

Comprehensive Action for Climate Change UPDATE

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The new [Comprehensive Action for Climate Change Initiative \(CACCI\)](#), launched at the [2021 United Nations Climate Change Conference \(COP26\)](#), partners with key stakeholders, researchers and policymakers at the country level to create actionable programs and policies to mitigate and adapt to climate change. For those countries who have ratified the [Paris Agreement](#), their [Nationally Determined Contributions \(NDCs\)](#) and [National Adaptation Plans \(NAPs\)](#) will outline plans and goals. CACCI is designed to support nations in their implementation of NDCs and NAPs through technical and analytical support, capacity development, and inclusive and evidence-based policy dialogue. CACCI aims to help achieve a critical mass of countries able to respond to their commitments under the Paris Agreement, thus promoting household and community level resilience, food security, and robust inclusive growth.

CACCI is going to COP!

[CACCI](#) celebrates its first anniversary and its expansion towards supporting 80 nations when it attends the Twenty-Seventh [Conference of the Parties \(COP27\)](#) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change in Egypt next week. The event takes place in the city of Sharm el Sheikh from November 6 – 18. Building on COP26, attending nations are expected to demonstrate this year that they have entered a new era of implementing their commitments under the Paris Agreement.

Last year, at [COP26](#), USAID Administrator Samantha Power and African Union Commissioner Josefa Sacko launched the Comprehensive Africa Climate Change Initiative (CACCI), a new partnership between USAID and the African Union Commission to support African countries in implementing their NDCs. Since then, CACCI has expanded beyond Africa to become the **Comprehensive Action for Climate Change Initiative**, with a goal to support the USAID climate strategy target of providing NDC and NAP support to at least 80 countries by 2030. At COP27, USAID will continue to highlight its efforts to align development and humanitarian assistance programs with partner-country priorities to help them achieve their NDCs and NAPs. In the upcoming year, CACCI will expand and provide support to at —Liberia, Uganda, Ghana, Malawi, Zambia, Rwanda, Senegal, Tajikistan, Peru, Colombia, Brazil, Bangladesh, Nepal and Guyana— to meet their NDCs and NAPs through CACCI.

To celebrate CACCI's expansion, USAID will be hosting global and regional events throughout the week, emphasizing the importance of working across sectors through local, regional and global partnership to meet mitigation and adaptation goals. Please find our list of events below.

Upcoming Events at COP27

CACCI Global Launch: Building local, regional and global partnerships for NDC implementation through the Comprehensive Action for Climate Change Initiative

When: November 14, 11:00 am – 12:00 pm.

Where: NDCP Pavilion.

In response to the global call for increased mitigation and adaptation support, USAID has launched the Comprehensive Action for Climate Change Initiative (CACCI) in partnership with local and regional organizations in Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean. The now-global initiative provides support for the design and implementation of NDCs, NAPs, climate policies, and programmatic investment plans that support sustainable and inclusive growth while addressing climate mitigation and adaptation. Through the experience of CACCI and country-level partnerships, this event highlights country and regional priorities and their approaches to aligning climate and development goals. CACCI provides an example of how to work collaboratively across different sectors for effective climate policy implementation. Susana Muhamad, Bahodur Sheralizoda, and Collins Nzovu, Ministers of the environment from Colombia, Tajikistan, and Zambia respectively, will speak, along with USAID Assistant Administrator Gillian Caldwell and Global Director of the NDC Partnership Pablo Viera.

CACCI-LAC Launch

When: November 11, 5:30 – 6:30 pm

Where: IICA Pavilion

Contributing to USAID's goal of advancing equitable and ambitious actions to confront the climate crisis, the Agency is launching the Comprehensive Action for Climate Change Initiative for the Latin American and the Caribbean region. In Latin America and the Caribbean, governments, communities and the private sector have faced the impacts of climate change but are also harnessing opportunities for climate action. Most LAC countries have updated NDCs with increased ambition and adaptation priorities. Their communities are more empowered and active, and private and financial actors' commitments are increasing. As countries move from goal-setting to implementation, new leaderships, enhanced multi-stakeholder coordination, and increased monitoring and evaluation capacities become more relevant. CACCI will support the LAC region to advance transformational policies, strengthen human capacity, and improve institutional infrastructure that drives progress towards net zero, resilient and sustainable development.

