



## **Agenda**

### **Workshop “Multi Country Support Programme to Strengthen Climate Information Systems in Africa” under the Least Developed Countries Fund (LDCF)**

**13-14 April, 2014**

**UN Conference Center, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia**

#### **Background and purpose**

Climate stresses and low adaptive capacity are increasing Africa’s vulnerability to climate change. Climate-related shocks to the economy, vulnerable populations, ecosystems and infrastructure threaten development goals and poverty alleviation strategies.

Adaptation to climate change can significantly help mitigate the impact of these climate related shocks. However, the lack of access to reliable climate data and the timely warning of severe weather, emerged strongly as barriers in achieving this goal as seen in the conclusion to the implementation phase of the National Adaptation Programmes of Action (NAPAs). This finding is even more relevant in the preparation of National Adaptation Plans (NAPs), which aim to support countries to progress from addressing the most “urgent and immediate” needs towards more systematic, mid- and long-term adaptation fully integrated into development.

Recognizing the importance of climate information systems, UNDP is supporting 10 African countries (Benin, Burkina Faso, Liberia, Sierra Leone, São Tomé & Príncipe, Uganda, Ethiopia, Tanzania, Malawi and Zambia) to strengthen their weather/climate information and services for climate resilient development, with resources from the Least Developed Countries Fund (LDCF). The individual projects aim to enable countries to access, collect, process and analyse data, and then disseminate and communicate them in a timely manner to facilitate adaptive responses at the national, sector and community levels.

These countries will also benefit from a Multi-Country Support Programme which provides cost effective technical assistance, procurement support, regional coordination and knowledge sharing. Technical assistance includes: training on meteorological, climate and hydrological observing and forecasting systems; climate change risk management and viable communication systems/processes for disseminating information; the use of alternative cost-effective technologies; and engagement with the private sector. As climate changes occur beyond national boundaries, this programme will promote the sharing of data and information among countries and will strengthen the use of regional knowledge centres.

Participants in this workshop are invited to contribute to the design, approach and structure of this multi-country programme as well as its workplan and timelines. Activities that may be expanded and applied in additional interested countries, or that could be implemented as part of a regional effort, will be identified. Barriers to implementation (human, technical and institutional), as well as solutions will be discussed.

An Exposition Pavilion with leading weather and climate information companies will be organized in parallel to introduce a wide range of available technologies and service providers to collect, monitor, process and disseminate climate information and data. As they access up-to-date and comprehensive information on technologies and climate services, governments and other relevant stakeholders will be able to identify paths that will take them from accessing climate data to their systematic integration into adaptation planning and resilient development.



Time	Agenda
<b>Day 1</b> <b>13 April, 2014: Overview of the Multi-Country Support Programme</b>	
09.00–10.00	<p><b>Opening ceremony (High Level Event)</b>  <b>Conference Room 3</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Opening Remarks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Caroline Richter, Director of Global Climate Observing Systems, WMO.</li> <li>○ Lebogang Motlana, Director, UNDP Regional Service Center, Ethiopia.</li> <li>○ H.E. Barthelemy Kassa, Minister of Water, Energy, Petroleum and Mining Research and Renewable Energy Development, Benin.</li> <li>○ H.E. Haddijatou Jallow, Chief Executive Chair Person, Environment Protection Agency, Sierra Leone.</li> <li>○ H.E. José Maria Amado da Fonseca, Secretary for Infrastructure and Environment, Sao Tome and Principe.</li> <li>○ H.E. Ephraim Kamuntu, Minister of Water and Environment, Uganda.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Formal Welcome by the H.E Ato Alemayehu Tegenue, Minister of Ministry of Water Irrigation and Energy, Ethiopia.</li> <li>• <i>Chair: Bonizella Biagini, Programme Manager, UNDP-GEF.</i></li> </ul>
10:00-10:30	<p><b>Group Photo at the Front Entrance</b></p>
10.30-11.15	<p><b>Climate Information for Resilient Development:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “UNDP-GEF supported Climate Information for Resilient Development and Adaptation to Climate Change Programme- Overview.” Bonizella Biagini, Programme Manager, UNDP-GEF</li> <li>• <i>Chair: Pradeep Kurukulasuriya Head- Climate Change Adaptation, UNDP-GEF.</i></li> </ul>
11.15-11.30	<p><b>Coffee break</b></p>

