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HOMA-BAY COUNTY CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION PLAN (REGULATIONS) – 2022.

In Exercise of the powers conferred by section 30 (1) of the Homa-Bay County climate change Act 2020, the Executive Committee Member for the time being in-charge of Environment shall formulate a county climate action plan(Regulations)2022

PART I – PRELIMINARY.

Citation **1;** Regulations may be cited as the Home-Bay County Climate Change Action Plan Regulations 2022.

Interpretation **2;** In these Regulations unless the context otherwise requires;
“Act” means the Homa-Bay County Climate Change Act 2020,
“Executive Committee Member” means the County Executive Members for the time being responsible for Climate Change Matters.

“Adaptation” means an adjustment in natural or human systems in response to actual or expected Climate Stimuli or their effects to moderate harm or exploit beneficial opportunities.

“Adoptive Capacity” means the ability of a system to adapt to the impacts, cope with the consequences, minimize potential damages, or take advantage of opportunities offered by Climate Change or Climate variability.

“Authority” means the National Environment Management Authority Established by the Environmental Management and Coordination Act, 1999 as amended by the Environmental Management and Coordination (Amendment) Act, 2015.

“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.

“County Climate Change Secretariat” means the County Climate Change Directorate established in section 10 of this Act, to support Coordination of Climate Change matters in the County as envisaged by section 19 (3) of the Climate Change Act, 2016.

“Constitution” means this constitution of Kenya, 2010.

“County” means Homa-Bay County.

“County Assembly” means the County Assembly of Homa-Bay County.

“County Government” means Homa-Bay County Government.

“Directorate” means the Climate Change Directorate established under section 9(1) of the Climate Change Act, 2016.

“An Environment” has the meaning assigned in section 2 of the Environment management and Coordination (Amendment) Act, 2015.

“Executive Committee Member” means the County Executive Committee Member for the time being in-charge of Climate Change matters in Homa-Bay County.

“Fund” means the County Climate Change Fund established under section 44 of the County Act, 2020.

“Fund Administrator” means the Administrator of the County Climate Change Fund established under section 45(2)(b) of the County Act, 2020.

“Governor” means the Governor of Homa-Bay County.

“Mitigation” means preventing, reducing or slowing down the increase of atmospheric greenhouse gas concentrations by limiting current or future, emissions and enhancing potential sinks for greenhouse gases.

“Technical Committee” means the County Climate Change Technical Committee established under section 14 of the County Act, 2020.

“Private Entity” means a body or person with functions of a private nature and includes bodies registered under the Public Benefits Organization Act, 2013.

“Public Entity” means a body or person with functions of a public nature.

“Resilience” means the ability of a social, economic or ecological system to absorb disturbances while retaining the same basic structure and ways of functioning the capacity for self-organization and the capacity to adapt to stress and change.

“Steering Committee” means the County Climate Change Steering Committee established under section 4 and 5 of the Homa-Bay Climate Change Act, 2020.

“Vulnerability” means the conditions determined by physical, social, economic and environmental factors or processes which increase the susceptibility of a system to the impact of hazards.

“Ward Technical Committee” means the ward climate change technical committee established under section in 23 of the Homa-Bay County Climate Change Act, 2020.

Objects and Purposes; **3.** The objects and purposes of the Action plan (Regulations) 2022 is for mitigation and mainstreaming of Climate Change response actions in the County.

PART II – COORDINATION AND OVERSIGHT.

Designation of Climate Change County Executive Committee Member; 4.

The Governor shall designate the County Executive Members for the time being in Charge of Environment to be in Charge of Climate Change.

Establishment of County Climate Change Steering Committee; 5

The County Climate Change Steering Committee hereby
Established under clause 4 of the Homa-Bay County Climate Change Act -2020

Functions of Steering Committee; 6.

The steering Committee shall coordinate and oversee Climate Change response in the County and in the connection shall;

- a) Ensure mainstreaming Climate Change into County planning and development.
- b) Coordinate Formulation and monitor implementation of the County Climate Change Action Plan.
- c) Review and make recommendations on the biennial report on the implementation of the County Climate Change Action plan and any other reports on Climate Change response interventions in the County.
- d) Advise the County Government on legislative, Policy and other allied measures necessary for climate change response and attainment of low Carbon Climate resilient development.
- e) Approve and oversee the implementation in the County of a comprehensive programme of climate change education, awareness creation and capacity building.
- f) Provide policy direction on research training and dissemination of information relating to climate change to the public and other stakeholders in the County.
- g) Ensure positive linkages, interactions and synergy between the County, neighbouring Counties and the National Government in Climate Change response programming and action.
- h) Ensuring a coordinated approach to Climate Change response programming and Action within the County Government between the County government and national government and among the different stakeholders in the County.
- i) Coordinate the formulation of a Climate Change reporting framework and the preparation and dissemination of an annual report on Climate Change response activities in the Country; and

- j) Perform any other functions that may further the foregoing objectives and or as may be assigned by the Governor.

