

Committee, Fund Administrator, Functions of the Fund Administrator and Secretariat of the Fund.

Part III—of the Act provides for Disbursement of the Funds which includes allocation of fund to the Wards, eligibility criteria, consultation forums, development of project proposals, validation of Project Proposals, Procurement and complaints mechanism

Part IV—provides for financial provisions which include bank accounts of the fund, administrative expenditure and accounts of county planning committee.

Part VI—provides for Miscellaneous responsibilities which identifies key regulations that need to be developed to operationalize the Act.

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MEMORANDUM OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The Development of National Climate Change Response Strategy (2010), National Climate Change Action Plan (2013) and the Climate Change Act (2016) institutionalized climate change efforts at national level and laid out clear guidelines on how climate change adaptation and mitigation efforts can be devolved to counties. The county governments needed to initiate process of customization of the national policies at county level.

In view of the above this Act seeks to make provisions for the establishment of the Murang'a County Climate Change Fund for the purpose of facilitating establishment of a mechanism to finance climate change activities, programs and projects in the County through:-initiating and coordinating financing of Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation activities at the community level, enhancing Climate Finance mechanisms in the County, facilitating community initiated Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation activities, facilitating planning for Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation in the County planning and budgetary framework, seeking and receiving grants from national and international entities, the National Government, the County Government and other relevant organizations, providing support from the National Climate Change Policy and legislative framework, and coordinating collection and dissemination of climate change information to the public to create awareness and preparedness.

The Act also establishes the County Planning Committee receives compiles, evaluates and approves the projects based on the agreed criteria, and prepares the County Climate Finance Budget; ensure equitable allocation of the moneys available in the Fund with regard to the projects received.

For purposes of enforcement of the provisions of this Act, there shall be appointed secretariat to the fund which shall closely work with County Climate Change Directorate to ensure proper administration and implementation of the activities of the fund.

The Structure of the Act is as follows:

PART I—of the Act provides for preliminaries, which include the short title and interpretation of terms as used in the Act;

Part II—of the Act provides for establishment and administration of the Murang'a County Climate Change Fund. It stipulates sources of funds, climate finance framework, establishment of the County Planning Committee, Functions and Conduct of the affairs of the County Planning

Grand Total for all proposals			

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 Ward Name

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3.5	Contingencies
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3.8	Annual maintenance cost
	Total Estimated costs (for the year)
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7	Relationship with other projects
8	Project timeframe: (period of implementation)

FORM C: DETAILS OF PROPOSED PROJECTS SUMMARY OF PROPOSED PROJECTS

No	Project Name	Ward	Ranking	Estimated Cost

THE MURANG'A COUNTY CLIMATE CHANGE FUND BILL, 2021

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 Financial year.....
 Ward Name.....

Type of Project	Location	Estimated total cost	Amount allocated	Expenditure to date	Variance				
					Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Total

Reasons for Varince

FORM B: PROJECT FUND RE-ALLOCATION REPORT

Ward Name Financial Year

Project No.	Project Location	Amount Allocated	Amount Disbured	Balance (KSh.)	Unspent Re-Allocated

Reasons for re-allocation

Signature Date

Name Position

FORM C: DETAILS OF PROPOSED PROJECTS SUMMARY OF PROPOSED PROJECT

No.	Project Name	Ward	Ranking	Estimated Cost

(i) Efficiency and effectiveness/fiduciary management—

- (i) Programme or project is cost-effective and gives value for money.
- (ii) **Administrative costs** of the project to be incurred at the County and Ward level (usually estimated but not to exceed 5% of total project cost)
- (iii) **Contingency costs** (estimated administrative costs not to exceed 5%- 10% of the total project cost) or as may be provide in Public Finance Management Act Regulations 2012.
- (iv) have clear accountability and reporting procedures;
- (j) **Implementation arrangements:** have a clear budgeted monitoring and evaluation (M&E) plan with indicators and show organizational structure. The Board to finance only climate change projects and activities that are included in the CIDP;
- (k) Any balances of unspent money will be carried forward to finance the approved programme/project in subsequent financial period and no money may be used for unapproved projects or activities.

