ENGAGING THE PRIVATE SECTOR

Adaptation in Namibia has largely relied on public and donor funding. Yet addressing climate risks that threaten business continuity and economic stability requires stronger private sector partnerships. Engaging the private sector unlocks the investment and innovation needed to build climate resilience.

Engaging the private sector in adaptation planning will include:

1. Identifying where and how different private actors can contribute to climate resilience, and address barriers to participation.
2. Identifying public finance interventions needed to attract and scale up the private sector's ability to invest in and implement adaptation.
3. Creating a conducive enabling environment is also an area that can support the private sector to effectively participate in climate adaptation implementation.
4. Exploring public policy options that can catalyse and incentivise private sector engagement in adaptation planning & implementation.

ABOUT THE PROJECT

This 36-month long project has been commissioned by the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism (MEFT) and supported by the Green Climate Fund to strengthen climate adaptation planning and coordination in Namibia. It is being implemented by Namibia Nature Foundation (NNF).

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WHY IT MATTERS

As climate change intensifies, Namibia is experiencing more frequent and severe droughts and floods, rising temperatures, and increasing climate variability.

With up to 30% of the country's economy dependent on climate-sensitive sectors such as water, agriculture, coastal zones, and tourism, and 67% of the rural population depending on rain-fed agriculture, climate change is making the country more vulnerable to economic shocks and increasing the urgency to adapt and strengthen resilience.

A NATIONAL RESPONSE TO CLIMATE RISK

Namibia has made strong global adaptation commitments and has identified the National Adaptation Plan (NAP) as a priority to strengthen and coordinate national adaptation efforts, grounded in evidence. According to Namibia's Adaptation Communication,

> ***"Adaptation is of primary importance and high on the government's agenda to guarantee the welfare of its people while reducing risks and building resilience."***

This project will enhance coordination, build evidence, mobilise private sector participation, and increase access to finance for a more resilient Namibia.

OUR APPROACH

The national adaptation plan will be delivered through the following key activities:

Building the Evidence Base

High-resolution (10 km × 10 km) climate projections will be generated to identify climate hotspots, guide resource allocation, and inform targeted interventions, while strengthening the use of climate data and national capacity for evidence-based adaptation.

Developing the Adaptation Strategy and Action Plan

The evidence generated will inform the prioritisation of key climate risks and guide the development of a national adaptation strategy and action plan including priority actions, targets, roles, and budgets. An integrated monitoring system will track progress, supported by a roadmap to sequence actions and embed adaptation into development planning.

Mobilising Finance for Climate Adaptation

The project will then develop a resource mobilisation strategy to finance adaptation at scale, guiding investment pipelines, financing instruments, and climate finance tracking across public, private, and international sources.

EXPECTED OUTCOMES

This project focuses on four key outcomes to strengthen Namibia's adaptation capacity:

Stronger adaptation coordination

This project will strengthen institutional coordination across sectoral, local, regional, and national planning systems.

Evidence-based decision making

Adaptation planning will be supported by generated climate projections, vulnerability assessments, and economic analysis.

Private sector engagement

This project will create pathways for businesses and financial institutions to actively contribute to climate adaptation and resilience in Namibia.

Increased adaptation finance

Financing mechanisms and strategy will be established to support and scale investment in climate resilience in Namibia.