

**GCF concept development introductory meeting**  
**Date: Wednesday 15 February 2022**  
**Venue: Microsoft Teams**

**Meeting Minutes**

The in-attendance list is attached as Appendix 1.

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**1. Opening Remarks**

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 hrs (EAT), with Jared welcoming all in attendance, followed by introductions. Jared then gave the background of the proposed GCF project as the only coastal resilience in the Country's GCF Strategy, hence is of the highest priority by the Government. The project has been requested for the Kenya's National Designated Authority, which is the National Treasury. He further explained that while C4es led by Robert is the lead consultant for this concept note development, the Convention has also hired a national consultant (Jacob Ochiewo) to ensure that site/community information required in the development and finalization of this CN is available.

**2. Min 01/22: Ongoing CCVA work along the Kenyan coast**

Robert, from C4 Eco-solutions in South Africa (A consultant firm contracted to finalize the GCF concept note), emphasized that the purpose of the meeting was to acquire information on CCVA work that was being undertaken along the Kenyan coast with a specific target of getting to understand the targeted communities.

Jacob, the consultant on the ground, mentioned that the CCVA work had already covered community demographics in Gazi, Vanga, Mida creek, and plans were underway to collect data from Lamu. The fieldwork would be completed during the first week of March 2022. The work mainly focused on the impacts of climate change on community socio-economic livelihoods, adaptation measures and general coping strategies. Elaborate questionnaires were being administered. The data would also be used to test the CCVA toolkit developed through the Nairobi Convention. He added that the target communities were the communities that reside in the four main sites, which are, dependent on mangroves, fisheries, and other coastal and marine resources. Jared added that the CCVA work included social-adaptive capacity of the coastal communities to climate change, including alternative livelihoods.

Robert mentioned that the current CCVA work would be useful because the GCF concept would focus on identifying the target communities and the challenges the communities face from a climate change perspective. The communities being those that heavily rely on the natural marine and coastal resources and how they are impacted by climate change and using that to develop the intervention strategies. He added that the GCF CN also focuses on Vanga, Mida creek, and Lamu, creating synergy with the current CCVA work and, therefore, useful in finalizing the GCF CN. However, Tana River site was missing in the ongoing CCVA work.

Jared mentioned that although the Tana River site was not covered in the current CCVA work, it needed to be included in the GCF CN because it's the largest delta in the country and suffers from climate-related impacts such as flooding. He added that the current CCVA work could be expanded

to include the site to ensure necessary information is available to support the GCF work. He also mentioned that there was a new upcoming climate change vulnerability assessment study to complement the current CCVA work and the focus would be on both social and ecological dimensions of CCVA. Tana River site would also be included.

Jared mentioned that the GCF study sites were selected during a stakeholder meeting in June 2021 and the criteria used in the selection was presence of:

- mangroves, seagrass and coral reef ecosystem,
- communities with higher dependence on coastal resources, among others, and
- Sites known to be impacted by climate change related impacts.

Jacob highlighted that the main challenge the communities face is the: loss of livelihoods, flooding leading to the displacement of communities that emanate from intense rainfall, mangrove die-back as a result of flooding and sedimentation depriving the coastal communities the ecosystem services, coral bleaching impacting on fisheries, and tourism.

Robert mentioned that they were keen on addressing the impacts of climatic factors (such as flooding) on mangroves, coral reefs and seagrasses and how this affects the communities that rely on the ecosystem.

Jared added that the CN should be open to additional challenges, such as erosion and sedimentation along the coast, which links with upstream activities, because the CN addresses the source-to-sea climate change effects and their impacts on the communities living along the coast.

### 3. Min 02: Next steps

- Robert suggested that he join Jacob for fieldwork in the selected sites towards the end of march or the beginning of April. Jacob confirmed that he would be available to take him to the study areas whenever they were ready.

Robert mentioned that he would submit a work plan towards the end of the week.

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### 4. A.O.B

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm (EAT).

## Appendix 1

In attendance:

No.	Name	Institution affiliation	Gender
1.	Robert Raw	C4 EcoSolutions	Male
2.	Miren Schleicher	C4 EcoSolutions	Female
3.	Jared Bosire	UNEP	Male
4.	Jacob Ochiewo	Kenya Marine and Fisheries Research Institute	Male
5.	Jane Ndungu	UNEP	Female