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Continental Drought Watch

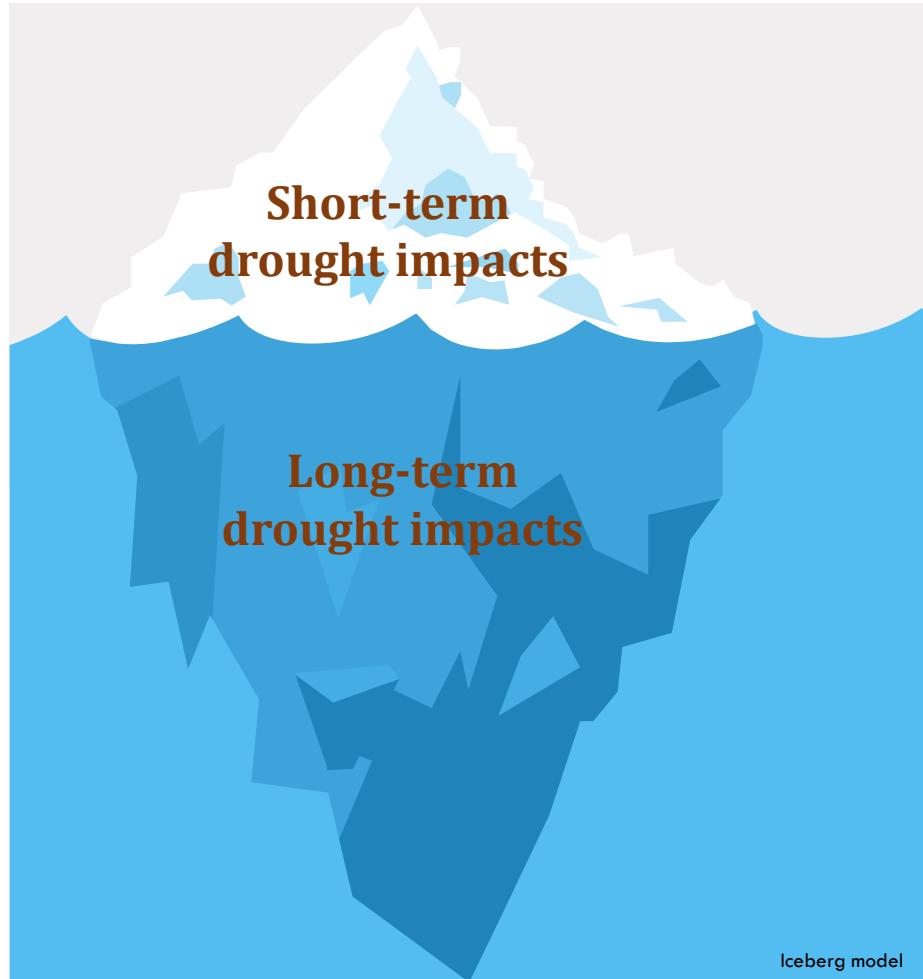
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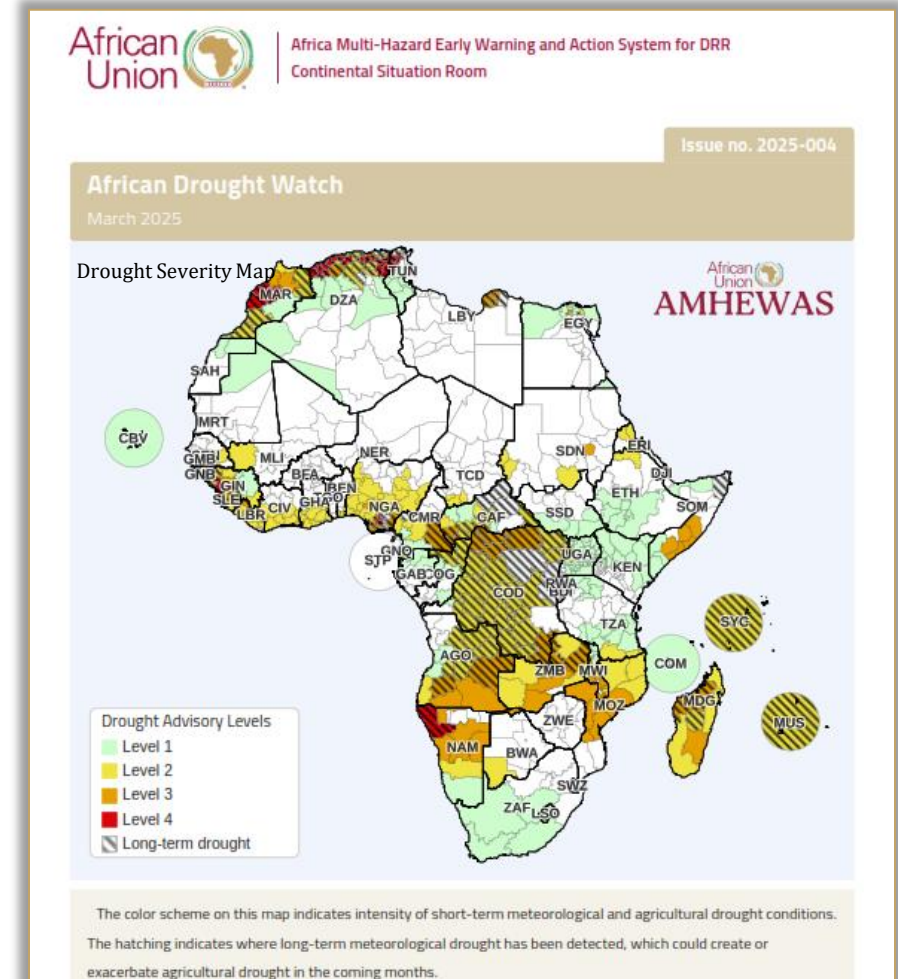
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Holistic Approach



