

The Gambia's Climate Vision

While The Gambia's contribution to climate change has been marginal, our country faces extraordinary challenges due to its impacts. We are therefore committed to act urgently.

The Gambia believes that tackling climate change and pursuing sustainable development for poverty reduction go hand in hand.

Aspiring to net-zero carbon emissions and climate resilience by 2050

Our vision

By 2050, The Gambia aspires to be a climate-resilient, middle-income country through green economic growth supporting sustainable, low emissions development, and contributing its fair share to global efforts to address climate change.

The Gambia will work towards four overarching strategic priorities to achieve this.



Our strategic priorities



Climate-resilient food and landscapes

Supporting sustainable agriculture, food security, forestry and natural resource protection (e.g. water, biodiversity and wildlife).



Low emissions and resilient economy

Developing sustainably across key economic sectors, including energy, transport, infrastructure, tourism and financial services.



An engaged and resilient population

Building climate resilience into human development, from health and education to social development and human settlements.



Protecting the future of our coastline

Managing our coasts in a changing environment, through climate-aware Integrated Coastal Zone Management.

Why develop a climate vision?

Tackling climate change is a long-term effort that will require structural changes in society and the economy.

The vision can provide guidance and stability for short-term action and serve as a roadmap for making the right investment decisions for decades to come.

The vision will provide a framework for responding to global disruptions and ensure that hard-earned development gains are not eroded or lost.



Protection of natural resources and biodiversity

Sustainable economic growth and poverty reduction

Social development and equity

International solidarity and transparency

Better planning and preparation for future shocks

and more...

Who is leading our vision?



Inclusion

This vision is a product of the ambitions and needs of Gambians from all walks of life – government and its institutions, academia, private sector, non-state actors, regional authorities, municipalities, towns and communities.



Engagement

A wide consultative and participative process with stakeholders led to the creation of the vision, and will serve as the bedrock for achieving it.



Action

Achieving the vision requires a whole-of-society approach across all sectors to bring about a sea change in public attitudes and actions. The vision also aims to strengthen international solidarity, partnership and common action, so that we are supported on our journey.

In every step of our climate vision, Gambian citizens are in the driving seat!

Tesito and our core values



Our concept of “tesito” (self-reliance and drawing upon your own resources) defines and unites us as Gambians – it will inform and underpin all our efforts in this important journey we embark upon.

We are committed to working with all parties in the spirit of multilateralism and international solidarity. We regard climate change as an existential global threat which all of humanity must confront.

What happens next?



Creating a vision for The Gambia's climate future is only the first step. With this blueprint set, The Gambia will design the strategy to achieve this vision. Building on the current plans and policies across sectors, most of which only go out to 2025 or 2030, The Gambia will develop a long-term strategy for achieving this vision by 2050. The intention is to complete the Long-Term Strategy (LTS) by the end of 2021.

Be part of the process!

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