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CoM SSA SEACAP Toolbox

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1.2: CoM SSA’s response to the challenges of climate change

1.2.1: Introduction to CoM SSA

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What you will learn in this chapter:
• Presentation of the CoM SSA initiative
• Presentation of the CoM SSA Phase III objectives

This chapter has been designed for Local Government Officials and partners completing a SEACAP
Covenant of Mayors in Sub-Saharan Africa

What is CoM SSA?

• African regional chapter of the Global Covenant of Mayors, an alliance of over 9,000 cities promoting urban climate action.

• Established in 2015.

• Our network of 150+ sub-Saharan African cities are making ambitious climate change commitments, and sharing good practice.
"What makes the difference is the vision that we carry as mayors and local governments, but also the support and collaboration that cities and municipalities can contribute to discussions like this. It is at the heart of climate action..."

Hon. Mohammed Adjei Sowah
Mayor of Accra, Ghana
Board Member, Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy
Covenant of Mayors in Sub-Saharan Africa

What are the objectives?

- Increase sustainable energy access, and support local climate action.
- Localise NDCs and Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), empower local authorities, initiate local action.
- Improve institutional frameworks, and local authorities’ technical and resource mobilisation capacities.
- Promote political ownership and good practice dissemination.
What is the initiative's objective?

Promote the development, implementation and monitoring of Sustainable Energy Access and Climate Action Plans (SEACAPs) by and for the cities of Sub-Saharan African cities in order to fight against climate change.
What are the benefits for Sub-Saharan African cities?

• Access to good practices and knowledge exchange activities

• Capacity building and technical support on planning and implementation of climate and sustainable energy action

• Access to decentralized cooperation mechanisms

• Improved international visibility of climate and energy actions carried out by cities in sub-Saharan Africa
Ambitions for Sub-Saharan African cities

- Participate in the mitigation of climate change and realising its co-benefits for citizens
- Adapting to the negative effects of climate change
- Improve access to sustainable, affordable and secure energy.
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What is the approach?

- Engage with key stakeholders to understand local context’s needs and opportunities.
- Develop local capacity, ensuring that the work is relevant, context-specific and serves the most vulnerable.
- Enhance dialogue between national and sub-national levels.
- Foster institutional cooperation.
A strong political engagement

General and technical support via the Helpdesk (helpdesk@comssa.org)
An innovative approach

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signatory cities

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Support the development, integration and monitoring of SEACAPs

Initiate
- Based on sound understanding of the local context
- Conduct background analysis
- Support collection and management of data

Plan
- Identify relevant local climate action
- Strengthen the capacity of institutional structures
- Co-produce plans and actions with diverse stakeholders

Implement
- Ensure plans and actions serve the most vulnerable
- Reflect on policies, plans and actions and constantly improve

Monitor
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The next chapter is Session 1.2.2: CoM SSA’s response to the challenges of climate change - SEACAP process presentation
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