

3.5 The Intervention Logic

The underlying intervention logic for this action is that climate resilient transition towards green growth and a decarbonised, environmentally friendly, and inclusive economy requires strengthening the GRZ's national and subnational climate governance mechanisms and coordination instruments and enhancing the technical capacities of statutory bodies and entities involved in climate change monitoring and reporting capacities, including in the operationalisation of an effective iMRV system to support the NDC implementation and other climate-related policies and plans.

If climate governance mechanisms and inter-institutional coordination to support the NDC implementation and other climate-related policies and plans are accountable and effective at national and sub-national level, and provided the GRZ remains committed to the Paris Agreement principles and ambitions, then the implementation and monitoring of NDC targets, international commitments and climate change policies and plans will improve. Consequently, the action will contribute to Zambia's low-carbon and climate-resilient development in line with the Paris Agreement, the Global Gateway Investment Package, the EU Green Deal, and the 8NDP. The action will promote opportunities for inclusive participation and mainstream gender-sensitive and youth priorities as part of a broader process of decentralisation and sectoral reforms.

Under Specific objective 1, the action aims to strengthen the national climate change institutional framework, and enhance the implementation of climate change strategies and policies needed to support Zambia's climate resilient transition towards sustainable growth and to promote effective climate mitigation and adaptation. This may entail capacity building and technical assistance to strengthen the coordinating role of the MoGEE and delegated responsibilities to key entities in the public administration, with particular focus on NDC line ministries, promotion of horizontal policy dialogues for cross-sectoral integration and harmonization, South-South cooperation, and interventions to support improved access to climate finance. Strategic support for specific communication on climate change and increased environmental and climate change awareness and education with a particular focus on the youth will amplify the adoption of and support for a climate-resilience transition.

Under Specific objective 2, the action will strengthen the country's climate change monitoring and reporting capacities at international, national and subnational levels, with a particular focus on operationalising the iMRV system. This may entail technical assistance and training to launch, test and roll out of the iMRV in multiple sectors (e.g. finance, forestry and LULUCF, GHG inventory, adaptation), support to digital infrastructure acquisition and data management capacity building for digitalised data collection, data processing, and generating information for planning and decision making, analysis and reporting in line with the ETF framework and/or the NDC, support to the set-up of a national registry for mitigation and adaptation initiatives, including GHG accounting.

To further strengthen Zambia's national development plans on the NDC and climate change agenda, the action will seek opportunities to mobilise public experts from EU Member States to provide short-term technical support through Technical Assistance and Information Exchange Instrument (TAIEX). This will support the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals, while also contributing to the implementation of the Global Gateway in a Team Europe approach.