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***EAC aiming to achieve sustainable  
Climate Change***

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# Introduction

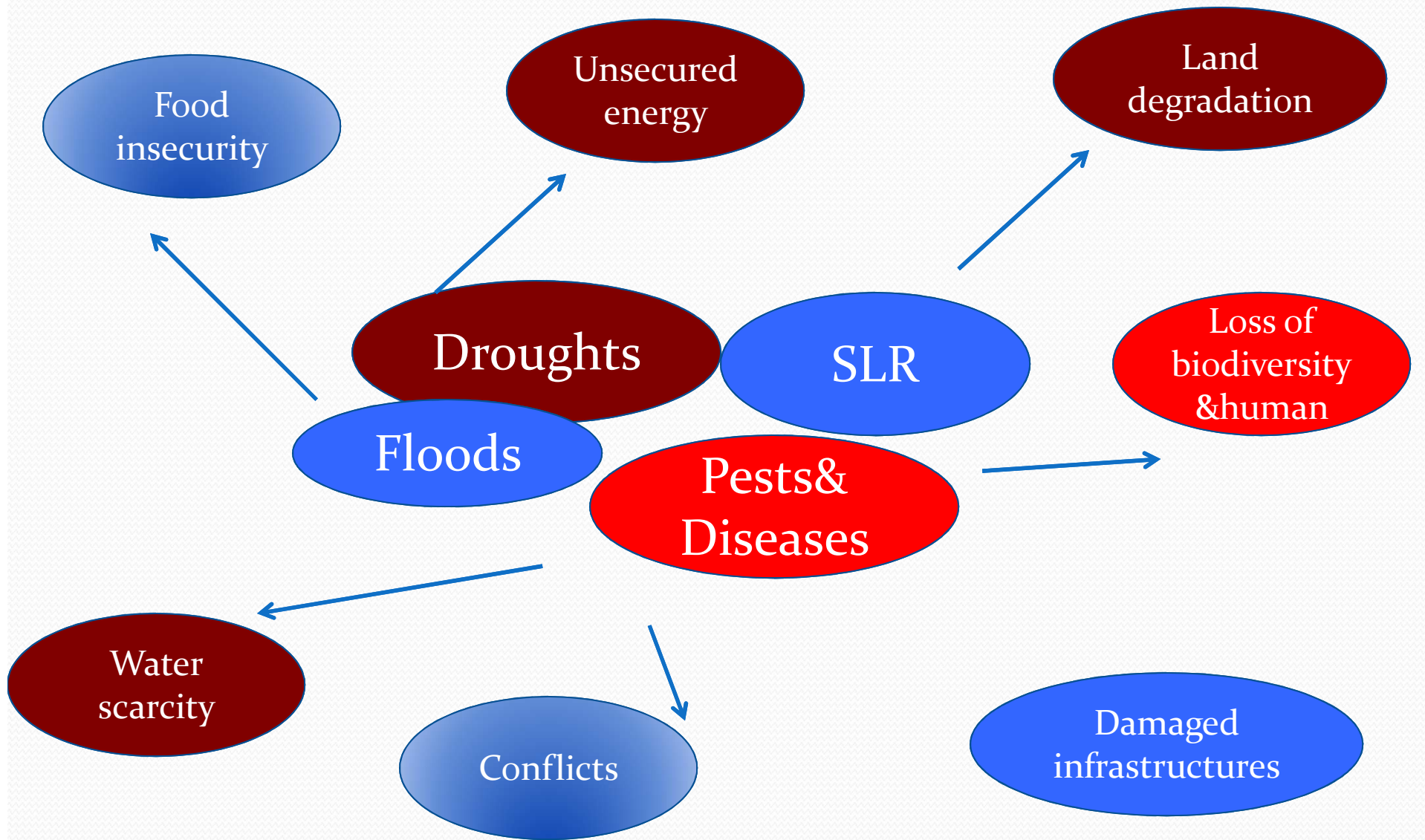
- Climate change is one of the most pressing threats to development today.
- Addressing climate change requires that countries transform their economies and grow in a different way.
- Development planning must integrate climate change issues so that policies and actions across multiple sectors and scales lower greenhouse gas emissions, reduce vulnerability to climate shocks and deliver poverty reduction gains.