**THE MURANG'A CLIMATE CHANGE FUND BILL,
2021****A Bill for****AN ACT of the Murang'a County Assembly for the establishment of a Climate Change Fund to facilitate and coordinate financing of Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation activities; and for connected purposes**

ENACTED by the County assembly of Murang'a, as follows—

PART I—PRELIMINARY**Short title**

1. This Act may be cited as the Murang'a County Climate Change Fund Act, 2021.

Interpretation

2. In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires—

“climate change” means a change in the climate system which is caused by significant changes in the concentration of greenhouse gases as a consequence of human activities and which is in addition to natural climate change that has been observed during a considerable period;

“climate change adaptation” means adjustment in natural or human systems in response to actual or anticipated adverse effects of climate change or stimuli or their effects to moderate or exploit beneficial opportunities;

“climate change awareness” means publicity and capacity activities aimed at creating an awareness about Climate Change in the County;

“climate change mitigation” means measures undertaken to prevent or reduce the emission of greenhouse gases;

“climate finance” means monies or financing available for or mobilized by the National Government, County Government, international agencies, or non-government entities to finance climate change adaptation, mitigation and interventions;

“climate finance framework” means a context specific policy items established under this Act and any other law to guide in the application of the Fund;

“county planning committee” means the county climate change committee established under section 9 of this Act;

“county planning framework” means a county planning framework established by the County Government and includes the County Integrated Development Plan as defined in the County Governments Act 2012 and the Public Finance Management Act, 2012;

“executive member” means the County Executive Committee member in charge of Environment and Climate Change in Murang'a County;

“fund” means the climate change fund established under this Act;

“fund administrator” means the County climate change Fund Administrator appointed in accordance with section 13 of this Act;

“greenhouse gases” means the gaseous substances defined under section 2 of the Climate Change Act, 2016;

“national government agencies” means any National Government institution that deals with climate change related activities which have operations in the County, including the National Climate Change Council and the Directorate established under section 5 of the Climate Change Act, National Environment Management Authority and the National Climate Change Secretariat;

“participating institutions” means national, regional and international institutions that have made contributions to the Fund or have climate change related activities in the county;

“planning unit” means a unit established in conformity with section 105 of the County Governments Act, 2012;

Objects and purposes of the Act

3. The object of this Act is to create a fund in the County to provide for—

- (a) financing of climate change programs;
- (b) initiating and coordinating of climate change adaptation and mitigation activities at the community level;
- (c) facilitating incorporation of Climate Finance in the county planning and budgetary framework;
- (d) enhancing climate finance mechanisms; and
- (e) coordinating support from National government climate change policy and legislative framework coordinating collection and dissemination of climate change information to the public to create awareness and preparedness.

- (b) **Programme/Project description and risk analysis:** The target programme/project, is accompanied by detailed situation analysis with clear problem statement to facilitate clarity on level and urgency of vulnerability, and risks arising from delayed intervention e.g. impact on community livelihoods, environment, economy, etc.
- (c) **Gender and community cohesion considerations:** The Programme or project—
 - (i) demonstrates evidence of expected improvement on the socio-economic status and resilience to the most vulnerable groups and incorporates gender considerations.
 - (ii) encourages harmony; build relations and understanding among the beneficiaries.
- (d) **Intervention Benefits—**
 - (i) contributes to adaptation or mitigation and improving community resilience and other community benefits including poverty reduction;
 - (ii) supports livelihoods through income generation, and improved livelihoods.
- (e) **Non duplication of funding:** Avoids duplication, where similar projects have been undertaken or provide complementarily and value addition to other projects and has linkages with the existing projects with evidence of coordination.
- (f) **Learning and knowledge management—**
 - (i) provide platforms for effective stakeholder engagement and demonstrates sensitivity to diverse cultures and religions;
 - (ii) provides opportunity for capacity building through training, awareness creation and sensitization, and capture, document and disseminate information and lessons learnt on climate change and its impacts.
- (g) **Sustainability:** Proof that the project is sustainable, beyond implementation with adequate arrangements to protect assets created after project completion and contributes to long-term beneficial impacts to the community.
- (h) **Innovative strategies:** Proof that the project has innovativeness, demonstrates use of indigenous knowledge (IK), innovations and technology.