CACCI-ASIA Launch: Implementation of NDCs and NAPs through the Comprehensive Action for Climate Change Initiative, and South – South Learning Event

When: Nov 10, 10:00 – 11:30 am

Where: Tajikistan Pavilion

USAID is supporting several Asian countries in translating their commitments into action through the Comprehensive Action for Climate Change Initiative in Asia. This side event will formally launch CACCI-Asia, showcasing USAID's support to Tajikistan as a model. USAID's Tajikistan mission supports the nation's Committee on Environmental Protection (CEP) in collaboration with the intergovernmental NDC Partnership, with technical support from the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI). The launch event will include a South – South learning session where selected Asian countries will share their experiences in NDC implementation.

CACCI AFRICA: Comprehensive Africa Climate Change Initiative: Supporting the implementation of NAPs and NDCs in Africa

When: TBD

Where: Zambia Pavilion

This event highlights lessons learned from CACCI Africa. CACCI-Africa is an African-led initiative seeking to build long-term resilience against the impacts of climate change. CACCI aligns with broader strategies such as the AU Green Recovery Action Plan. CACCI aims to help countries meet their NDC targets, SDG goals, net zero emissions, and adaptation needs by building policy agendas, institutional infrastructure, and capacity for implementation of Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and National Adaptation Plans (NAPs) strategies. Data, Analytics, Monitoring and Evaluation and Reporting will be crucial in supporting the effective implementation of Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and National Adaptation Plans (NAPs) within the context of the Paris Agreement on Climate Change. Africa's food systems development will rely on how well the continent's governments and stakeholders address climate change issues in the continent. It will be essential to track and report progress on a regular basis – at all levels (national, regional and continental), concerning implementation of Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and National Adaptation Plans (NAPs) within the context of the Paris Agreement on Climate Change.

Environmental Sustainability of Food Systems, Global Food Security and Trade, a Global South perspective

When: November 8, 5:30 pm

Where: CGIAR Pavilion

The challenges faced by the global agri-food system are complex. Shocks to the system include rapidly growing demand, the impact of climate change, increasing pressure on natural resources, and the ecological costs of agricultural practices themselves.

To meet growing demand in an era of accelerating environmental worries, it will be important to adopt sustainable production practices and new technologies in all producing regions, while considering the heterogeneity of production systems and farmers. Normally, certification schemes are presented as an opportunity to promote sustainable practices. However, such standards must integrate local knowledge, culture, and innovative technology. Many of these schemes are designed in the importing countries and do not take into account differentials in the environmental impacts of these practices and technologies. In this context, trade policy and regulatory uncertainty reduce the incentives for producers to innovate and adopt new technologies and could hinder development goals.

The current food-price crisis highlights the urgent need to increase production around the world in a sustainable way. The need to propose a multilateral solution is more urgent than ever and can be achieved through promoting dialogue and building consensus among the traditional and emerging actors in global food markets. Panelists will include David Laborde, Senior Research Fellow at IFPRI.

Country Updates: Africa

CACCI has been busy over the last two months! CACCI has been working closely with partner governments to officially secure commitments to working together to meet their NDC and implementation processes. The CACCI team has also been working closely with the [NDC Partnership](#) to build a global partnership to support countries' priorities for mitigation and adaptation.

Zambia: CACCI launches in Zambia with heavy stakeholder buy-in

On September 9, CACCI was launched in Zambia under the leadership of the Ministry of Green Economy and Environment. The launch featured participation by multiple ministries, USAID and other donors, the private sector, and civil society. [ReNAPRI](#) played a key role behind the scenes in bringing stakeholders together for this event. Working groups are now established, and CACCI is moving quickly into the stock-taking exercise that is the first step in each CACCI country.

