

The Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) says time has come for Africa to realise that it has the capacity to mobilize resources within its economies to tackle effects of climate change instead of depending on the funding from co-operating partners who are also facing a lot of financial challenges especially because of the global recession.

COMESA Secretary General Sindiso Ngwenya says there is need for African countries to have well coordinated mechanisms to pool resources together because they are the most affected by the effects of climate change in the world despite contributing only about 4 percent of carbon emissions.

Mr Ngwenya said African countries need a lot of resources to be able to adapt to climate change as to well mitigate the causes of climate change by coming up with programmes and projects that will help mitigate these effects.

In speech read for him by COMESA climate change advisor Mclay Kanyangarara during the official opening of a Sub-Regional workshop on Strengthening National Capacities to increase finance and investments into change adaptation and mitigation: Opportunities from climate change financing mechanisms in Chisamba.

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