

Enhancing Private Sector Capacity for Climate and Clean Air Action in Nigeria project

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Introduction

This UK PACT-funded initiative seeks to improve air quality and climate governance while fostering collaboration between public and private stakeholders across Nigeria's wider transport ecosystem. It engages with a diverse range of businesses, from transport operators and logistics providers to vehicle manufacturers, assemblers, financiers, and companies whose operations or supply chains depend on transport, to strengthen their capacity to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and short-lived climate pollutants. The project focuses on building technical expertise and institutional capacity in key areas such as emissions assessment, inclusive mobility, and climate-resilient investment planning.

Challenge

Nigeria must urgently cut greenhouse gas (GHG) and short-lived climate pollutant (SLCP) emissions, which drive air pollution and climate change. The transport sector is a major source, as air pollution is linked to over 200,000 premature deaths annually, particularly among vulnerable groups.

Despite strong national climate policies, private-sector involvement, especially from SMEs in logistics, infrastructure, and transport, remains limited due to weak technical capacity, poor access to finance, and unclear regulations.

Goal

This project aims to strengthen private-sector capacity in Nigeria's transport industry to reduce emissions and foster sustainable practices. It will focus on building skills among logistics providers, infrastructure developers, regulators, and financial institutions to:

- Measure and reduce emissions.
- Plan climate-aligned investments.
- Foster partnerships for sustainable solutions.

By delivering a replicable model, the project seeks to accelerate climate and clean air actions in transport, promoting substantial public health benefits, gender equality, and inclusive growth.

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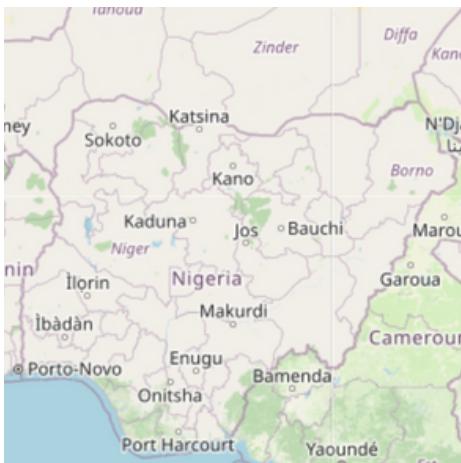


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Methodology

Accelerated private sector-led climate and clean air action

Transport SMEs effectively incorporate climate and air quality initiatives into their core activities, resulting in tangible reductions in GHG emissions and local pollutants. Participating businesses will develop customised emission-reduction strategies that specify practical operational modifications to reduce their carbon footprints and improve sustainability.

Project locations: Abuja and Enugu.

Workstreams

The project brings together a powerful mix of international expertise and deep local knowledge, uniting the University of York – Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI), Escher Silverman Global (ESG), Africa PPP Advisory (AP3 Advisory), the Consulting Engineers Group (CEG), and the SLOCAT Partnership.

The project is structured around five interlinked activities and outputs

Engaging high-emission sectors for climate and clean air action

- Private Sector Analysis and Engagement Strategy.
- Sectoral Emissions Analysis and Business Mapping Reports.
- Climate and Clean Air Action Plan Frameworks for priority sectors.

Enhancing business capacity for climate and clean air action

- Training manuals and sector-specific guidance on emissions assessment and reduction.
- Peer-learning platforms and business-to-business forums for sharing good practices.

Enabling access to climate finance and carbon markets

- Practical guide on developing climate finance-ready projects.
- Carbon market participation toolkit and standardised accounting templates.

Strengthening policy and regulatory alignment

- Business-to-Government (B2G) dialogue reports and policy recommendations.
- Regulatory Roadmaps for private sector compliance and incentives.
- Framework for integrating private sector contributions into Nigeria's Climate Change Act and NDCs.

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