Dr. Antony Chapoto, ReNAPRI's lead for CACCI, will serve as a member of the Zambia delegation to COP27. In addition, USAID has invited Zambia's Minister of Green Economy and Environment, Honorable Collins Nzovu, to be one of the high-level panelists at the CACCI Global Launch, to be held in the NDCP Pavilion on November 14 at 11 am.

Zambia's Inter-Ministerial Committee on Climate Change, led by the Ministry of Green Economy and Environment (MGEE), coordinates all climate-change work in Zambia. Through collaboration and capacity building, CACCI has become one of the committee's flagship activities, advancing the committee's mandate to address climate change by strengthening data systems for effective implementation of NDC and NAP.

Ghana

In mid-September Dr. Antony Chapoto traveled to Ghana to meet with USAID-Ghana and the University of Ghana's Institute for Statistical, Social, and Economic Research (ISSER). ISSER is a key partner in Ghana and will be central to CACCI activities in the country. USAID-Ghana is the in-country leadership team for the mission-funded [Policy LINK](#) activity on climate change. CACCI's desire is to ensure maximum collaboration between CACCI and Policy LINK in order to produce top-quality policy and programmatic design around climate change.

Senegal

[AKADEMIYA2063](#) and the Centre de Suivi Écologique (CSE or Center for Ecological Monitoring) held a CACCI launch event in Senegal on October 17 with attendance and buy-in from multiple stakeholders. The launch was attended by the Ministry of Environment and Ministry of Agriculture; USAID, IRDC, and IFAD; the National Institute of Pedology and the Directorate of Water and Forest; the National Committee for Adaptation to Climate Change (COMNACC); and representatives from universities, research and media organizations. A CACCI project agreement between AKADEMIYA2063 and CSE has been signed, and an MOU is in progress.

Rwanda

Rwanda has formally joined CACCI, and a launch event is being planned for late November. On September 26, Rwanda's Ministry of Environment signed an MOU with AKADEMIYA2026 which will orient CACCI activities in the country. On October 23, AKADEMIYA2063 and Rwanda's Environmental Management Authority (REMA) met to continue discussions on the project and to begin planning the formal launch event, likely to be held in late November with the exact date to be determined. AKADEMIYA2063 prepared a draft terms of reference agreement for REMA's role in CACCI implementation, which is currently being reviewed by REMA. AKADEMIYA2063 is also working to develop a CACCI results framework and performance indicators for Rwanda which will reflect goals and targets set in the country's NAP, NDC, and other relevant policies and strategies.

In order to shore up further support, on September 21 Dr. Ousmane Badiane, Executive Chairperson of AKADEMIYA2063, and Dr. Joseph Nyirimana, Senior National Director, met with NDP Partnership

representatives for Rwanda as well as Rwanda's National Fund for Environment (FONERWA) to discuss potential collaboration around CACCI and in support of Rwanda's climate investments.

A number of coordinating mechanisms have been identified for cross-sectoral work in Rwanda. At the technical level, the Environment and Climate Change Thematic Sub-Sector Working Group is a stakeholder forum with over 60 groups participating, including government agencies, development partners, civil society organizations and the private sector. The group is chaired by the Director General of REMA and co-chaired by a representative of Rwanda's development partners, currently from the World Bank.

At the policy level, the Environment and Natural Resources Sector Working Group (ENR) receives technical inputs from the sub-working group and clears policy and strategy for further processing by the Economic Cluster within MINECOFIN or by the Cabinet. The ENR is chaired by the MoE Permanent Secretary and is currently co-chaired by GIZ.

On an economic level, the Economic Cluster, chaired by the Minister of MINECOFIN with other Ministers (e.g. MoE, MINAGRI, MINICOM), meets whenever needed to clear policies and strategies which have financial implications and which involve multiple stakeholders for coordination.

