

Climate Innovation & Development

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On 16 February 2010 the 2010–12 AECII Strategy and Action plan was adopted. This happened at a conference track on climate innovation and development at the 2nd Pan African Competitiveness Forum in Elmina, Ghana. Representatives from Ethiopia, Gambia, Ghana, Kenya, Mauritius, Senegal, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda, Denmark, Sweden, the International Council for Science, African Union Commission and The Competitiveness Institute attended the conference track.

Awful as it is, climate change represents a window of opportunities for entrepreneurs for prospering by developing and delivering new products and services that can improve livelihoods for millions and millions of people in Africa.

AECII brings together representatives from business, knowledge institutions, governments and NGOs/CSOs from Africa and Europe. The partners are united in their commitment to accelerate climate change mitigation and adaptation; poverty alleviation; and private sector growth through encouraging development and deployment of climate innovations and development solutions.

For more information on AECII and AECII partners please visit www.aecii.net and/or e-mail tw@aecii.net

On the site – www.aecii.net – you can read up on the progress of the initiative; find information on the ever enlarging network; download the draft 2010–12 AECII Strategy and Action Plan; and more.

WWF–Sida project, Accelerating Climate Innovation and Entrepreneurship in Africa

With support from the World Wide Fund (WWF) and the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida), Innogate Aps – a partner of SICD – is currently, in cooperation with the Science and Technology Policy Research Institute (STEPRI) in Ghana and West Indian Ocean Marine Science Association (WIOMSA) in Tanzania, undertaking assessments on climate innovation and entrepreneurship in Ghana and Tanzania.

The assessments aim to take stock and initiate a process to accelerate climate innovation in Africa – by building on amongst others on the Technology Needs Assessments implemented under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). More specifically the project will assess the level of development of national climate innovation systems and the conditions phasing climate entrepreneurs in Ghana and Tanzania. Having provided the assessments, the project will identify preferred systems for national and international technology transfer that will enable climate innovation entrepreneurs to develop and grow.

It is key to the assessment to use the power of best practices – and thereby demonstrate that challenges imposed by increasing emissions and climate change can be used as a new opportunity to grow new business; more and better jobs; and reduce poverty.

The project will report to and support development of collaborative activities under the African European Climate Innovation Initiative.

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