SECOND SCHEDULE**FUNDS SHARING AND ALLOCATION CRITERIA****Funds sharing Criteria**

1. The funds available for the Fund will be shared according to the following criteria—

- (a) ten percent of the moneys available in the Fund shall be allocated for administrative costs.
- (b) twenty percent of the money's available in the fund shall be allocated to County wide projects as follows—
 - (i) ten percent shall be assigned to Climate Change Awareness Activities;
 - (ii) twenty percent shall be assigned to County specific research and development; and
 - (iii) seventy percent of the fund shall be assigned to County wide development projects.
- (c) seventy percent of the available fund shall be allocated to projects received by the Ward Planning Committee and approved ; and
- (d) moneys not spent at the end of any financial year shall be retained in the Fund for uses that are allowable under this Act.

Funds Allocation Criteria

2. Allocation of funds to various projects shall be done by the County Planning Committee using agreed criteria such as—

- (a) **Relevance:** The intervention—
 - (i) will benefit many people including the most vulnerable groups with clear evidence of gender considerations;
 - (ii) supports the economy, livelihoods or important services on which many people depend, and has been identified, prioritized and included in ward, sub-county, county and cross-county plan or strategy for public good projects and promotes climate resilient growth and adaptive livelihoods;
 - (iii) proof that it is relevant to building resilience to climate change and has been identified and prioritized through community participation, based on identifiable vulnerabilities, as captured in risk assessment and vulnerability mapping reports available for the county.

PART II- ESTABLISHMENT AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE FUND**Establishment of the Fund**

4. (1) There shall be established fund to be known as the Murang'a County Climate Change Fund.

(2) The Fund shall be used in climate change projects, programs and activities, including those required under the Climate Change Act 2016 and those provided for in the Climate Finance Framework established under this Act.

(3) The moneys in the Fund shall be disbursed according to the criteria set out in the Second Schedule to this Act.

Objects and purposes of the Fund

5. The object and purpose of the Fund is to provide funding for climate change activities identified in the Murang'a County Integrated Development Plan and for connected purposes through—

- (a) initiating and coordinating financing of Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation activities at the community level in the County;
- (b) enhancing Climate Finance mechanisms in the County;
- (c) facilitating community initiated Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation activities in the County;
- (d) facilitating planning for Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation in the County planning and budgetary framework;
- (e) seeking and receiving grants from national and international entities, the National Government, the County Government and other relevant organizations;
- (f) providing support from the national Climate Change Policy and legislative framework; and
- (g) coordinating collection and dissemination of climate change information to the public to create awareness and preparedness.

Sources of funds

6. The Fund shall be financed through—

- (a) moneys appropriated by the County Assembly of the development expenditure in a financial year;
- (b) moneys from the National Government;

- (c) grants and loans from the National Climate Fund;
- (d) climate finance from international entities;
- (e) moneys received from Public Benefit Organizations;
- (f) fees and charges from climate finance activities; and
- (g) other grants and donations.

Expenses out of the Fund

7. There shall be paid out of the Fund expenses incurred in pursuance of the objects and purposes of the Fund.

Climate Finance Framework

8. (1) The Executive Member, shall publish a Climate Finance Framework for the County every three years.

(2) The Climate Finance Frameworks shall be developed through a consultative process spear headed by the Steering Committee.

(3) The Climate Finance Framework shall address the following issues—

- (a) the status of Climate Change Awareness in the County;
- (b) context specific items in the National Climate Change Act and Policy that are applicable to the County;
- (c) the impact of climate change in the County;
- (d) human activities in the County that may facilitate Climate Change;
- (e) Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation activities and projects;
- (f) projects that are relevant in the County with regard to Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation and the anticipated impact; and
- (g) any other relevant issues.

(4) The Climate Finance Framework shall be aligned to the County Planning Framework.