Composition of Steering Committee; 7.

1. The Steering Committee shall comprise 11 Members who shall be appointed by the Governor.
2. The membership of the steering Committee shall be;
 - a) Governor as Chairperson.
 - b) Executive Committee Member designated in-charge of climate change as Secretary.
 - c) Executive Committee member in-charge of the Finance.
 - d) The County Secretary.
 - e) Three (3) Community representatives nominated by Executive Committee Member designated in charge of Climate Change of whom;-
 - i. One will be a woman
 - ii. One will be a youth
 - iii. One will be a person with a disability
 - f) One representative from development partners working within the County appointed by the Governor.
 - g) One of representative from the business Community appointed by the Governor.
 - h) One representative from a recognized professional body dealing with Climate Change in the Country appointed by the Governor.

- i) Chairperson of the Climate Change Fund.
3. A person shall only qualify to be nominated for appointment under subsection (2) (e), (g) and (h) , if a person has demonstrable experience, expertise, and interest in issues of climate change, natural resource management and/or environmental conservation and has actively and publicly engage with these issues in the country.
4. Without prejudice to the provisions of subsection (3) a person shall not quality to be nominated for appointment under subsection (e), (g) and (h) unless such a person is;-
 - a) A Citizen of Kenya.
 - b) Fulfills the requirements of chapter 6 of the constitution 2010; and
 - c) Has at least (3) years' experience in the relative field.
5. The Governor shall ensure compliance with the two thirds gender principle in the appointment of members of the steering committee.

Gazettement of the Steering Committee; 8.

Upon appointment, the Governors shall cause the appointed members to be gazzeted in the Kenya Gazette within fourteen (14) days of their appointment before their first sitting.

Terms of the Steering Committee; 9.

Members of the steering committee appointment under section 6 (2) (e), (g) and (h) shall serve for one non-renewable term of five years.

Removal of member Of the Steering Committee; 10.

1. A member of the steering may resign from the Committee by issuing one month's notice in writing to the Governor under section 9(1)
2. A member of the steering Committee may be removed from the Committee by the Governor on any one or a combination of the following grounds;
 - a) Failure to attend two consecutive of the steering Committee without reasonable cause duly communicated to the Chairperson of the Committee.
 - b) Serious violation of the Constitution or any other written laws;
 - c) Gross misconduct;
 - d) Physical or mental incapacity; and or
 - e) Bankruptcy.
3. A person who is a members of the steering Committee under section 6 (2) (e) (f) (g) (h) shall cease to be a member of the Committee upon ceasing to be a member of the interest group or upon being recalled by the interest group for a good cause and through a written communication from an authorized official of the interest group to the Chairperson of the committee.
4. Whenever a member of the steering Committee is removed or otherwise ceases to be a member of the committee the executive committee member shall advise and or propose a replacement to the Governor within 30 days of the vacancy.

Secretariat of the Steering Committee; 11.

There shall be a County Climate Change Secretariat under section 10 of the Act, 2020

Meeting of the Steering Committee; 12.

- 1) Members of the Steering Committee shall at their first meeting elect a vice-Chairperson from among the members appointed under section 6(2) (e) (f), (g) (h) or (i).
- 2) The Steering Committee shall meet at least biennial in each financial year.
- 3) The Quorum for meeting of the Steering Committee shall be two-third of the membership at least two (2) of whom shall be those appointed under subsection 2 (e) (g) and (h).
- 4) A resolution of the Steering Committee shall require an affirmative vote of at least one half of the members present at a meeting, excluding the chairperson's vote which shall be a casting vote.
- 5) In the absence of the Chairperson the Vice-Chairperson shall chair meeting of the Steering Committee and in the absence of both Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson members in attendance shall elect one of them to Chair the meeting.
- 6) The Steering Committee may invite to its meetings any technical staff of the National or County Government, the Community or Private Sector which it considers will contribute to its deliberations and the attendance and participation of such person shall be recorded in the minutes of the Steering Committee.

Allowances for members Of the Steering Committee; 13.

Members of the Steering Committee shall be paid such allowances as are stipulated by Guidelines from the Salaries ad Remuneration Commission from time to time under section 12 of the Act,2020

Delegation of Powers By the Steering Committee; 14.

