# CLIMATE FINANCE SEGMENT EXPERIENCE OF FONERWA CBFP 23rd NOVEMBER 2016

For a Green & Resilient Rwanda











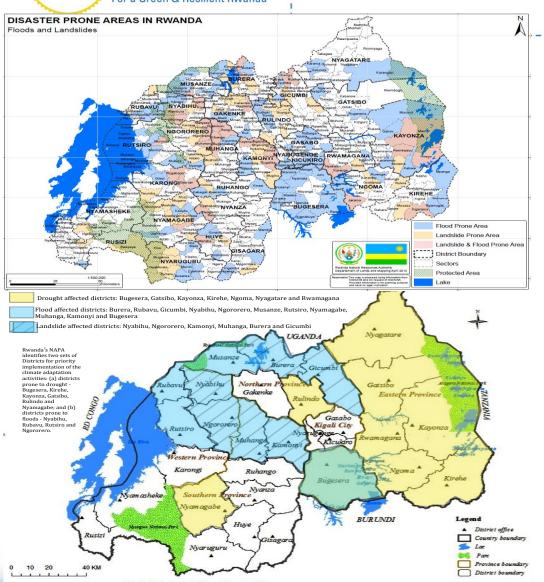








### **Vulnerability to Climate Change**



- Climate modeling projects rises of up to 2.5°C by the 2050s) and increasingly intense rainfall events.
- Increased risk of flooding (and droughts in some areas), landslides and soil erosion.
- Additional economic costs: a loss of ~1% of GDP per year by 2030 (excludes the future effects of floods/extreme events).
- Annual costs of adapting to climate change estimated up to \$300m per year



## **GGCRS: Programmes of Action**

Institutional Arrangements **Enabling Pillars** 

#### Programmes of Action



Capacity
Building and
Knowledge
Management

Technology, Innovation and Infrastructure

Integrated
Planning and
Data
Management

Sustainable intensification of small-scale farming

Agricultural diversity of markets Sustainable land use management Integrated Water Resource Management

Low carbon energy grid Small-scale energy access in rural areas

Disaster management and Disease prevention

Green industry and private sector development

Climate compatible mining

Resilient transport systems Low carbon urban systems Ecotourism, conservation and PES Sustainable forestry, agroforestry and biomass

Climate data and projections



#### **VISION & MISSION**

- The Government of Rwanda (GoR) has shown political leadership on environment and climate change issues:
- Green Growth and Climate Resilient Strategy approved by Cabinet in 2011
- FONERWA established in law in June 2012 [FONERWA implementation of the Green Growth Strategy

#### **Vision**

 To respond to current and future climate change financing needs - to achieve sustainable economic development.

#### Mission

 To mobilize, manage, monitor and facilitate cross sector access to environment and climate related finance.



### **How does FONERWA work?**

FONERWA is a demand-led fund

 Fund capitalization and access by applicants through four thematic windows

 Rigor, accountability and transparency – key characteristics of fund management



# FONERWA Thematic Financing Windows

#### Window 1:

Conservation
 & rehabilitation
 of natural
 resources

#### Window 2:

Energy, R&D and technology transfer

#### Window 3:

Environment & climate change mainstreaming

#### Window 4:

 Environment al Impact Assessments (EIA)

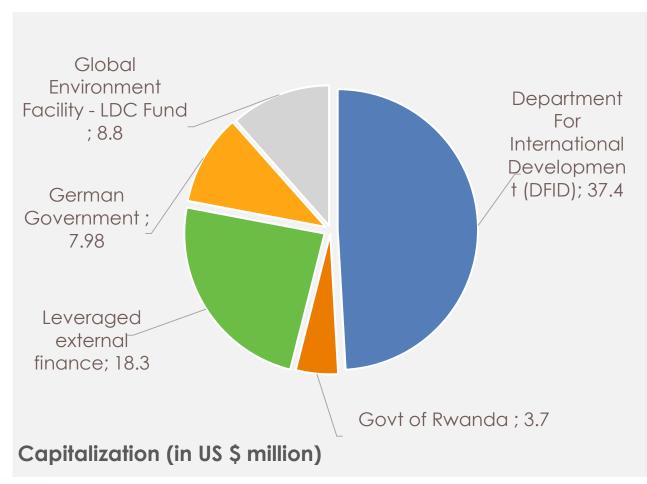
#### FONERWA's overall Objective:

To contribute to sustainable wealth creation and poverty reduction in Rwanda, through environmental sustainability, rational management of natural resources, climate resilient and green economic growth.