Establishment of the County Climate Change Fund Planning Committee

9. (1) There is established the Murang'a County Climate Change Fund Planning Committee and which shall comprise the following persons—

with respect to the contract or other matter, or be counted in the quorum of the meeting during consideration of the matter.

(2) A disclosure of interest made under sub-paragraph (1) shall be recorded in the minutes of the meeting at which it is made.

(3) A member of the County Planning Committee who contravenes sub-paragraph (1) shall cease to be a member of the County Planning Committee upon direction of the Executive Member.

(4) The Executive Member shall make arrangements for the appropriate departmental representation with regard to subsection (3) above.

Common Seal

4. (1) The common seal of the County Planning Committee shall be kept in such custody as the County Planning Committee may direct and shall not be used except on the order of the County Planning Committee.

(2) The affixing of the common seal of the County Planning Committee shall be authenticated by the signature of the Chairperson, the secretary and one member nominated by the County Planning Committee and any document not required by law to be made under seal and all decisions of the County Planning Committee may be authenticated by the signatures of the Chairperson, the secretary and that member nominated by the County Planning Committee.

Contracts and Instruments

5. Any contractor instrument which, if entered into or executed by a person not being a body corporate, would not require to be under seal may be entered into or executed on behalf of the County Planning Committee by any person generally or specially authorized by the County Planning Committee for that purpose.

SCHEDULES**FIRST SCHEDULE****Conduct of The Affairs of the County Planning Committee****Meetings**

1. (1) The meetings of the County Planning Committee shall be convened at least once every quarter by the chairperson, but not more than twelve times in a financial year.

(2) The chairperson may at any time convene a special meeting of the County Planning Committee and shall do so within one month of the receipt by him of a written request signed by at least two members.

(3) In the absence of the chairperson from any County Planning Committee meeting, the members present shall elect one of the members to preside, and such member shall, as concerns that meeting, have all the powers and attributes of the chairperson only during meeting session under this Act.

(4) At every meeting of the County Planning Committee the member presiding shall have a casting as well as a deliberative vote.

(5) The quorum for the meetings of the County Planning Committee shall be half plus one.

Committees

2. (1) The County Planning Committee may establish such committees as it may deem appropriate to perform such functions and responsibilities as it may determine.

(2) The County Planning Committee shall appoint the chairperson for each committee established under sub section (1) from amongst its members.

(3) The County Planning Committee may, where it deems appropriate, invite any person to attend the deliberations of any of its committees.

(4) All decisions by the committees appointed under subsection (1) shall be ratified by the County Planning Committee.

Declaration of Interest

3. (1) A member who has an interest in any business before the County Planning Committee or other matter present at a meeting shall at the meeting and as soon as it is reasonably practicable, declare his/her interest and shall not take part in the consideration or discussion of, or vote on the subject matter, disclose the fact thereof and not shall question

- (a) the Chief Officer for Water, Environment, Climate Change and Natural Resources- who shall be the Chairperson;
- (b) the Chief Officer, Finance & Planning who shall be vice-chairperson;
- (c) the Director in charge of environment who shall be the Secretary;
- (d) one representative of each of the major economic activities (Trade and Agriculture) nominated by the departments in charge;
- (e) a representative of the Office of the County Commissioner;
- (f) the County Director of Meteorology Services; and
- (g) a representative from the National Environmental Management Authority;

(2) A person shall be qualified for appointment as member under subsection (d) if the person —

- (a) is a resident of Murang'a County;
- (b) holds at least a Diploma from a reputable academic institution; and
- (c) meets the requirements of Chapter Six of the Constitution.

Secretariat of the Committee

10. (1) There shall be a secretariat of the Committee, which shall be headed by the Director in Charge of Environment.

(2) The secretariat shall comprise of —

- (a) such professionals, technical and administrative officers and support staff as may be appointed by the County Public Service Board; and
- (b) such public officers as may be seconded to the Committee upon its request.

