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Overview on the process of adaptation to climate change in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

Summary

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Achievements

1. Strengthening the legal and institutional framework and capacity assessment for climate change adaptation planning

- Institutional assessment of barriers and needs for the integration of ACC into national and provincial planning;
- Preparation of the Climate Change Bill;
- Updating and validation of the roadmap of the entire process of adaptation to climate change;
- Establishment and operationalization of a Technical Committee;
- Assessment and capacity building (MEDD and 10 targeted institutions)
- Sensitization of stakeholders on adaptation to climate change;
- Development of the communication plan, establishment of a network of community radio stations and creation of a website www.climat.cd, dedicated to information on the climate in the DRC.

Achievements

2. Adaptation priorities are integrated in the National Strategic Development Plan (PNSD), Provincial Development Plans (PDP) and in the National Agricultural Investment Program (PNIA)

- Revision of the National Climate Change Policy and Strategy document (2020-2024) (NCCPS)
- Definition of indicators sensitive to the CCA for the monitoring and evaluation of development plans
- Development of guides for the integration of adaptation priorities into national and provincial planning
- Preparation of the DRC's initial NAP (2020-2024)
- Preparation of Provincial Development Plans sensitive to adaptation to climate change (Kongo-Central, Kwilu)
- Development of the gender strategy in relation to adaptation and indigenous peoples
- Identification of MRV monitoring tools related to adaptation
- Writing of a report on research and innovation related to adaptation

Achievements

3. Financing options for adaptation investments

- Development of the financing strategy with an emphasis on the participation of the private sector
- Identification of options for the private sector to finance services and technologies related to adaptation
- Specific gender analysis in relation to adaptation financing

Challenges to overcome

- Persistence of the COVID-19 pandemic
- Mobilization of substantial public financial resources for adaptation financing
- Effective involvement of the private sector in the dynamics of adaptation;
- Human and institutional capacity building on adaptation with a focus on gender and Indigenous Peoples
- Removal of barriers for the transmission of information on gender and climate.

Lessons learned

- Strengthening the capacities of the Environment Thematic Group is the way indicated to facilitate the integration of priorities for adaptation to climate change into provincial planning.
- When women understand the merits of a climate change process, they commit to work on it and involve men in this process.
- In a crisis situation, access to new technologies for accessing information and communication favors the implementation of development projects.

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