Subject to the provisions of section 13 of the Act 2020, the Steering Committee may either generally or in a particular case, delegate the exercise of any of its functions under this Act to any subcommittee or to any member of the steering committee or officer or agent thereof.

PART III – INSTITUTIONAL FRAMEWORK PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION.

Establishment of Climate Change Technical Committee; 15.

There is hereby established the Climate Change Technical Committee under section 14 of the Act 2020.

Functions of The Committee; 16.

The functions of the Committee under section 15 of Act 2020 shall be;

- a) To Coordinate planning and implementation of the projects and activities for Climate Change response in the Country.
- b) To coordinate implementation of County Climate Change action plan and the County Climate Finance Framework.

- c) Establish guidelines to be used by Ward Technical Committees in formulating climate response projects for funding by the County Climate Fund.
- d) Support Ward Technical Committee in development and implementation of climate response projects.
- e) Coordinate the development and implementation of the County Climate change Fund Regulations.
- f) Advise the Steering Committee on Strategies, Priority programmes, projects and activities for climate change response in the County.
- g) Formulate and implement strategic actions to foster Climate Change Education, awareness creation and Capacity development in the County.
- h) Coordinate research and knowledge management on Climate Change, its impacts and strategies for responding thereto.
- i) Prepare and disseminate an annual report on climate change response activities in the County.
- j) Formulate and implement a County monitoring evaluation and reporting framework for climate change response; and
- k) Perform any other functions assigned to it by the steering committee.

Membership of Technical Committee; 17.

- (1) Members of the Committee shall be;
 - i. Chief Officer in Charge of Climate change matters who shall be the Chairperson.
 - ii. Director of Climate Directorate shall be the Secretary.
 - iii. Chief Officer in charge of finance and planning.

- iv. Director in charge of disaster management and administration.
 - v. Chief Officer in charge Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries.
 - vi. Director in charge of Public Health.
 - vii. County representative of the National Environment Management Authority or a designated representative.
 - viii. County Director of meteorology.
 - ix. County Ecosystem conservator.
 - x. Two (2) representatives of Civil Society Organization involve in Climate Change activities in the County.
 - xi. The Fund Administrator.
- (2) Members of the Technical Committee shall at their first meeting elect a Vice Chairperson from among the members nominated for appointment under subsection (1) (x) and (xi).

Appointment and term Of Technical Committee; 18.

1. Members of the Technical Committee shall be appointed by the Executive Committee member for the time being in charge Climate Change Matters.
2. Members of the Technical Committee appointed under section 17 (1) shall serve for one non-renewable term of five years.

Removal of members Of the Technical Committee 19;

The removal of members appointed under clause 16 (1) shall be governed by clause 9 (4).

Meeting of Technical Committee; 20.

1. The technical Committee shall meet at least once every quarter in each financial year.
2. The quorum for meetings of the Technical Committee shall be two –thirds of the members at least one (1) of whom must be those appointed under 16 (i) (x).
3. A resolution of the Technical Committee shall require an affirmative vote of more than one half of the membership present at a meeting excluding the Chairperson’s Vote which shall be a casting vote.
4. In the absence of the Chairperson, the members shall elect one of them to preside over the meeting.
5. The Technical Committee may coopt any person knowledgeable on the items of its agenda to attend its meetings.

Allowances for members Of Technical Committee; 21.

Members of the Technical Committee shall be paid such Allowances as are stipulated by Guidelines from the salaries and Remuneration Commission from time to time.

C. WARD CLIMATE CHANGE COMMITTEE.

Establishment of Ward Climate Change Committee; 22.

There is hereby established a ward Climate Change Committee in each ward.

Functions of Ward Climate Change Committee; 23.

The functions of the Ward Climate Change Committee shall be to;

- a) Coordinate and mobilize Communities and other stake holders in the Ward to design and implement Climate Change response activities.
- b) Facilitate research and knowledge management at the Ward level on climate change its impacts and strategies for responding thereto.
- c) Conduct Public Education, awareness creation and capacity building at the ward level on climate change, its impacts and strategies for responding thereto.
- d) Coordinate, facilitate and manage Community Consultations on climate change response activities.
- e) Participate in County Planning and budgeting process with a view to ensuring the mainstreaming of climate change response in County development plans.
- f) Support to communities in the Ward in developing proposals on Climate Change response projects for funding by the County Climate Change Fund.
- g) Implement Climate Change response activities.
- h) Monitors and report on all Climate Change Activities.
- i) Perform any other functions that may be assigned to it by the County Technical Committee from time to time.

Composition of Ward Climate Change Committee; 24.