Functions of the County Climate Change Fund Planning Committee

11. The functions of the County Climate Change Fund Planning Committee shall be—

- (a) to develop projects' eligibility criteria under this Act;
- (b) to receive, compile, evaluate and approve the projects in the county based on the agreed criteria, and prepare the County Climate Finance Budget;

- (c) based on criteria, ensure equitable allocation of the moneys available in the Fund with regard to the projects received from the County;
- (d) provide monitoring and evaluation for the projects financed by the Fund;
- (e) provide the essential linkages between the Committee and the County Assembly with regard to management of the Fund;
- (f) coordinate capacity building for Climate Change Awareness and Climate Finance in the County;
- (g) coordinate research and development for Climate Change Finance in the County;
- (h) mobilize funds for Climate Change Finance in the County;
- (i) design a climate change awareness strategy for the county;
- (j) develop a climate finance research priority needs list for the county;
- (k) assign and coordinate technical assistance from County departments to projects funded under this Act;
- (l) develop the Climate Finance Framework;
- (m) any other matter relevant to the execution of the County Planning Committee's mandate.

Conduct of the affairs of the County Climate Change Planning Committee

12. The conduct of the affairs of the County Climate Change Planning Committee shall be as set out in the First schedules.

Fund Administrator

13. (1) There shall be Fund Administrator for the Fund.

(2) The Fund Administrator shall be a gazetted accounting officer for Climate Change affairs department.

Functions of the Fund Administrator

14. The functions of the Fund Administrator shall include to—

- (i) prepare a framework for receiving and evaluating project proposals;
- (ii) prepare and publish a yearly report, projects and program evaluation and implementation schedule as may be required from time to time stating —

(3) The bank account for the Fund shall be subject to the national legislation for accounting, reporting and auditing.

Administrative expenditure

24. (1) The Fund Administrator shall prepare the annual budget for administrative costs which will be disaggregated for each quarter.

(2) The budget developed in subsection (1) above shall be reviewed by the County Climate Change planning committee who submit for approval by the County Executive Committee.

(3) The Executive Member in charge of climate change affairs in consultation with Executive member for finance shall develop regulations for the sitting allowances of the County Planning Committee and any other recognized committee under this Act in conformity with Salaries and Remuneration Commission recommendations.

Accounts of the Planning Committee

25. (1) The Fund Administrator shall keep proper books of account of the fund and prepare quarterly financial reports.

(2) Within three months after the closure of the Financial Year, the Fund Administrator shall prepare accounts and annual report for the approval of the Planning Committee and submission to the County Assembly.

(3) The accounts of the fund shall be audited annually by the office of the Auditor General and the report submitted to the County Assembly.

PART V—MISCELLANEOUS

Regulations

26. The Executive Member in charge of climate change affairs in consultation with Executive member for finance and fund administrator shall make regulations for all matters necessary for the proper administration of this fund including issues on—

- (a) sitting allowances for the County Planning Committee and any other recognized committee under this Act;
- (b) the banking arrangements for the Fund; and
- (c) the disbursement of funds to approved projects.

Disbursement of funds for projects

20. (1) The Fund Administrator shall publish a list of approved and ranked climate change projects, including proposed procurement plans for each project.

(2) Projects submitted and approved by the County Planning Committee shall be published.

(3) On approval by the County Planning Committee, the Fund Administrator shall release moneys for the approved projects upon receiving the procurement plans together with cash flow projections.

(4) The Executive committee Member shall develop guidelines for better administration of this part.

Procurement

21. (1) Based on the National and County Procurement Regulations the Fund Administrator shall facilitate the establishment of appropriate procurement processes for each project.

(2) The Fund Administrator shall ensure the Committee adheres to the relevant procurement procedures under the public procurement laws and regulations.

Grievance Redress Mechanism

22. (1) There shall be establishment of a Grievance Redress Mechanism specifically for the climate change under fund administrator.

(2) Community members who are aggrieved by the decisions of the Committee shall submit the complaints to the Fund Administrator.

(3) The Fund Administrator shall forward the complaints to the County Executive Committee who shall make a final determination within a period of six weeks from the day of launching the complaint and submit a report to the County Climate Change Steering Committee with copy to the Fund Administrator.

PART IV—FINANCIAL PROVISIONS

Bank Account of the Fund

23. (1) The Executive Member of finance shall issue guidelines on the banking arrangements for the Fund under the provisions of the Public Finance Management Act and any other government guidelines on banking arrangements.

