The AfDB supports countries to strengthen institutional capacity through policy dialogue, capacity building and knowledge services. Cognizant that knowledge management, policy dialogue, and effective development management are essential factors of economic growth, the AfDB has invested substantially in capacity development of its regional member countries.

The Bank continues to employ its convening power in order to mobilize technical assistance from a range of stakeholders, work closely with Regional Member Countries (RMCs), provide policy advice, and support capacity building. In 2017, the AfDB’s Climate and Green Growth Department launched a program of trainings on mainstreaming climate change and green growth into Bank operations as an essential part of the Bank’s Development and Business Delivery Model. This training program seeks to help achieve the targets of the second Climate Change Action Plan and is expected to reach RMCs in 2018.

**Building Capacity for REDD+**

Capacity building is a key component of REDD+ readiness, or the process of putting in place the necessary preconditions that enable countries to implement REDD+. The FIP works alongside various REDD+ initiatives to strengthen institutional capacity, forest governance, and sustainable forest management. FIP is an instrument designed to implement the national policies seeking to reduce emissions through deforestation and forest degradation, including capacity building. In fact, roughly 50% of FIP financing goes to capacity building, institutional strengthening and governance reform.

**Expected results**

- 266 extension workers trained
- 1 agro-meteorological campaign
- 150,000 producers benefitting
- 10% reduction in annual crop losses in project areas
- 1 national monitoring and evaluation platform
- 1 annual renewable energy forum in Mali

**Niger**

**Climate Information Development and Forecasting Project**

The Climate Information Development and Forecasting Project in Niger is a capacity building project in the project areas. The goal of such additional resources is for countries to build climate resilience through participatory processes; and Capacity building: Developing relevant capacity building activities to address critical capacity needs.

**Expected results**

- 155 national experts trained, 35 of which are female
- 6 knowledge products disseminated
- 13 workshops
- 1 web portal for renewable energy in Mali
- 1 national monitoring and evaluation platform
- 1 annual renewable energy forum in Mali

**Burkina Faso**

**Gazetted Forests Participatory Management Project for REDD+**

The project supports participatory management of gazetted forests by the local communities through the structuring and capacity building of forest management groups. These groups make use of the timber and non-timber forest products, but they also ensure forest maintenance and conservation.

**Expected results**

- 1 Measurement, Reporting and Verification (MRV) system
- 200 senior officers trained, with equipment necessary for forest maintenance
- 1 training centre rehabilitated
- 10 scholarships awarded for REDD+ specialization studies
- 180 producers groups trained and provided with equipment necessary for forest maintenance
- 284,000 ha of forest gazetted for REDD+ project managed

**Mali**

**Project for Scaling-up Renewable Energy (PAPERM)**

PAPERM’s specific objectives are to: (i) improve the policy, legal, regulatory and institutional framework for the scaling-up of renewable energy investments; (ii) strengthen the capacities of stakeholders and ensure knowledge management, communication and advocacy to facilitate the development of renewable energy; and (iii) improve the sub-sector’s monitoring and evaluation system, and strengthen the programmatic approach under the SREP investment in Mali.

The project represents a unique opportunity for the consolidation and dissemination of new renewable energy knowledge, both in Mali and in the sub-region. In line with the SREP vision, one of the project’s objectives is to strengthen knowledge management and information sharing in favour of renewable energies. Through PAPERM, the Bank will thus contribute to the transformation of the Malian energy sector and will create the necessary environment for the implementation of future renewable energy investments.

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