

MINUTES OF THE OIBC4 PLANNING RETREAT

Held on 12 April 2025 | Speke Resort, Munyonyo, Kampala, Uganda

1. Opening Remarks

The planning retreat was opened with welcome remarks by **Rose Mwebaza**, Regional Director and Regional Representative for Africa, UNEP. Rose expressed her gratitude to the OIBC4 Retreat Planning Committee and to ECA for organizing the event. She also acknowledged the dedication of OIBC4 members and the Africa RCP for their continued commitment to serving Africa's interests.

The retreat was moderated by **Linus Mofo** (UNICEF), who began the session by inviting participants to introduce themselves.

2. Presentations to Set the Planning Background

Two key presentations were made to provide context for the planning process:

Presentation 1: OIBC4 Performance in 2024 – Plans, Achievements, Opportunities, Strengths, and Challenges

The presentation highlighted the achievements of OIBC4 member agencies in 2024, while underscoring several challenges that must be addressed to enhance the Coalition's effectiveness. These included:

- Joint planning and implementation approaches
- System integration and reporting
- Budget coordination
- Commitment and accountability

Presentation 2: Overview of the RCP Joint Secretariat and 2025 Priorities for OIBC4

This presentation provided an overview of the Africa RCP's structures, tools, systems, relationships, and operational processes. Drawing on preliminary results from a needs assessment survey conducted among RCs/UNCTs, the presentation emphasized the following priority areas for OIBC4 in 2025:

- Capacity building, peer learning, and exchange
- Development and support of tools, systems, and mechanisms
- Strategy and policy development and implementation
- Deployment of technical expertise and advisory services

3. Reflections and Discussions

Following the presentations, participants were invited to share reflections. Key issues raised included:

- Sharing RC/UNCT survey results with OIBC4
- Integrating RC/UNCT needs into the OIBC4 workplan

- Showcasing OIBC4 achievements in the UN Annual Results Report and on UN INFO
- Avoiding siloed efforts by encouraging joint activities across agencies (e.g., FAO, UNDP, UNECA, UNEP, WMO)
- Identifying success indicators that position OIBC4 as a model for other OIBCs
- Documenting and sharing success stories on the Knowledge Management Hub for broader learning

Based on these reflections, the forum discussed priority clusters and activities for 2025–2026. It was agreed to maintain the current flagship structure:

- **Flagship 1:** Climate Action and Resilience
- **Flagship 2:** Food Systems and Food Security

Clusters were defined under each flagship, with lead agencies and indicative financial commitments. These are summarized in the following table.

Table 1: Summary of Clusters, Lead Agencies, and Financial Commitments (2025–2026)

Cluster	Lead Agencies	Specific Work Areas (TBA)	Available Budget (USD)	Conveners' Commitment
CLIMATE CHANGE				
A. Carbon Markets	UNDP, UNECA, FAO, UNEP	Primer on carbon markets, credit status in Africa, myth-busting, advisory	UNDP: 25,000; WMO: 10,000; UNEP: 45,000; FAO: 25,000	Yes
B. Climate Governance & Policy	UNDRR (early warning)	NDCs, LT-LEDs, NAPs, EWS, mainstreaming into NDPs, COP support	TBA	Yes
C. Energy	UNECA	Energy transition, link to carbon markets and critical minerals, access	TBA	Yes
D. Disaster, Loss and Damage	UNDRR	To be defined	TBA	Yes
FOOD SYSTEMS & FOOD SECURITY	FAO	Bioeconomy, value chains, technologies, innovation	TBA	Yes
Food Systems Risk Management	UNDRR	Risk identification, resilience building	TBA	Yes
AFRICA'S VOICE	UNDRR	G20 priorities, Africa Climate Summit, COP30 participation	TBA	Yes

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COLLABORATION ACROSS OIBCs	UNDP	Engagement with OIBC2 on SDG/AU Agenda 2063 integration through climate action	Aligned with RCs/UNCT requests	Yes

Note: Specific activities under each cluster were not finalized during the retreat. The Retreat Planning Committee was tasked with identifying these activities and developing a draft workplan for submission to the OIBC4 Co-conveners shortly after the Easter holiday.

4. Closing

The moderator summarized the day's proceedings, revisiting the key presentations, reflections, and consensus areas. **Mathias Naab** (Regional Director for Africa, UNDP), speaking on behalf of the OIBC4 Co-conveners, delivered the closing remarks.

He thanked participants for their active engagement and reiterated the importance of transforming the agreed flagships and clusters into actionable activities that respond to RC and UNCT priorities. He expressed appreciation to **Rose Mwebaza** for financially supporting both the **Dialogue with RCs** (held on 6 April 2025) and the **OIBC4 Planning Retreat**. He also extended thanks to the moderator, participants, and the organizing team — and officially closed the event.