11.30-13.00	<p><b>Session 1: Climate Information Systems in the global context: Links with National Adaptation Plans (NAPs) a view from the UNFCCC</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Climate Information Systems and Global Climate Observing Systems in the context of UNFCCC Negotiations and the NAPs Process.” <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Motsomi Maletjane, Programme Officer, UNFCCC</li> <li>○ Margaret Mukahanana, Former Chair of the Adaptation Committee.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• “Overview of the NAP Global Support Program.” Ermira Fida, Head – Climate Change, UNEP-GEF.</li> <li>• <i>Chair: Caroline Richter, Director of Global Climate Observing Systems, WMO.</i></li> </ul>
13.00 – 14.00	<p><b>Lunch</b></p>
14.00 – 16.00	<p><b>Session 2: Technologies for monitoring and forecasting</b> <i>(Translation services will be available for this session)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Overview and Presentation of New Low Cost Technologies for Monitoring and Forecasting.” John T Snow, Regents’ Professor of Meteorology; Dean Emeritus, College of Atmospheric and Geographic Sciences.</li> <li>• “Guinea Met Case Study.” Mamadou Lamine Bah, President of World Meteorological Organization Regional Association I – Africa and National Director, Direction Nationale de la Meteorologie- Guinea.</li> <li>• <u>Panel Discussion</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Gavin Iley, International Development Manager, UK Meteorology Office.</li> <li>– Jolly Wassambo, Coordinator for the Monitoring for Environment and Security in Africa (MESA), African Union.</li> <li>– Vincent Sakwa, Kenya Meteorological Department.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <i>Chair: Bonizella Biagini, Programme Manager, UNDP-GEF.</i></li> </ul>
16.15-16.30	<p><b>Coffee Break</b></p>
16.30 – 18.00	<p><b>Session 3: Roundtable discussion “Act nationally, think regionally: views from participant countries”</b></p> <p>Country delegates will discuss their expectations on the Multi Country Support Programme and will deliberate on its approach, structure, objectives, challenges and opportunities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Chair: Diriba Koricha, National Meteorology Agency, Ethiopia.</i></li> </ul>
18.00-18.30	<p><b>Wrap-Up Session and Reports from the Chairs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Chair: Bonizella Biagini, Programme Manager, UNDP-GEF.</i></li> </ul>

<b>Day 2</b>	
<b>14 April, 2014: Sectoral Applications and the Development of Services</b>	
9.00 – 10.45	<p><b>Session 4: Sectoral applications of climate information through regional centres</b> <b>Conference Room 3</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Regional Services.” Christopher Oludhe, Meteorologist, ICPAC.</li> <li>• “Regional Drought Information Systems.” Kouamé Guy-Marcel Bouafou, General Director, AGRHYMET.</li> <li>• “Food Security and Early Warning Systems.” Getachew Abate, Assistant National Technical Manager for FEWSNET/Ethiopia.</li> <li>• <i>Chair: Anand Patwardhan, Member of STAP- GEF Technical Advisory Panel.</i></li> </ul>
10.45-11-15	<b>Coffee Break (located at Expo Pavilion)</b>
11.15–13.00	<p><b>Session 5: Private sector engagement and the development of services to communicate climate information</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “Overview of Private Sector Engagement in Climate Information in Developing Countries.” Alan Miller, Consultant on Climate Risk and Finance.</li> <li>• “Investment approaches to Climate Services.” Patrick Karani, Director, BEA- International</li> <li>• “Innovative Approaches in Communicating Climate information.” Julie Arrighi, Country Representative, Red Cross-Uganda.</li> <li>• <i>Chair: Pradeep Kurukulasuriya, Head-Climate Change Adaptation, UNDP-GEF</i></li> </ul>
13.00 – 14.00	<b>Lunch</b>
14.00-15.00	<p><b>Final Discussion and Closing Remarks</b> (Plenary Session)</p> <p><i>Chairs:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Bonizella Biagini, Programme Manager, UNDP-GEF and</i></li> <li>• <i>Pradeep Kurukulasuriya, Head-Climate Change Adaptation, UNDP-GEF</i></li> </ul>
15.00-17.30	<b>Free Time to Visit the Expo</b>
17.30- 19.30	<b>Closing Cocktail Reception</b>