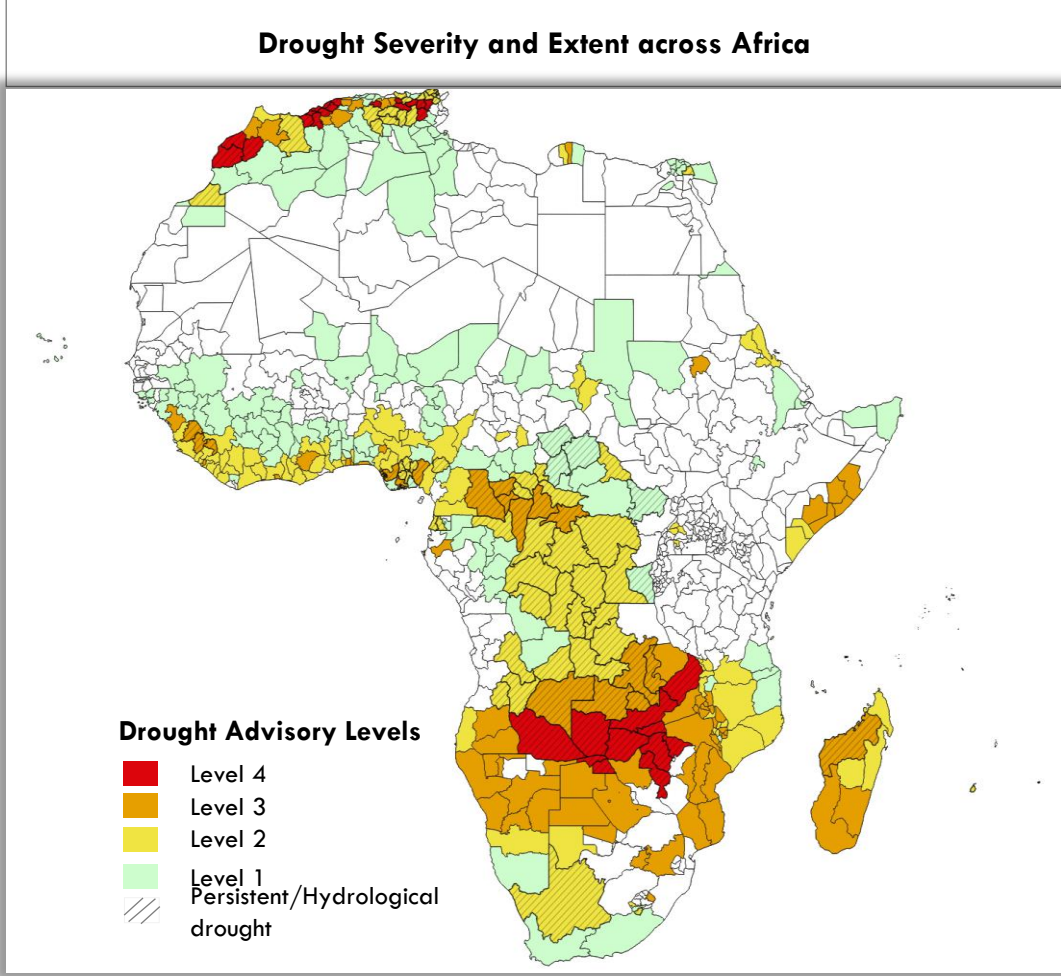
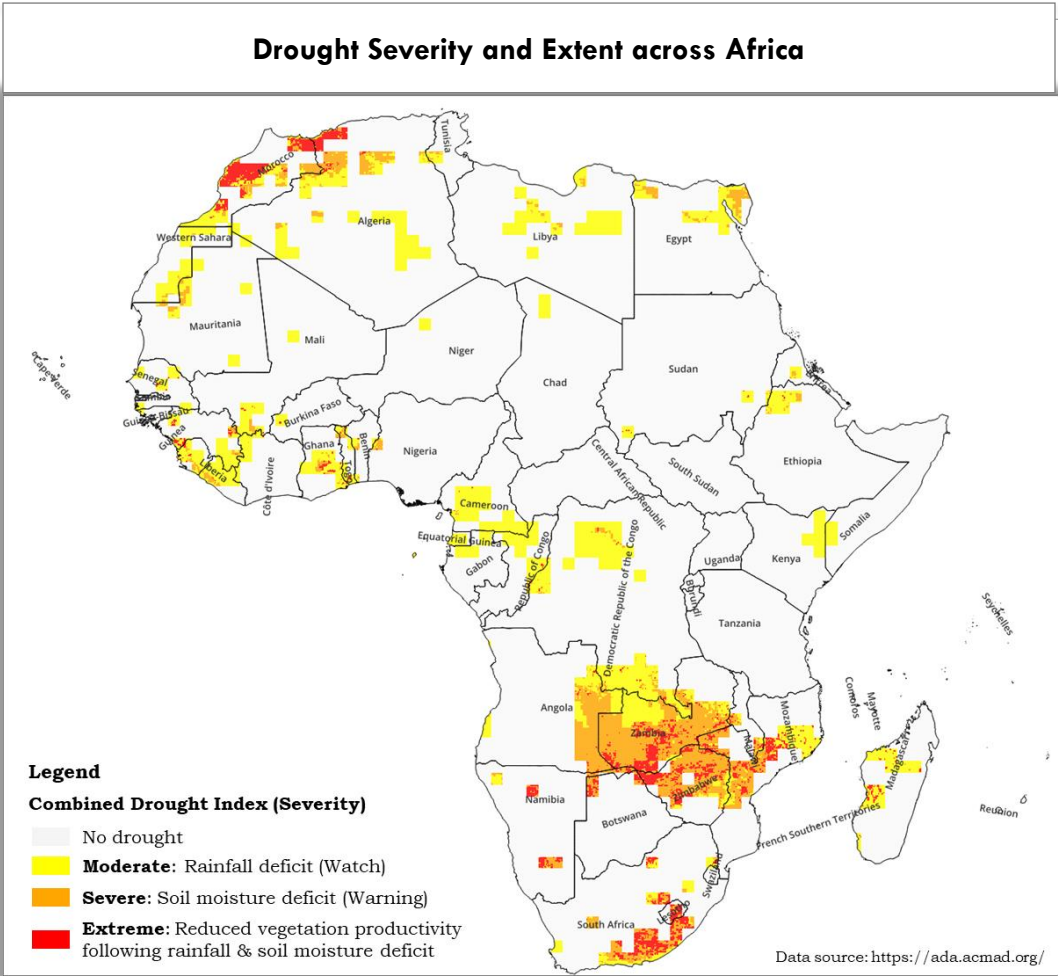
- **Short-term** drought is the **visible crisis**
- **Long-term** drought is the **structural risk**



- Short-term: Combined Drought Indicator (meteorological and agricultural drought)
- Long-term: SPI-12 (hydrological drought)

From Hazard-based Levels

To Action-Oriented Levels



Collaborative Development



Co-production Meeting in Kampala (Uganda), April 2025

ECCAS, ECCAS-CAPC, ECOWAS, EAC, ACMAD, IGAD-ICPAC, SADC-SHOC, SADC-CSC, UMA, SAWS, Mozambique, Angola, Zambia, Cote d'Ivoire, AfSTAG, IFRC, AUC, CIMA, UNDRR

A **shared development** process driven by coordination, co-design, co-production and joint action:

- Regular **Coordination and Co-production Meetings**
- **Interim co-production group** guiding development steps
- Institutions define their **roles** in building the service
- Shared objectives:
 - Integrate **scientific knowledge, expert judgement** and **local data**
 - Facilitate transboundary **coordination** and knowledge exchange
 - Foster institutional **ownership** and shared responsibility



Thank You

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