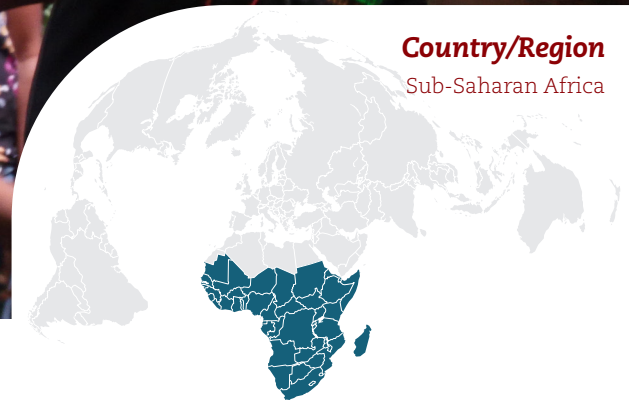




African Forest Forum (AFF)



Field training on Rapid carbon appraisal in Burkina Faso



The African forestry sector holds considerable potential for mitigating and facilitating adaptation to adverse impacts of climate change that severely threaten the development of Sub-Saharan Africa. In this context, the African Forest Forum (AFF) was established in 2007 as a platform for stakeholders in African forestry. AFF pursues the goal of strengthening the knowledge and the capacities related to sustainable forest management in Africa, and to mobilize resources to better address forestry and climate change issues that cut across countries and regions.

The SDC longstanding engagement has provided both institutional and programmatic support to AFF, aiming at sustainably establishing an active knowledge and policy platform on forest and climate change.

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Phase Duration

15.11.2018 – 31.12.2022 (Phase 3)

Financial contribution of SDC

CHF 4'500'000

Target groups

Immediate beneficiaries are African Forest Forum members who receive targeted information from AFF. They include forest managers, academia, research, and the general public. SDC's contribution specifically targets African policy makers in the climate and environmental domains.

Achievements so far

- Considerably improved knowledge acquired by AFF on the status of forestry
- Improved stakeholders' capacity to address climate change issues in African forestry
- Enhanced articulation of an "African voice" on environmental issues in international fora
- Enhanced institutional structure and capacity of AFF in terms of strengthened organizational stability, good regional and international profile as a credible and reliable source of African forestry information, considerable convening power and increasing trust by national governments, and regional and global institutions.

Project Objectives

1. Strengthen capacity of African forestry stakeholders in adopting best practices that integrates both adaptation and mitigation options in response to the impacts of climate change and variability to biophysical and social systems in different landscapes
2. Enhance national forest governance by strengthening the capacity of African stakeholders to implement Paris Agreement commitments and related global climate change policies and initiatives related to forestry
3. Promote entrepreneurship opportunities and technologically efficient means for value addition in African forestry, including those related to climate change that enhance livelihoods, national incomes and employment
4. Strengthen AFF's institutional capacity in creation and targeted sharing of relevant forest and tree-based knowledge and information for improved decision making.

Expected results for 2018–2022

- Improved uptake of integrated forest and tree-based adaptation and mitigation options in addressing climate change and climate variability among African forestry policy makers
- Knowledge and skills developed among relevant African stakeholders on mainstreaming and coordinating, in their national forestry sector, relevant global and regional climate change policies and initiatives
- National forestry sector adaptation and mitigation activities clearly defined in Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs)
- African countries capacity to develop their second NDC enhanced
- Knowledge products in forestry, climate change and other emerging environmental issues produced and shared in timely manner to relevant policy stakeholders

How this will be achieved

Particular attention during the last phase of the project has been to work with AFF on the uptake of the generated knowledge by members of the AFF network and stakeholders, both at operational and policy levels. Another focus has been the sustainability aspects of AFF work, which shall contribute to the longer-term stability of the Forum.

Additional information

African Forest Forum website <https://afforum.org/>

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