Finally, the Interministerial Coordination Committee, chaired by the Prime Minister, handles the policy papers before Cabinet approval.

Country Updates: Latin America and the Caribbean

Agriculture in the Americas on the Road to COP-27: Challenges and opportunities for public policy

On September 22 and 23, representatives from 32 countries of the Americas met face to face at IICA headquarters in Costa Rica to discuss the strategic role of the region's agriculture sector in tackling climate change and to coordinate regional positions leading up to the Conference of the Parties (COP27) in November. The session also encouraged the sharing of information and experiences that will support the countries' climate action. Participants included more than 20 Ministers of Agriculture, the CEOs of the main global climate funds, and authorities of institutions with great influence on regional and global politics and development. Attendees recognized the threat that climate change poses to food security and the important role that the agricultural sector plays in responding to climate change, and they called for a larger platform to discuss these issues at COP27. They also called for increased access to climate financing that will help ensure an ambitious and fair transition towards a climate-resilient, low-emission agriculture sector. Read more [here](#) and [here](#).

As a follow-up to the event in Costa Rica, IICA joined forces with IFPRI to host a webinar titled "Agriculture in the Americas on the road to COP-27: Public policy challenges and opportunities." The event featured panelists from IFPRI, the FAO, and USAID among others, and created a space for inter-agency dialogue and discussion on the changes and continuities in regional public policy regarding the contribution of agriculture to face the climate crisis. Read more [here](#), or watch the recording on [YouTube](#).

Country Updates: Asia

Southeast Asia

CACCI-Asia has been expanding its networking and outreach efforts in Southeast Asia by establishing connections with key focal points in Cambodia, Vietnam, Laos, and Thailand. As part of this effort, Suresh Babu, Head of Capacity Strengthening at IFPRI and the point person for CACCI-Asia, recently participated in a regional workshop titled “[Climate Change Vulnerabilities, Social Impacts, and Education for Autonomous Adaptation](#)” in Cambodia held from 12-14 September 2022. The workshop was co-organized by the Department of Climate Change at Cambodia’s Ministry of Environment and the Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia (ERIA). During a session on climate change adaptation strategies and policies in vulnerable areas, Dr. Babu presented “[Institutional development in the context of autonomous adaptation to climate change at the national and regional level: the CACCI approach in Asia](#).” The presentation noted climate change challenges in Asia and highlighted the status of adaptation and mitigation (A&M) in the region. It also discussed the key features of the CACCI-Asia initiative and presented a case study on institutional development in the context of climate change A&M using the CACCI approach in Tajikistan. The presentation also highlighted some examples of autonomous adaptation at the institutional and policy levels. Read more at: [Regional Workshop on Climate Change Issues held in Cambodia](#).

The Second Green Climate Fund (GCF) Global Programming Conference brought together Ministers, GCF National Designated Authorities (NDA) or Focal Points (FP), accredited entities, and delivery partners to provide a platform for high-level dialogue on translating long-term low-emission and climate resilient strategies into investment plans. The programme included a high-level segment with participation of Ministers and Heads of Accredited Entities (13 September), two days of parallel thematic and sectoral tracks (14-15 September), and bilateral meetings throughout the event. The In-Country Facilitator of the Nationally Determined Contribution Secretariat (a position supported by USAID) under the Committee for Environmental Protection under the Government of Tajikistan (CEP), Sino Tohirzoda, attended the event to assist the Tajikistan delegation throughout the conference. Mr. Tohirzoda’s participation helped showcase the increased coordination among donors and key development partners in Tajikistan toward NDC implementation and to connect emerging project activities in various sub-sectors working on climate change adaptation and mitigation. He also attended bilateral meetings including the ones with Dennis Mutschler-Neumann (GIZ), Juan Hoffmaister from the GCF’s Division of Country Programming (DCP), and Urvaksh D. Patel, also from GCF. Mr. Tohirzoda also attended several other networking events on behalf of the Tajikistan delegation. Read more at [IFPRI's website](#).

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