

# **Potsdam Spring Dialogues 2010 External Shocks and Africa's Regional Organisations: From Reaction to Prevention**

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## Africa / Least Developed Countries / Small Island Development States

- most vulnerable to climate change
- hardest hit
- contributed very little to the problem
- relatively poorly equipped

African Union:  
*"adaptation must be treated with an importance equal to that of mitigation."*

This requires:

- Financial support
- Technology
- Capacity building

## European Commission:

- supporting African Union structures
- climate change as strategic partnership between Africa and the EU
- EU focus on building capacity for climate in Africa.

## Key concerns

- ensuring adequate **fast start funding** is made available:
  - Developed Countries: \$30 billion
  - EU: €7.2 billion annually
- Special emphasis on vulnerable and least developed countries

# Long term financing

Developing Countries: 100 billion USD a year  
by 2020:

- Public
- Carbon market

# Global deal on climate change

A benefit for developing countries:

- basis for further emissions reductions
- mobilise significant resources for developing countries.

## *What is the EC doing to support Africa?*

### **Building capacity:**

- **ClimDev Africa**
- **Green Wall** of the Sahel and Sahara.
- **Global Climate Change Alliance:** 110 M€ national + 40 M€ regional

## *What is the EC doing to support Africa?*

- Intra-ACP Programme, 180 M€ for Disaster Risk Reduction
- Global Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Fund (GEEREF)

Thank you

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