



Press Release

The Africa Centre for Climate and Sustainable Development to host Rwandese delegation at its premises on December 11th and 12th, within the bilateral cooperation between the Italian Ministry of Environment and the Ministry of Environment of Rwanda.

Following the fruitful visits in Bologna (April 2019) and Maccaresse (September 2019), the project “**Sustainable Urban Wetlands Development within Kigali City**”, financed by the **Italian Ministry of Environment, Land and Sea (IMELS)** under the cooperation activity of IMELS with Rwanda, proceeds with the third and last study visit in Rome organized by the **Africa Centre for Climate and Sustainable Development (ACSD)** at its premises.

The Sustainable Urban Wetlands Development project aims to build a resilient city through the rehabilitation of degraded urban wetlands in Kigali, highly valued for their enormously important environmental and economic functions such as storing and releasing water, flood control, improving water quality. Drawing from good practices of environmental management, the capital will be able to deliver not only basic services but it will turn into a safe, resilient and environmentally friendly city.

In recent years Rwanda has achieved significant socio-economic development. Nevertheless, growth far from only benefiting the country, is placing increased pressure on an already strained natural environment. For this reason, **Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA)** has been recognized as a fundamental tool to contribute in the prevention and control of impacts caused by social and economic expansion and to ensure the sustainability of any development project.

The visit will gather nine Government Officials and technicians from relevant Rwandese institutions, among which **the Rwanda Association of Professional Environment Practitioners (RAPEP)**, to strengthen their technical skills through exposure to innovative and modern methods of EIA discipline. Specific focus will be given to areas of qualitative and quantitative impact assessment, public participation, expert consultation and socio-economic analysis providing broader and higher level knowledge on EIA and Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA).



Notes to the editor:

The **Africa Centre for Climate and Sustainable Development** is based on a tripartite agreement between the **United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)**, the **Italian Ministry for Environment Land and Sea (IMELS)** and the **Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)**, conceived during the **meeting of G7 environment ministers in Bologna, 2017**. Inaugurated in Rome on January 2019, it is aimed to support African countries in dealing with the adverse effects of climate change enhancing collaboration and coordination amongst key donor and beneficiary stakeholders to increase the impact, effectiveness and efficiency of resources. The Centre focuses mainly on climate action and related SDGs on food security, clean water and energy. Its main activities include promoting info sharing, identifying new initiatives and facilitating private sector engagement.

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