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- Countries have new and expanded opportunities to finance climate change actions.
- In order to take advantage of these opportunities, however, the right institutional and financial mechanisms must be in place so that resources are directed efficiently toward national climate and development priorities.

# Indicators of climate change in the region



# Responses

**1. Regional Climate change policy adopted in 2011**

**2. Climate Change Technical Working Group (CCTWG)**

*provide technical guidance in the design and implementation of climate change adaptation and mitigation projects and programs.*

**3. Road Map for Implementation of the Paris Agreement, 2016**

*The road map provides targets, responsibilities and time lines for key interventions in line with the Paris Agreement.*

**4. A portal (Metadata) under design to**

*better inform policy planning in the area of climate change*

**5. Climate change coordination Unit (CCCU) established. Seeking for sustainability**

**6. EAC Climate Change Bill** being proposed. A draft concept paper of justification available

**7. Draft Protocol on Environment and Natural Resources**  
(Art.24.Mitigating effects of climate change)



# EAC Climate Policy Priorities

- The Policy is based on the following priorities: climate change adaptation; mitigation; and research and observations including monitoring, detection, attribution and prediction.
- The Policy identifies climate change adaptation as a primary priority of the region while mitigation is secondary.



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- It further emphasis on the importance of mainstreaming climate change adaptation and mitigation into national and regional development plans (NAMAs, NAPs, NAPAs, LEDS) taking a sectoral approach with an emphasis on key socio-economic sectors and sub-sectors adversely impacted by climate change and with potential opportunities to contribute to mitigation efforts and sustainable development of the Partner States and the region.





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- Each Partner State shall create an enabling environment through policy, legislative and institutional frameworks to operationalize the Policy provisions.
- The EAC Partner States shall establish arrangements to compliment and coordinate their efforts including establishing a regional Climate Change Coordination structure at the EAC Secretariat.



# EAC Climate Finance

- Financial resources to implement the Policy is a key elements in the implementation of the Policy. Substantial funds will be required to support mitigation and adaptation initiatives/programmes. Sustainable funding shall be mobilized from the development partners including multilateral agencies, bilateral partners and intergovernmental agencies and the private sector.
- There will also be efforts by Partner States to provide supplementary resources. Appropriate financial mechanisms shall be established to ensure availability of new, adequate, predictable and sustainable financial resources through:



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- EAC climate change policy stipulates that “Partner States will establish an EAC Climate Change Fund with the aim of mobilizing financial resources for the implementation of the Policy and instruments of implementing the Policy including the EAC Climate Change Strategy and Master Plan”

# EAC CC Strategy on climate finance

- The EAC Climate Change Strategy is based upon six broad objectives to address the priority areas identified by the EAC Climate Change Policy
- Objective 6 is about climate finance: “To ensure a Sustainable Financing Mechanism for climate change “

# EAC Climate Finance Readiness activities

EAC's climate finance readiness activities includes:

- Application to AF and GCF for accreditation as a Regional Implementing Entity (RIE);
- Setting and operationalisation of the EAC Climate Change Fund and developing a climate change financing sustainability plan;
- Leading the climate change resource mobilization processes through project design, development and financing.

# Road Map for the implementation of Key Resolution of Paris Agreement

- Assist policy makers in Partner States dealing with climate change in internalizing the Paris Agreement to come up with country specific implementation framework.
- Identify common actions across NDCs and develop NDC Implementation Plans.
- Review the EAC's existing Regional Climate Change Policy (2011), Climate Change Strategy (2011/12-2015/16) and Climate Change Master Plan (2013-2033) to mainstream the Paris Agreement
- support the capitalization of the EAC Climate Change Funds through pioneering the accreditation as Regional Implementing Entity (RIE) under the Green Climate Fund (GCF);
- Support Partner States to develop capacities for accreditation of their NIE
- Support Partner States to develop credible projects that may attract funds from AF and GCF
- Promoting the continental climate resilient and low carbon development initiatives such as the Climate Smart Agriculture
- Promoting the African Adaptation and Loss and Damage Initiative
- Promote the renewable energy and other sustainable development initiatives in a bid to attain global goal of reducing GHGs emissions.

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**Thank you very Much**

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