Garoua’s Sustainable Energy Action and Climate Action Plan (SEACAP) offers many opportunities for businesses to invest in climate and energy action to reduce their vulnerability to risks and increase profit.

The city’s SEACAP prioritises many infrastructure projects, offering businesses opportunities to invest in the city:

- **INSTALL 2000 AUTONOMOUS DOMESTIC SOLAR KITS OF 1200W EACH IN HOUSEHOLDS USING GENERATORS**
- **ENSURE THAT ALL PUBLIC BUILDINGS RELY COMPLETELY ON RENEWABLE ENERGY BY 2030**
- **INSTALLATION OF 3500 SOLAR STREET LIGHTS**
- **ESTABLISH MINI BIODIGESTER PLANTS IN SLAUGHTERHOUSES FOR THE PRODUCTION OF BOTTLED GAS**
- **UPGRADES TO ROADS PRONE TO FLOODS AND EROSION**

SEACAP implementation will also support new markets and new activities to emerge within the city:

- **LOCALLY MANUFACTURED SOLAR COOKERS AND OVENS, AS WELL AS BIODIGESTERS TO PRODUCE BIOMETHANE IN SLAUGHTERHOUSES FOR THE PRODUCTION OF BOTTLED GAS.**
- **SOLAR ENERGY IS NEEDED TO SUPPORT HOUSEHOLDS AND BUSINESSES WITH INCREASED ACCESS TO ELECTRICITY.**
- **PLASTIC RECYCLING IS NEEDED TO CREATE OPPORTUNITIES FOR RE-USE AND RECYCLING, INSTEAD OF EVERYTHING GOING TO A LANDFILL.**

Investing in climate and energy makes business sense:

- **LOWER RISK OF ECONOMIC LOSS CAUSED BY ENERGY DISRUPTIONS.**
- **HEALTHIER WORKFORCE.**
- **MORE RELIABLE INFRASTRUCTURE SUCH AS TRANSPORT AND WATER SUPPLY.**

Businesses in Garoua are feeling the impacts of climate change and limited access to energy:

- **PROFIT LOSSES FROM DECREASING CROP YIELDS DUE TO DROUGHT.**
- **INFRASTRUCTURE REPAIR COSTS DUE TO STORM DAMAGE.**
- **CHALLENGE TO ACCESS MARKETS DURING FLOODS.**
- **REDUCED HEALTH OF WORKFORCE.**
- **POWER OUTAGES DUE TO ENERGY SHORTAGES.**

By 2030 the economic cost of climate change in Africa could be equivalent to:

1.5 TO 3% OF GDP ANNUALLY