

National Assessment of Loss and Damage in Kenya (2015–2025) and 2035 Projections

Kenya is undertaking a National Assessment of Loss and Damage (L&D) to strengthen evidence-based planning and enhance the country's response to the impacts of climate change. In relation to this Kenya marks a historic milestone, making her first country in Africa and the second globally to secure dedicated technical assistance from the Santiago Network under the UNFCCC Warsaw International Mechanism for Loss and Damage.

The milestone was announced during the 64th Sessions of the UNFCCC Subsidiary Bodies (SB64) in Bonn, Germany, where Kenya confirmed it had secured approximately **USD 700,000** in technical assistance to implement the assessment. Hosted by the Climate Change Directorate (CCD) under the State Department for Environment and Climate Change, the project will generate comprehensive evidence on climate-related loss and damage while strengthening national capacity to address its increasing impacts.

The assessment will examine both economic and non-economic losses and damages experienced between 2015 and 2025, while developing projections of future climate-related loss and damage through 2035. Covering all 47 counties, the initiative will assess impacts across key sectors, including agriculture, livestock, water resources, health, infrastructure, tourism, human settlements, biodiversity, and cultural heritage. The assessment will also pay particular attention to the differentiated impacts on women, youth, Indigenous Peoples, older persons, and persons with disabilities to ensure inclusive and equitable climate action.

Building on previous assessments undertaken by the Climate Change Directorate, including studies on the impacts of rising water levels in the Rift Valley Lakes and the Lake Victoria Basin, the initiative will strengthen institutional and technical capacity for loss and damage assessment at both national and county levels. It will enhance data collection and analysis, support evidence-based decision-making, and facilitate the integration of loss and damage considerations into climate policies, development planning, and investment strategies.

Key outputs of the project will include a National Loss and Damage Assessment Report, county-level loss and damage profiles, future climate impact scenarios to 2035, and actionable recommendations to inform resilience-building, adaptation planning, and investment. The initiative is aligned with Kenya Vision 2030, the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA), the Fourth Medium-Term Plan (2023–2027), Kenya's Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs), and the third National Climate Change Action Plan (NCCAP III), reinforcing Kenya's commitment to building climate resilience and addressing loss and damage through informed policy, strategic planning, and coordinated action.

