

## Liberia's Call to Action: Integrating Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and Climate Action

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Main goal and objectives	Links with Country Strategies and Policies	Added Climate and SDG element	Rationale	Stakeholders to engage	Expected outcomes	Risk management strategy
<p>Goal: To enhance Liberia's sustainable development by effectively integrating climate action with the SDGs, fostering resilient infrastructure, sustainable industrialization, and inclusive economic growth.</p> <p>Objectives: 1. Strengthen Institutional Capacity: Enhance the capabilities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>ARREST Agenda for Inclusive Development (AAID) 2025-2029:</b> Liberia's national development plan emphasizes inclusive and sustainable growth, and climate-smart infrastructure development, which are aligned with SDG and climate action objectives.</li> </ul>	<p>Integrating climate considerations into infrastructure development ensures that infrastructures are resilient to climate impacts, thereby supporting sustainable economic growth and poverty reduction. This approach adds value by promoting environmental sustainability alongside socio-economic development.</p>	<p>Aligning climate action with SDG implementation is crucial for Liberia, given its vulnerability to climate change and the need for sustainable development. This integrated approach will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Enhance Resilience:</b> Build infrastructure and systems capable of withstanding climate-related shocks.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Government Ministries and Agencies:</b> Ensure policy coherence and effective implementation.</li> <li><b>Private Sector:</b> Invest in green technologies and sustainable business practices.</li> <li><b>Civil Society Organizations:</b> Advocate for community-based adaptation and sustainable</li> </ul>	<p>A cohesive framework where climate action and SDG initiatives reinforce each other, leading to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Resilient Infrastructure:</b> Developed to withstand climate impacts.</li> <li><b>Sustainable and Inclusive Economic Growth:</b> Achieved through green technologies and practices.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Risk:</b> Insufficient technical capacity to implement SDG and climate change integrated projects.</li> </ul> <p><i>Mitigation:</i> Provide targeted training and capacity-building programs for relevant stakeholders.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Risk:</b> Limited financial resources for large-scale projects.</li> </ul> <p><i>Mitigation:</i> Develop innovative financing mechanisms, including public-private partnerships and climate funds.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Risk:</b> Weak coordination among stakeholders leading to fragmented efforts.</li> </ul> <p><i>Mitigation:</i> Establish a dedicated coordination body to oversee and harmonize activities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Risk:</b> Resistance to change from traditional practices.</li> </ul>

<p>s of national and sub-national institutions to design and implement policies that synergize climate action with SDG targets.</p> <p>2. Mobilize Climate Finance: Develop mechanisms to attract and efficiently utilize climate finance, ensuring alignment with SDG priorities.</p> <p>3. Promote Climate-</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>National Adaptation Plan (NAP) 2020-2030:</b> Provides a framework for addressing climate change impacts through adaptation strategies, complementing sustainable development initiatives.</li> <li>• <b>County Development Agendas (CDAs):</b> Detail context specific sub-national development strategies that are aligned with national SDG and</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Promote Sustainable Growth:</b> Ensure that economic development does not compromise environmental integrity.</li> <li>• <b>Attract Investment:</b> Demonstrate Liberia's commitment to sustainable practices, attracting both domestic and international</li> </ul>	<p>development projects.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Local Communities</b> : Participate in decision-making and benefit from development initiatives.</li> <li>• <b>Development Partners:</b> Provide technical and financial support for SDG and Climate Action integrated projects.</li> <li>• <b>Academic and Research Institutions:</b> Collaborate on research and innovation ways in implementing SDG and Climate</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Improved Social Well-being:</b> Enhanced livelihoods through inclusive and sustainable development.</li> <li>• <b>Strengthened Institutional Frameworks:</b> Capable of effectively managing climate and development challenges.</li> </ul>	<p><i>Mitigation:</i> Engage communities early in the planning process and incorporate traditional knowledge into new initiatives.</p> <p>Inadequate political will</p> <p>Mitigation: Engage political stakeholders on the need to lead efforts implement SDGs and Climate Change integrated initiatives.</p>
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<p><b>Resilient Infrastructure: Invest in infrastructure projects that support both climate adaptation and sustainable development objectives .</b></p> <p><b>4. Foster Multi-Stakeholder Engagement: Engage government entities, the private sector, civil society, and local communities.</b></p>	<p>climate action goals.</p>		<p>investments.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Improve Quality of Life:</b> Address both environmental and socio-economic challenges, leading to better livelihoods.</li> </ul>	<p>Change initiatives.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Diaspora Community:</b> Collaborate with the diaspora community to invest in SDG and Climate Change integrated initiatives; and serve as Ambassadors to attract Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) directed towards integrated climate change and SDGs initiatives.</li> </ul>		
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<b>ies in collaborat ive efforts to achieve integrated climate and SDG outcomes.</b>						
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