



## Green Habitat Initiative

**Meeting Title:** Kick-off Meeting for The Radio-Internet Climate Technology for Agricultural Resilience Project (RANETA)

**Date:** 04/03/24

**Meeting Time:** 11 am – 12 pm (West Africa Standard Time)

**Location:** Virtual

<b>Meeting called by:</b>	Green Habitat Initiative (GHI)
<b>Purpose of Meeting</b>	The Purpose of the Meeting was to officially mark the kick-off of the Technical Assistance (TA) on using Radio and Internet Technology to support farmers in Kebbi State (RANETA) and provide an introduction and overview of the project to implementing partners and stakeholders.
<b>Type of meeting</b>	Virtual
<b>Attendees</b>	<p><b><u>Nigerian Meteorological Agency (NIMET)</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Mr Haruna Zakari (General Manager, Head of Agrometeorology/TA to the DG)</li> <li>2. Mr Wilfred Idowu (Technical Assistant to the DG)</li> <li>3. Mr. James Ijampy (Chief Agric Officer)</li> </ol> <p><b><u>National Council for Climate Change (NCCC)</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Mrs Halima Bawa Bwari (Director of Agric, Environment, and Water)</li> <li>2. Mr Chukwuemeka Okebugwu (Chief Scientific Officer, National Designated Entity focal point for UNFCCC Technology Mechanism)</li> </ol> <p><b><u>Climate Technology Center and Network (CTCN)</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Nadege Trocellier</li> <li>2. Molly Sharone</li> </ol> <p><b><u>Green Habitat Initiative (GHI)</u></b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Engr. Sadiq Abubakar Gulma (CEO)</li> <li>2. Mr. Hassan Abbas (Finance Officer)</li> <li>3. Mr Sheriffdeen Muhammad (Programs Formulation Officer)</li> <li>4. Mr Mustapha Dewu (Chief Programs Officer)</li> </ol>
<b>Meeting Agenda</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Brief Opening remarks by CTCN</li> <li>2. Introduction by all members present</li> <li>3. Brief presentation of the TA by the Implementer, Green Habitat Initiative (GHI).</li> <li>4. Open discussion</li> <li>5. Remarks by NIMET</li> <li>6. Remarks by NCCC</li> <li>7. Closing</li> </ol>
<b>Meeting Deliberations/ Discussions</b>	<p><b><u>Brief Opening remarks by CTCN</u></b></p> <p>Nadege formally welcomed the participants to the meeting, giving a brief introduction and highlights of the Technical Assistance (TA). She mentioned</p>

that the TA is funded by the Adaptation Fund Climate Innovation Accelerator (AFCIA), and the funding will end by October 2025. Hence, she highlighted that the RANETA project must be completed by September 2025. According to the response plan of the TA, the last deliverable of the RANETA project is expected to be delivered in August 2025. Considering the lag between August and September to be just a month, she encouraged all the stakeholders present to provide the necessary support and cooperation to ensure the smooth implementation of the project based on the desired timeline. She continued that stakeholders should endeavour to provide vital communication and feedback during the course of the project to be able to track the progress of the project.

### **Introduction by participants**

This was a brief round of self-introduction by all participants at the meeting.

### **Brief presentation of the TA by the Implementer (GHI).**

Engr. Gulma gave a presentation introducing the Green Habitat Initiative (GHI) as well as an overview of the RANETA project as follows:

The overall objective of this technical assistance (RANETA) will be to pilot the Radio Internet System in Kebbi State, Nigeria. RANETA is a unique exploitation of the Radio and Internet to afford rural communities the opportunity to leverage technology and radio, which has widespread use in rural communities to build the resilience of smallholder agricultural practitioners, promote wider use of agrometeorological services to improve data availability, climate forecasting, early warning, adaptation planning, and decision making in the agricultural sector for the Kebbi State in Nigeria. In the medium and long term, this project aims to reduce climate risks in agricultural production, thereby improving food supply and livelihood security.

The specific objectives of this project are as follows:

- Understand existing meteorological and climatological equipment used by NIMET and available in Kebbi State, Nigeria.
- Define the needs of the local farmers of Kebbi State as well as the expectations of the Federal Ministry of Environment and NIMET.
- Benchmark possible technologies that could be used to support the deployment of the RANET and identify potential barriers and challenges
- Define, select, design, and implement in Kebbi State a "weather and climate information service system" to support decision-making for the agricultural sector using Radio and Internet System (RANET) (or similar technology)
- Ensure that information on future weather conditions is relevant and timely to support strategic and tactical crop management decisions.
- Ensure capacity building for both system administrators and system users.

He also gave an outline of the first component as well as the deliverables as follows:

- I. Detailed work plan
- II. Monitoring and evaluation plan
- III. CTCN Impact Description
- IV. Closure and Data Collection Report
- V. Risk mitigation plan

	<p>He added a steering committee will be created that will involve most of the stakeholders at the meeting to drive the implementation of the TA and map relevant stakeholders. These stakeholders will include at least the NDE, the project proponent, the relevant ministries, and a representative of Kebbi State, North-western Nigeria.</p> <p>Finally, he announced that GHI had commenced the recruitment process for project staff and that interviews and selection of staff could follow in the coming weeks.</p> <p><b><u>Remarks by the National Council on Climate Change (NCCC)</u></b></p> <p>Mrs Halima Bawa, representative of the NCCC congratulated GHI and expressed delight that the RANETA project was finally signed and set to commence. She noted that Nigeria needs more of such projects to drive the country's and augment national effort against climate change.</p> <p>She noted that for the effectiveness of the RANETA project, national policy documents such as the National Action Plan on Gender and Climate Change need to be duly referenced for guidance.</p> <p>Mr. Chukwuemeka, the focal person and representative of the NDE, also congratulated GHI and expressed delight in the signing and commencement of the RANETA project.</p> <p>He assured the participants that, as the NDE, they have duly contributed to ensuring that the project aligns with national priorities and guidelines right from the conception of the proposal.</p> <p>Mr Chukwuemeka asked for clarification regarding the parties responsible for recruitment and hiring staff for this project. To this, Engr Sadiq clarified that the GHI is responsible for that, but GHI will share the advert links with all parties in order to have wider coverage.</p> <p><b><u>Remarks by the Nigerian Meteorological Agency (NIMET)</u></b></p> <p>Mr Haruna Zakari also expressed his delight at the signing and commencement of the RANETA project and noted that the project was timely as it addresses a long-existing gap in climate change dissemination to end users in Nigeria.</p> <p>Mr James also expressed his delight and assured that the agency is ready to provide full support and expertise for the success of the project. He also noted that the project has to begin as quickly as possible as we have only two rainy seasons to pilot this project.</p> <p>Mr. Wilfred Idowu also commended and congratulated GHI on the successful winning of the technical assistance, highlighting that NIMET has the capacity to contribute to the successful implementation of the project.</p>
<b>AOB</b>	Mr Wilfred Idowu also reiterated the need for GHI to share the recruitment links with the project partners to ensure wider reach.
<b>Conclusion</b>	The meeting ended with a note of thanks from GHI. Engr. Sadiq assured all participants that all the necessary project documents would be duly shared with all parties.

<b>Action points/follow-ups</b>			
<b>S/N</b>	<b>Task</b>	<b>Responsible</b>	<b>Due Date</b>

<b>1.</b>	Share presented slides and documents with participants	GHI	10/03/2024
<b>2.</b>	Share recruitment advert with other implementing partners to be displayed on their websites	GHI	10/03/2024
<b>3.</b>	Sharing of meeting report	GHI	10/03/2024