#### FONERWA's capitalization

#### FONERWA is capitalized through various sources totaling \$ 76 million



Important to note that given its structure, governance and mission, FONERWA is increasingly seen as the national primary engagement point for global climate financing including Multi-laterals

- Green Climate Fund (GCF)
- 2. World Bank/Climate Investment Funds (PPCR/FIP/SREP)



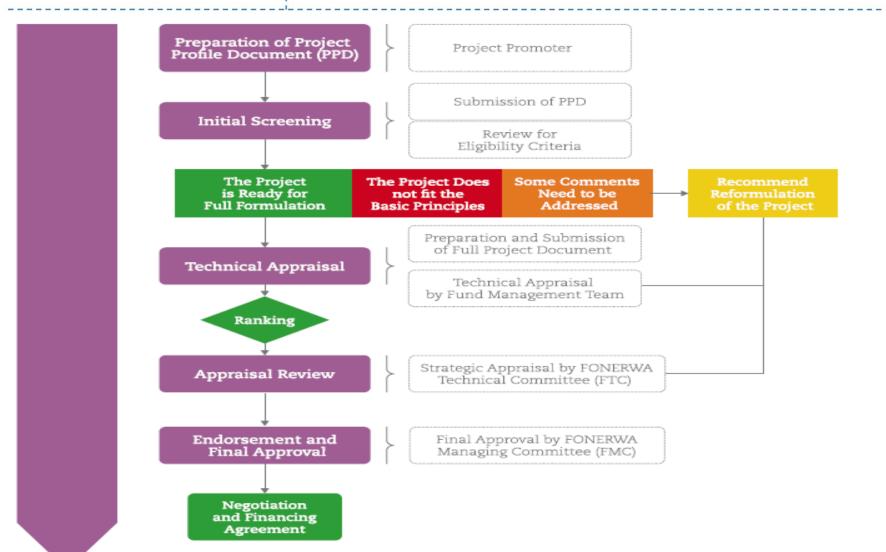
#### **FONERWA: Resources Mobilization**

#### GCF

- GCF readiness support (Strategic Framework)
- Support to proposal development (PPF and greening rural settlement and local economy) - 1.5M/50M USD
- Enhanced Direct Access support 20M
- Engaging in-country Development Partners (DPs)
  - DFID –Climate change Innovation Centre/Scoping study on Technical Facility/Technical support to develop capacity
  - KFW USD 500,000 (Feasibility studies for GCP)
  - BTC (Renewable energy)
  - World Bank: CIF (SREP/PPCR/FIP USD 50M/50M/24M)
  - GGGI: USD 2.4M (to 2019); CDKN: 150,000 USD (2016)
     Technical support



# FONERWA Application Process





#### **Private sector Instruments**

#### Innova tion Grant

- Performance based grants for R&D, proofof-concept and demonstration
- \$300,000 ceiling and 25% match funding

# Line of Credit

- Developed with Rwanda's Development Bank (BRD)
- Below market interest rate (16%) of 11.45%

- Improving/Reinforcing Private sector engagement
- Implementing the new strategy
  - Expanding/Diversifying financial instruments
    - Viability Gap Funding (VGF) in process
    - Equity and Guarantees
  - Rolling application and other strategies for enhanced targeting [SREP (50 M)]
  - Resources mobilization from PS – Impact investors particularly in Landscape restoration (Small holder farmers)



#### **Current Portifolio**

Since FMT was put in place 3 years ago:

- Solid governance structures
- Instruments in place to support private sector projects
- Only domestic public fund providing access to Civil Society
- 9 calls for proposals

31 under implementation

33 proposals approved

87 Full Proposals developed

10 Districts (3 are District/NGO) 9 private sector 4 NGO

10 Central government

1089 concept notes submitted



#### **Current Governance Structure to Future**

Call-down

consultancy

pool

# Fund Management Committee (FMC)

GoR Chair, DP Co-Chair and members (DPs, GoR ministry reps (DG level), CSO rep, private sector rep)

Observers

#### Fund Technical Committee (FTC)

GoR Chair, DP Co-Chair and members (DPs, GoR ministry reps, technical experts)

Fund Secretariat,
Fund Management Team

Decides funding prioritisation, takes
 final funding decisions and provides
 strategic oversight

Technical Advice, proposal screening, recommendations to FMC

Additional support for proposal screening and technical assistance

Day-to-day fund management, Technical assistance, M&E, Resource mobilisation, initial screening of concept notes (PPDs)



### Dealing with the challenges

#### **Challenges**

Generating relevant interest in climate change investments

Limited coordination among sectors

Technical capacity and ownership of sustainable development processes

Low uptake of available resources by Civil society, researchers and Private sector

**Urgent need for recapitalization** 

#### **Opportunities**

Private sector /green growth are key Strategic focus areas for economic transformation

High level dialogue on Green Growth and climate resilience strategy

Strategic partnerships for capacity building

FONERWA presents financing options for research and innovation in CC and energy

Good environment for investment



# **Key Lessons learned**

# Develop and maintain standards - a key success factor for FONERWA

- Technical assistance and resources critical to build capacity
- Fiduciary standards: aligned to international standards builds confidence
- Adhering to Deadlines: Internal discipline builds credibility with all stakeholders
- Working with NGOs and Private sector to expand scope of their applications
  - Rare opportunity for public support/partnership with NGO
  - NGOs bring comparative advantage to implement community climate and resilience actions
- Technical rigor and transparency of application process
  - High standards and due process for its applications
  - Transparent process and online public scrutiny of successful projects

#### **Way forward**

Synthesis of Lessons Learned to guide STRATEGIC ORIENTATION

Strategically build capacity and mobilize finance

A strong and reliable results/Knowledge management Identify strategic areas of partnership

- private sector (Renewable energy, Green City Pilot, green investments, PPP, etc.)
- CSO to build climate resilience of communities (Green villages, Landscape restoration investments among small holder farmers)

Robust resources mobilization including impact investors in FLR