(1). A Ward Committee shall be composed of 12 members representing the diverse interests in the Community namely;

- i. Ward Administrator shall be the chair of the Ward Committee.
- ii. Environment officer shall be the Secretary.
- iii. Agricultural Officer.
- iv. Livestock Officer.
- v. Natural Resources Officer.
- vi. Three (3) Community representatives of whom shall be;
 - a) An Elder.
 - b) A Youth.
 - c) A person with a disability.
- vii. One person representing Community Based Organizations in the Ward and activity engaged in climate change response activities.

(2). Appointment of members falling under subsection 23 (vi), (vii) of county climate change Act 2020 shall be done by the CECM designate in consultation with the Community groups.

(3). All appointments under clause (23)(2) shall take in account;

- i. Gender balance.
- ii. Equity in regional representation with a Ward.

Officers of the Ward Climate Change Committee; 25.

1. The first activity of the Ward Climate Change Committee at its first sitting shall be the election of a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson from among the members.
2. The Chairperson and the Vice – Chairperson shall not be members of the same gender.

Qualifications for Appointment to Ward Climate; 26.

1. A person shall not qualify for appointment to the Committee, unless he/she.
 - a) Is a resident of the Ward.
 - b) Fulfills the requirements of Chapter six of the constitution on leadership and integrity.
 - c) Demonstrates basic knowledge of Climate Change and Environmental issues and has engaged in activities aimed at addressing the said challenges in the County.

Term of Ward Climate Change Committees; 27.

Members of the Committee appointed under clause 23 (vi) and (vii) shall serve for one non-renewable term of five years.

Removal of member Of Ward Climate Change Committee; 28.

1. A member of the Committee may at any time resign from the Committee by giving one month notice to the CECM designate.
2. The removal of members appointed under clause 23 (vi) and clause 9 (4).

Meetings of Ward Climate Change Committee; 29.

1. The Committee shall meet at least once every quarter.
2. Quorum of Ward Climate Change Committee shall be two-thirds of its membership.

3. The Committee may coopt not more than two persons in any meeting based on a specific required expertise as and when needed.
4. A notice conveying Committee Meetings shall be issued not less than 14 days prior to the date thereof and shall be widely published through public barazas, the media and by a notice placed prominently at the Ward Office.

Renumeration of members Of Ward Climate Change Committee; 30.

Members of the Committee shall serve on a voluntary basis but shall be reimbursed reasonable public transport costs at a rate to be determined by the County Treasury.

PART IV – MEASURES AND ACTIONS FOR RESPONDING TO CLIMATE CHANGE.

County Climate Change Action Plan; 31.

- (1) The Executive Committee members designate shall formulate a County Climate Change Action plan in Consultation with the relevant stakeholders.
- (2) The County Climate Change Action plan shall be for a period of five (5) years and shall run currently with the Current National Climate Change Action plan and County Integrated Development plan.
- (3) Without prejudice to the provisions of subsection (1), the Executive Committee members shall within one year of the coming into force of the Act, coordinate development of an interim County Climate Change Action plan for the

remainder of the period of the current National Climate Change Action Plan.

Content of County Climate Change Action Plan; 32.

The County Climate Change Action plan shall under clause 31 of county climate change Act 2020:

- a) Be aligned to the current National Climate Change Action Plan and respond to the specific needs and circumstances of the County.
- b) Contain a climate change needs and response assessment for the County.
- c) Articulate Climate Change response implementation plan informed by the Climate Change needs and response assessment and specific measures and mechanisms for;
 - i. Guiding the County toward the achievement of low carbon climate –resilient sustainable development.
 - ii. Mainstreaming climate change into County integrated development plans, programmes, strategies and projects;
 - iii. Adaptation to and mitigation of climate change;
 - iv. Enhancing research, capacity building and knowledge management on Climate Change response;
 - v. Enhancing public awareness for effective participation in Climate Change response , and
 - vi. Monitoring, evaluation and periodic review to integrate learning and best practice in the implementation of the County Climate change action plan.

Approval of County Climate Change Action Plan; 33.

The County Climate Change Action Plan shall be approved by the Steering Committee and tabled in the County Assembly for adoption.

Biennial review of County Climate Change Action Plan; 34.

The Technical Committee shall undertake a biennial review of the implementation of the County Climate Change Action Plan and report to the Steering Committee as provided in clause 33 of the Act 2020.

PART V – DUTIES RELATING TO CLIMATE CHANGE.

Climate Change Audits And Penalties; 35.

