



# CONCEPT NOTE - Climate MRV

## Country Key Actor Consultations

May 2020

### *Bilateral Support to Strengthen National Approaches and Effective Regional Collaboration*

#### Summary:

In each country of West Africa, an online participatory technical consultation is proposed. Under the direction of the National Focal Point on Climate MRV, the virtual forum will connect key actors in the country to discuss the nation's GHG mitigation and climate adaptation targets, and the status of the national climate MRV system and its ability to influence policy and investment in the nation— across the public and private sectors, at the national as well as at the local level, and in the urban and rural sectors alike.

The objective of the interactive forum is to obtain critical input and functional feedback to inform climate MRV capacity development priorities and opportunities that will strengthen the relevance and effectiveness of the nation's climate MRV system.

#### Context:

In March 2020, ministerial climate focal points from fourteen (14) countries from the West African sub-region realized a [technical consultation in Abidjan](#) to share experiences related to the relevance and effectiveness of their National Climate MRV Systems.

This activity was part of the bilateral climate finance support programme from Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) to assist the nations of the region to transform development policies to align climate targets with investments to create wealth, reduce energy poverty, enhance social conditions and address the impacts of climate change and air pollution.

The technical consultation in Abidjan assembled a great deal of information, including the production of comprehensive [scoping studies](#) by national technical experts, on the climate MRV system in each country. These reports address the needs and ambitions of the country MRV team; present the results of the key actor/ institution surveys; compile and describes the various climate MRV initiatives in the country; discusses the country's MRV system's particular strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats; and lastly, makes a serious of recommendations for national capacity building priorities.

South south cooperation to strengthen and scale climate MRV capacity within the region is also an important opportunity, with regional MRV system harmonization and alignment a goal oft-expressed in various multi-lateral fora. Towards this determination, a preliminary version of a Climate MRV System [Comparative Table](#) has been assembled to spark coordination opportunities.

The agenda for the virtual forum in each country is presented below, and will be refined by the respective country focal points. The WA-MRV programme's principal investigator will support each countries' climate MRV focal point, to finalize the agenda of the virtual forum, fix an official date, and prepare and send out an invitation to the national

constituents and key stakeholders, along with instructions for internet access and participating in the online virtual forum.

## Draft Agenda:

To be modified as directed by each Country MRV Focal Point.

**Welcome Participants (2 mn)** (*Regional Coordinator*) Purpose of the call. Brief overview of the WA-MRV Programme; objective and structure.

**Introduction (5 mn)** (*Principal Investigator/ Moderator*) Review detailed agenda, explain software controls. Present objectives of the call. Snapshot of Abidjan output. Introduce Country Climate MRV Focal Point.

**Country Welcome (5 mn)** (*Country Climate MRV Focal Point*) Welcome Remarks. NDC snapshot. TBD.

### Content Presentations

- **Country MRV Scoping Study (15 mn)** (*National Technical Expert/ Author*)
  - *MRV system needs and ambitions;*
  - *Key actor/ institution surveys;*
  - *Compiled climate MRV initiatives*
  - *MRV- SWOT discussion*
  - *Recommendations, national capacity building priorities.*
- **MRV Comparative Table (5 mn)** (*Principal Investigator*)

**Country Comments (10 mn)** (*Country Climate MRV Focal Point*) Remarks, clarifications...

**Discussion (30 mn)** Moderated questions and interactive discussion with participants.

**Next Steps (5 mn)** (*Principal Investigator*) Summary report of discussion inputs. Draft coordinating framework. Priority capacity building opportunity.

**Closing Remarks (2 mn)** (*Country Climate MRV Focal Point*)

## Key Materials:

- Abidjan Report, Climate MRV Systems - Relevance, Effectiveness and Alignment ([link](#))
- Country MRV Baseline Reports ([link](#))
- West Africa MRV Comparative Table ([link](#))

## Outputs:

- Summary report on comments and suggestions from national consultation, including MRV national capacity development priorities.
- Dissemination list of key stakeholders.

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