

## PRESENTATION AFRICA CLIMATE ACTION INITIATIVE (ACAI)

**Africa Climate Action Initiative (ACAI)** is a CAP network initiative that works alongside African communities on the front lines of climate change. Our mission is to improve the climate mitigation and adaptation response of African nations and their communities, while strengthening solidarity between Canadian and African communities fighting climate change.

ACAI is present in 14 African countries including: Ghana, Nigeria, Gabon, Congo DRC etc... Collaborating with initiatives, international organizations and NGOs, foundations and social and solidarity businesses, governments and communities local authorities to carry out this initiative.

### ❖ **Our vision**

A regenerative and climate resilient Africa.

### ❖ **Our mission**

Strengthen the capacity of African nations and their communities to adapt and build resilience to climate change.

### ❖ **Our 3 pillars**

-Develop upstream with the participation of partners increased capacities for adaptation, sustainable development, the resilience of systems and populations to adapt to climate change;

-Strengthen the implementation of natural resource management policies by promoting climate-smart tools and approaches;

-Implement increased climate action through resource mobilization, awareness raising, exchange and knowledge sharing.

### ❖ **Our core values**

Resilience - Climate Adaptation - Sustainable Development

❖ **Members of the board of directors and functions:**

- **Ms Aissata Camara**, presidente
- **Mr Ongoundou Bienvenu**, Vice-president
- **Mr Senyo Etti Dennis**, secretary
- **Ms Holloway Wadhvani Claire**, member
- **Ms Galenzoga Christine Pamela**, member
- **Ms Katies Fettes**, member

❖ **Executive Office :**

- **Mr. Larley Eric**, Executive Director
- **Mr. Kormi Courage Amese**, Administrative and Financial Director
- **Dr Lauretta AHEROBO**, Director of Women's Mobilization and Mentoring
- **Dr Trinto Mugangu**, Technical Director and Regional Coordinator
- **M. Souna Ondias Landry**, Director of Programmes, Projects and Operations

## **OPERATIONAL ACTION PLAN 2024-2027**

As part of the implementation in its 2024-2027 operational action plan, ACAI has developed a fundraising plan composed of letters of intent and project proposals in the following sectors and themes: Forests, low-carbon agriculture, waste, renewable energies and forest residues, water, law, governance and advocacy.

❖ **Our short-term priority Actions and Projects:**

**1. Implementation of the ACAI Fundraising Plan:** Contacts have been made with more than 150 leaders of foundations, international organizations, philanthropists and other donors, as well as project letters of intent sent.

The ACAI is organizing to put in place coordination frameworks with its partners for the formulation of complete projects and budgets.

**2. Institutional, organizational, operational and financial support project** for the ACAI executive office and regional technical commissions. The headquarters is in Accra, Ghana, headed by **Mr Eric Larley**.

Since February 2024, the Women's Mobilization and Mentoring Directorate has been operational and led by **Dr Lauretta AHEROBO**, who together form an essential driving force in the fight against climate change, bringing their expertise, their passion and

their determination to build a future more and resilient and sustainable for generations to come.

**3. Women's Coalition workshop project in March:** the objective is to advance women's participation in natural resource governance and climate action in Africa

**4. Global project for Ghana, Senegal and Nigeria (see ACF-ACAI minutes):** This project aims to promote sustainable development through the integration of social and environmental initiatives, with a specific emphasis on sustainable land use and agriculture. The objective of this proposal is to define a strategic framework that leverages political and financial mechanisms to bring about positive change in the 3 African countries.

**5. TAPP-ACAI Coalition Advocacy Workshop Project:** This project for a regional awareness, communication and information workshop on the Climate Loss and Damage Fund, a crucial initiative adopted at COP28 in Dubai and advocacy targeting wealthy OECD countries and China, urging them to implement policies to reduce meat consumption as part of their fight against climate change and mitigation strategies.

**6. Women's Empowerment in the Age of Climate Transformation (WEACT) Project:** This is an initiative of ACAI and its Canadian partners. This project will be adapted and implemented in collaboration with partners in Burkina Faso (Association d'Appui à la Promotion du Développement Durable des Communautés **(APDC)**), Ghana (Rights and Advocacy Initiatives Network **(RAIN)**) and Uganda (CAPAIDS Uganda **(C-UG)**).

With women from targeted regions, using local women's associations as an entry point, to increase women's economic empowerment through adoption of NbS for climate adaptation, meaningful participation in design and scaling up NbS for climate adaptation within communities, and amplifying women's voices, experience and leadership in climate resilience policy and decision-making, thereby strengthening empowerment and women's leadership in strengthening community climate resilience.

**7. IFED Canada/ACAI Project:** The main objective of this project is to organize online meetings to launch and strategize a think tank project aimed at identifying potential partners who can provide financial support to in-depth investigations focused on understanding the impact of climate change on agriculture in African countries.



## MEDIUM AND LONG TERM PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES

Based on ACAI's fundraising plan and feedback from foundation leaders, international organizations, philanthropists and other donors on our letters of intent, project proposals and discussions, we will update the list of projects.

ACAI will participate in initiatives, activities, advocacy and online or in-person meetings to hope to obtain invitations to participate in COP29 and other UN conferences.