- (1) The Steering Committee may on the recommendation of the Executive Committee member designate and in consultation with relevant Executive Committee Members may conduct a climate change audit on the activities and operation of any private or public entity operating within the County.
- (2) Based on the findings of the Audit in clause (1) above the Steering Committee May recommend specific actions to be taken by the Public or Private entity to enhance mitigation and adaptation to Climate Change.
- (3) Any Public entity on which a recommendation as in clause (2) has been made in performing the said duty act in a

manner best suited to the successful implementation of this Act and the County Climate Change Action plan.

- (4) Where any public or private entity receives the recommendation as in clause (2) and fails to perform the recommended actions an offence shall be deemed to have been committed and the directors shall be liable.
- (5) Any offence under this section will be punishable by;
- i. Suspension of the operating license of entity within the County.
 - ii. A fine not exceeding one (1) million Kenya shillings.
 - iii. Imprisonment for a term not exceeding three (3) months.

The Environment Court shall have jurisdiction over any trial or appeal.

Mainstreaming Climate Change Actions in Public And Private Entities; 36.

As provided by clause 34 of Homa-Bay County Climate Change Act 2020, Without prejudice to the provisions of subsection (1) every public entity operating in the County shall have the duty to;-

- a) Mainstream Climate Change in sectorial strategies, plans and other frameworks for implementing its statutory functions;
- b) Perform its statutory functions in a manner that attributes to the implementation of the County Climate Change Action Plan;
- c) Support the Steering Committee and the County Government in its planning, programming, implementation and monitoring of Climate Change response in the County;

- d) Report annually to the Steering Committee on the Status and progress of performance and implementation of all assigned Climate Change Duties and functions.

Inspection and Enforcement; 37.

- (1) The County Executive Member designate shall appoint an Inspection and enforcement team.
- (2) The Inspection and Enforcement team shall have all Power necessary for purposes of Inspection and Investigation including the power to enter premises of any private entity and make an enquiry.
- (3) The County Executive Committee member designate shall report to the Steering on the performance of functions under subsection (1) on annual basis and such report shall form part of the report by the Steering Committee to the County Assembly.

Steering Committee May require a private entity To report Performance; 38.

Notwithstanding the provisions of section 34, the Steering committee may;-

- a) By notice in a Kenyan Gazette require a private entity that is subject to Climate Change obligations to prepare reports on the status of its performance thereof and prescribe the period for reporting;
- b) Require any private entity that fails to perform its Climate Change duties to prepare a report within a specified time on

the actions it has taken, is taking or intends to take to ensure future performance of those duties;

- c) Recommend appropriate punishment for failure in clause 37 (b) Homa-Bay County Climate Change Act 2020

Annual County Climate Change Response Report; 39.

- (1) The County Executive Committee member designate shall within three months after the end of every financial year, publish and submit a report on the implementation of the County Climate Change Action Plan and Other Climate Change response Actions and impacts to the County Assembly for review, discussion and debate.
- (2) The County Assembly shall within three months of receiving the report, provide recommendations and proposed actions to the County Executive Committee Members designate.
- (3) A Copy of the report issued under subsection (1) shall be forwarded to the Directorate for information purposes.

PART VI – PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AND ACCESS TO INFORMATION.

County Strategy for Climate Change Education And Public Awareness; 40.

- (1) Within one year of this Act coming into force, the Technical Committee shall develop a comprehensive County Strategy for public education and awareness creation on Climate Change.

- (2) The Strategy shall be developed through participatory process involving all stakeholders in the County and validate at public meeting organized by Ward Technical Committees in every ward.
- (3) The Strategy shall be presented to the Steering Committee for approval and implementation.
- (4) The Strategy developed thereof shall be reviewed annually.

Public Participation and Capacity Building in formation Climate Change Response Plans;

41.

- (1) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 39 (3) of the Homa-Bay County Climate Change Act 2020, The Technical Committee and Ward Committee shall ensure that the development of any Climate Change response programme, plan, project or activity in the County is proceeded by a comprehensive campaign, public sensitization and awareness creation to facilitate informed public participation.
- (2) The County Executive Committee designate shall ensure public participation is done in line with relevant County Laws.

Access to Information; 42.

- (1) The Steering Committee, The Technical Committee and the Ward Technical Committee shall Publish, publicise and ensure access to all important Climate Change information in their possession in an appropriate format to make it useable by different actors.

Protection from Personal Liability; 43. .

- (1) No action taken or thing done by a member, officer or agent of the Steering Committee, The Technical Committee or the Ward Technical Committee in good faith and in performance of the functions or execution of powers vested in the said Committees by this Act, shall render the member, officer or agent or any person acting on their directions personally liable for any action, claim or demand whatsoever.