TERMS OF REFERENCE

Development of a briefing Paper to help parliamentarians on placement of climate change responses at the center of efforts to reconstruct economies post Covid-19

In Africa, the effort to catalyse parliamentarians’ engagement in climate discourse processes has been driven by the Pan African Parliament and Pan African Climate justice Alliance, along other parliamentary networks such as EU/ACP-allied PAPNCC have spearheaded conversations. This started way back in 2009 ahead of the remarkable COP15 in Copenhagen, when the two organisations worked with the Kenya National Assembly to host the first, ever, Pan African Summit on Climate Change. The Summit laid a foundation for continuous engagement, which culminated in the 2nd Parliamentary Summit on Climate Policy ahead of COP21 in Paris, which was concrete in outcomes than 2009. Part of the outcomes during this Summit was a declaration for the establishment of a robust platform to facilitate continuous engagement of parliamentarians in Africa’s and global climate discourse and response processes.

The key milestone for the ACLI so far is provision of a structured framework for coordination between PACJA and PAP in joint planning for activities related to legislative work, which has increased the number of interactions, and number of parliamentarians from PAP and other regional legislative assemblies participating in climate change discourse processes. Other key stakeholders, such as African Climate policy Centre, have benefitted from this effort to extend their engagement with parliamentarians under ACLI.

As the participation of parliamentarians in national and international climate change conversations becomes apparent, the importance of this platform becomes essential and especially in influencing integration of climate change responses in the post Covid-19 economic reconstruction processes in Africa.

COVID-19 is not only affecting people at the national level but also at a regional level. This means that the regional plaiamentary institutions like Pan African Parliament (PAP), the African Climate Legislative Initiative (ACLI), East African Legislative Assembly (EALA) among others must realign their approach and engagements with the new reality. We are engaging PAP through ACLI on a possibility of hosting digital discussions on the effects of Covid-19 on our joint work, and also overall climate change legislative framework at the continental level.

This is important because as the region focuses on reconstruction of the economies, climate change response should be at the center stage; a briefing Paper to help parliaments and parliamentarians to understand how the COVID-19 has affected their work will be developed and disseminated in both digital and print forms. This Paper therefore will provide the evidence and a guide for parliamentarians to anchor climate action as an important factor in the reconstruction process. The paper will be validated in digital conversations which will be hosted by PACJA in collaboration with the PAP.
Main Objective

The main objective of this study is to assess the impacts of Covid-19 on the climate change legislative process in the continent.

Main deliverables

The resource person is expected to develop a detailed report and one policy brief capturing the following aspects:

a) An assessment of the impact of Covid-19 on the legislative work under PAP and ACLI

b) Recommendation of the roles of PAP, EALA and ACLI on integration of climate change responses in economic reconstruction in the region

c) Recommendation on how PACJA, ACLI and EALA should engage African government in the economic reconstruction process

Methodology of the study

This study will largely be undertaken as a desktop review but the resource person will also administer questionnaires to a diversity of stakeholders who may include but not limited to; PAP, ACLI, EALA, PACJA AU and African governments

Timeframe

PACJA expects this study to be delivered in 30 days

Application

Interested resource persons should send their technical and financial proposal to info@pacja.org copying kobia@pacja.org and Charles@pacja.org before 30th /09/2020.