

# Adapt'Action

ADDRESSING  
CLIMATE  
IMPACTS  
TOGETHER

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**A unique tool  
for studies and  
capacity building**

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**30 M€  
UNTIL 2021**

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**15** countries and  
regional organizations  
**SUPPORTED**

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An inclusive and  
**PARTICIPATORY**  
approach

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A driver  
for adaptation  
**INVESTMENTS**

In the context of COP21 and the Paris Agreement, countries have made voluntary commitments to fight against climate change and adapt to its impacts.

The challenge now lies in making the Paris Agreement operational by implementing these commitments – called Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs).

**AFD has set up  
Adapt'Action, a  
tool which assists  
countries in the  
implementation of  
these commitments  
for a more resilient  
development.**

Through technical assistance and capacity building, Adapt'Action acts as a driver for facilitating access to international climate finance for countries and speeding up adaptation investments.

Adapt'Action also aims to better take into account gender-related climate vulnerabilities and support nature-based solutions.

# Better anticipating and managing the impacts of climate change



## Small island developing States

### AREAS OF OPERATION:

Dominican Republic, Madagascar, Republic of Mauritius, Union of the Comoros, Indian Ocean Commission (IOC), Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS)\*

### WHY?

These areas are particularly vulnerable to extreme climate events (hurricanes, tropical storms, torrential rain) and rising sea levels. There are major risks of economic and human losses with the increasing number and intensification of these phenomena.

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## Africa

### AREAS OF OPERATION:

Congo Brazzaville, Guinea Conakry, Niger, Senegal, Tunisia.  
2019: Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire and Ghana

### WHY?

Droughts, floods, changing rainfall patterns and rising sea levels are all climate hazards which already have an impact on all the economic sectors, ecosystems and populations of these countries.

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## 3 SIMULTANEOUS AND COMPLEMENTARY AXES OF OPERATION

### Axis 1

#### SUPPORT CLIMATE GOVERNANCE FOR A SUCCESSFUL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NDCS

- ▶ Strengthen the institutional processes for the implementation and monitoring of the NDC;
- ▶ Build technical capacities and raise the awareness of partners to ensure greater ownership of the NDC.

### Axis 2

#### SUPPORT THE MAINSTREAMING OF ADAPTATION ISSUES INTO SECTORAL PUBLIC POLICIES

- ▶ Develop one or two sectoral policies for the implementation of the NDC;
- ▶ Improve knowledge about the expected impacts of climate change in key sectors;
- ▶ Develop action and investment plans to implement the adaptation objectives.



## THE ACTORS OF ADAPT'ACTION

■ **AFD:** contracting authority for axes of intervention 2 and 3, supported by the consulting firm Transtec

■ **Expertise France:** delegated contracting authority for axis 1

■ **Local focal point:** responsible for monitoring the country support, working with the relevant authorities

■ **Local monitoring committee** composed of national authorities, technical experts, AFD, Expertise France and other partners.

### Axis 3

#### SUPPORT THE PREPARATION OF STRUCTURAL PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS IN THE FIELD OF ADAPTATION

- ▶ Finance vulnerability and feasibility studies;
- ▶ Support efforts to seek financing and financial partners.

*\*An additional country is being identified  
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Local cultural identity and ancestral skills can be pillars for adaptation. Here, the identity «sea» of the Vezo of Madagascar

# Adapt'Action: Overview

## A support **targeting**

- ▶ African countries
- ▶ Least Developed Countries
- ▶ Small Island Developing States

## An **overall objective**

- ▶ Equip countries to provide them with greater access to climate finance and facilitate the emergence of adaptation to climate change investments

## An intervention via **3 priority axes**

- ▶ Strengthen climate governance to ensure a successful implementation of the NDCs
- ▶ Translate the NDCs into public policies and concrete action plans in the key sectors for adaptation (water resources, agriculture and biodiversity, extreme climate events, etc.)
- ▶ Design structural adaptation programs and projects



# Who are we?

**The Agence française de développement (AFD) is France's inclusive public development bank.**

It commits financing and technical assistance to projects that genuinely improve everyday life, both in developing and emerging countries and in the French overseas territories. Our action is fully in line with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Through its network of 85 agencies, AFD operates in 109 countries, where it is currently financing, supervising and supporting over 3,600 development projects.

**Expertise France is the French international technical cooperation agency.**

The agency implements major technical assistance programs in the key sectors of development aid, including the fight against climate change, by mobilizing public and private technical expertise. Expertise France assists partner countries and local authorities in the development and implementation of low-carbon and climate-resilient policies and thereby contributes to the implementation of the Paris Agreement.

[expertisefrance.fr](http://expertisefrance.fr)

**Transtec is a consulting firm with over 30 years of experience in international cooperation.**

Transtec, certified ISO 9001:2008, defines strategies, partnerships for development and implements technical assistance and cooperation programs and projects financed by the Official Development Assistance of public bodies and/or States.

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