(2) The bank account for the Fund shall be managed by the Fund Administrator under regulations developed by the Executive member finance in consultation with the Committee.

- (i) the key activities in a financial year;
- (ii) the persons responsible for each task; and
- (iii) the time frame for each process;
- (iv) organize access to the services of the County Planning Committee at the ward level;
- (v) implement the decisions of the County Planning Committee;
- (vi) publish the eligibility criteria for selection of projects developed by the County Planning Committee;
- (vii) organize and coordinate the disbursement of moneys allocated to projects approved by the County Planning Committee;
- (viii) keep custody of the accounts of the Fund;
- (ix) coordinate the implementation of the monitoring and evaluation framework established by the County Planning Committee;
- (x) develop a complaints handling mechanism;
- (xi) facilitate the functions of the institutions created under this Act where appropriate;
- (xii) prepare a budget for the administrative costs per quarter for each institution under this Act; and
- (xiii) any other duty assigned by the County Planning Committee.

PART III—DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS

Allocation of the fund to the Wards

15. (1) The Fund Administrator shall develop, publish and circulate information on the disbursements of funds available to each Ward which shall be approved by the County Planning Committee. Disbursement of funds shall be based on cash flow projections submitted by implementers of the activities financed by the Fund and approved by the county Planning committee.

(2) The Fund Administrator shall be guided by the Climate Fund Sharing Criteria detailed in the Second Schedule to this Act.

Eligibility Criteria

16. (1) The County Planning Committee shall develop and publish eligibility criteria for Climate Finance projects that will be eligible for funding under this Act.

(2) The eligibility criteria in subsection (1) above shall be based on the following parameters—

- (a) must be a project that promotes climate resilience in the locality through Climate Mitigation or Adaptation;
- (b) must be a project that supports economic growth through Climate Adaptation;
- (c) must benefit a large number of people including vulnerable groups and have clear considerations for gender representation;
- (d) must contain detailed situation analysis with clear problem statement to facilitate clarity on level and urgency of vulnerability, and risks arising from delayed intervention;
- (e) must have a properly conducted environmental impact assessment;
- (f) must have a clearly defined monitoring and evaluation plan with measurable indicators;
- (g) must have a sustainability plan;
- (h) must provide a platform for stakeholder engagement;
- (i) must enhance use of in-built skills and technology transfer; and
- (j) any other consideration that may be deemed relevant.

Community Consultation Forums

17. (1) The Committee shall convene community consultation forums before the Financial Year starts.

(2) The agenda for the community consultation forums shall be—

- (a) Climate Change Awareness;
- (b) the nature of projects that are eligible for Climate Finance through the Fund; and
- (c) identify priority projects from the community members.

Development of Project Proposals

18. (1) The Committee shall develop project proposals from the project priorities identified and include any necessary technical details, including the procurement plan for each project.

(2) Upon receiving the project proposals from the, the Committee shall within six weeks after receiving the project proposals—

- (a) approve the project proposals and communicate their decision to the County Executive Committee and the relevant Committee of the County Assembly ; or
 - (b) reject project proposals with reasons given in writing ; or
 - (c) make necessary amendments to a project proposal and approve the amended project proposal within a further three weeks from the date of resubmission.
- (4) Financing of the project proposals shall be subject to the amount of money allocated.

Validation of Project Proposals

19. (1) The County Planning Committee shall undertake a project validation process within four weeks after receiving the project proposals and either—

- (a) approve the project proposals and communicate their decision to the County Executive Committee and the County Assembly; or
- (b) reject project proposals with reasons given in writing ; or
- (c) instruct the respective proposers of any proposal to make necessary amendments to a project proposal and approve the amended project proposal within a further three weeks from the date of resubmission.

(2) The County Planning Committee may, in order to facilitate the approval of projects, constitute a Project Evaluation Team in every Ward comprising of—

- (a) county staff seconded by relevant County Departments;
- (b) consultants and technical personnel from participating institutions; and
- (c) consultants hired by the County Planning Committee.