



**Kenya Uganda Adaptation Accelerator (KUAA):  
Unlocking Investments in Adaptation SMEs in Kenya and Uganda**  
Inception Events – 6 – 7 July 2026, Argyle Grand Hotel, Nairobi

**1. Purpose and Scope**

This concept note outlines the purpose, structure and expected outcomes of the KUAA inception events, which mark the official commencement of project implementation following the approval of the *Kenya Uganda Adaptation Accelerator (KUAA) – Unlocking Investments in Adaptation SMEs in Kenya and Uganda* by the Adaptation Fund.

The inception events will take place alongside the Adaptation Investment Summit for Africa (AISA) 2026 in Nairobi, Kenya, providing a unique opportunity to launch the project within one of Africa’s leading adaptation finance convenings. The events are designed to formally introduce KUAA to the broader adaptation investment ecosystem while bringing together implementing partners and government counterparts from Kenya and Uganda to establish a shared foundation for implementation.

The inception consists of two complementary events held back-to-back. The first is a public launch that introduces the project, its partnership and investment approach to a high-level audience of investors, policymakers and ecosystem actors. The second is a closed technical workshop that focuses on implementation planning, governance arrangements and coordination among implementing partners and national counterparts.

Across the two events, the engagement is designed to achieve the following:

- Officially launch and position project within the regional adaptation finance and innovation landscape.
- Build a shared understanding among implementing partners and government counterparts of the project’s objectives, implementation approach and expected results.
- Confirm governance and coordination arrangements, including the establishment of the Project Steering Committee (PSC) and the Adaptation Action Steering Committee (AASC).
- Review and align on Year One workplan, implementation priorities, roles and responsibilities, and key milestones for the project in line with the approved project document.

**2. Overview of Events**

**Event 1 — Project Launch | 6 July 2026 | Nairobi**

<b>Date &amp; Time</b>	6 July 2026   14:15 – 15:30
<b>Venue</b>	Argyle Grand Hotel, Nairobi — AISA 2026, Session 4
<b>Format</b>	Open session   Public
<b>Convened by</b>	UNIDO Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Climate Change — Kenya, Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development — Uganda
<b>Audience</b>	Investors, development partners, policymakers, climate enterprises, ecosystem actors

**Background**

The project launch takes place as a dedicated session within the Adaptation Investment Summit for Africa 2026 (AISA 2026), a leading regional convening bringing together investors, fund managers, development partners, policymakers, and climate enterprises from across Africa. Hosting the launch during AISA 2026 provides a unique opportunity to introduce KUAA to the wider adaptation finance ecosystem and position the project as a regional initiative supporting investment in adaptation SMEs.





The session will officially launch KUAA, present its objectives and implementation approach, and showcase the partnership driving the initiative. It will also initiate dialogue with investors, financial institutions and ecosystem actors whose engagement will be critical to mobilising investment and supporting adaptation SMEs throughout project implementation.

### Objectives

- Officially launch the KUAA project and introduce the implementing partnership.
- Present the project's objectives, implementation approach and blended finance model.
- Position KUAA within the regional adaptation finance and innovation landscape.
- Initiate engagement with investors, financial institutions and ecosystem partners to support future collaboration and investment.

### Programme

Time	Item
14:15 – 14:20	Welcome and opening
14:20 – 14:25	Opening remarks: UNIDO
14:25 – 14:30	Opening remarks: Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development — Uganda
14:35 – 14:40	Opening remarks: Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Climate Change — Kenya
14:40 – 14:50	Technical presentation: KUAA project design, theory of change, and blended finance mechanism — adelphi
14:50 – 15:25	Panel discussion and Q&A: Unlocking investment for adaptation SMEs in Kenya and Uganda — KCV, Finding XY, moderated by adelphi
15:25 – 15:30	Closing remarks: UNIDO





## Event 2 — Inception Workshop | 7 July 2026 | Nairobi

<b>Date &amp; Time</b>	7 July 2026   09:30 – 13:00
<b>Venue</b>	Argyle Grand Hotel, Nairobi (day 2 of AISA 2026)
<b>Format</b>	Closed-door technical session
<b>Convened by</b>	UNIDO, adelphi
<b>Participants</b>	UNIDO, adelphi, KCV, Finding XY, Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Climate Change — Kenya, Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development — Uganda

### Background

The inception workshop is the first formal governance session of the full implementing partnership, bringing together all parties — including NDA representatives from Kenya and Uganda — in a single room for the first time. While the project design, governance architecture, and Year One workplan have been developed through the proposal process and are agreed with the Adaptation Fund, this session marks the formal transition into implementation and provides government stakeholders with a structured opportunity to engage on and validate the project's governance arrangements.

The session is designed as a technical working meeting in which government representatives engage directly on the composition and terms of reference of the PSC and the AASC.

### Objectives

- Build a shared understanding of the project's objectives, implementation approach and expected results.
- Confirm and validate the governance arrangements, including the composition and mandate of the Project Steering Committee (PSC) and the Adaptation Action Steering Committee (AASC).
- Review and align on Year One workplan, priorities, milestones and reporting arrangements.
- Establish a shared understanding of roles and responsibilities among all implementing partners and government counterparts

### Programme

Time	Item
09:30 – 10:00	Welcome, introductions, and workshop objective
10:00 – 10:45	PSC: Proposed composition, mandate and terms of reference
10:45 – 11:00	Break
11:00 – 11:45	AASC: Proposed structure, mandate and process
11:45 – 12:30	Year One workplan: Key activities, milestones and reporting cycle
12:30 – 13:00	Final reflection and summary of agreed actions and next steps