



# Capacity Development to Support National Drought Management Policies

Regional Workshop: Asia-Pacific  
6-9 May 2014, Hanoi, Viet Nam

## Workshop Agenda

### Day 1: Tuesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>

08:30-09:00	Registration
09:00-13:00	<b>Session 1: Opening</b>
09:00-10:00	<b>Session 1a: Opening statements</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Opening statements by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>His Excellency Vice Minister, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Dr. Hoang Van Thang (10 min)</li> <li>Assoc. Prof. Dr. Nguyen Tung Phong, Vice Director General of VAWR (5 min)</li> </ul> </li> <li>Welcoming statement by FAO representative in Viet Nam Dr Jong –Ha Bae (10 min)</li> <li>A roundtable introduction of participants and their expectations (35 minutes)</li> </ul>
10:00-10:30	<b>Session 1b: Overview</b> Overview of the initiative, objectives and scope of the Workshop (Daniel Tsegai)
10:30-11:00	Group Photograph/Coffee and tea break
11:00-18:00	<b>Session 2: Setting the scene/Country reports</b> (Chair: Mohamed Bazza)
11:00-12:30	<b>Session 2a: Keynote</b> (Donald Wilhite)
12:30-13:30	Lunch
13:30 -14:15	<b>Session 2b: Biodiversity and drought</b> (David Coates)
14:15- 16:00	<b>Session 2c: Country reports</b> Country reports on drought status/management strategies
16:00-16:30	Coffee and tea break
16:30-18:00	<b>Session 2c: Country reports (Cont.)</b>
19:00	Welcome Dinner

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## Day 2: Wednesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>

- 09:00-13:15      Session 3: Drought Monitoring and Early Warning Systems**  
(Presenter: Robert Stefanski; Chair: Assoc. Prof Doan Doan Tuan, Director of the Institute for Water and Environment)
- 09:00-10:00      Session 3a: Thematic presentation**
- Introduction to drought monitoring and early warning systems
  - Data requirements (meteorological, hydrological, etc.) for drought monitoring
  - Identifying occurrence of/exposure to droughts ( types, onset, intensity)
  - Different drought indices and measurement methods
  - Successful examples/ongoing initiatives
- 10:00-11:45      Session 3b: Breakout groups**
- Group A: What are the current procedures/challenges on Early warning systems? (Donald Wilhite)
  - Group B: What are the meteorological and hydrological networks, data quality, sustainability needed? (David Coates)
  - Group C: What mechanisms are in place for communicating and liaising drought monitoring and early warning information between national institutions? (Robert Stefanski)
- 11:45-12:15      Coffee and tea break
- 12:15 – 13:15      Session 3c: Presentations of working group results and discussion**  
(10 minutes per group and 30 minutes for discussion)
- 13:15 14:15      Lunch
- 14:15-18:30      Session 4: Vulnerability and Risk Assessment**  
(Presenter: Sergio Zelaya; Chair: Dr. Do Manh Hung)
- 14:15-15:15      Session 4a: Thematic Presentation:**
- Impacts of drought: Environmental, economic, societal considerations/ implications
  - Significant secondary and tertiary impacts
  - Successful examples/Ongoing initiatives targeting vulnerability and risk assessment
- 15:15–17:00      Session 4b: Breakout groups:**
- Group A: Who/What is most vulnerable to drought in your country (Sergio Zelaya)
  - Group B: Provide the causes/reasons of vulnerability to drought in your country (Daniel Tsegai)
  - Group C: What are the criteria you used for prioritizing vulnerability? (Chung Te Tzou/Mohamed Bazza)
- 17:00-17:30      Coffee and tea break
- 17:30-18:30      Session 4c: Presentations of working group results and discussion**  
(10 minutes per group and 30 minutes for discussion)

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## Day 3: Thursday, May 8<sup>th</sup>

### 09:00 -13:15 **Session 5: Drought preparedness, mitigation and response**

(Presenter: Mohamed Bazza; Chair: Robert Stefanski)

#### 09:00–10:00 **Session 5a: Thematic Presentation**

- Drought preparedness
- Drought mitigation measures
- Integration of drought response and recovery in drought plan

#### 10:00-11:45 **Session 5b: Breakout Groups**

Using the result of the impact and vulnerability assessment (in Session 4),  
i. Develop risk managements measures, ii. Include both medium- and  
long-term measures; iii. Specify for each measure the responsible agency (ies)

- Group A: Water (Donald Wilhite)
- Group B: Agriculture (Chung Te Tzou/Mohamed Bazza)
- Group C: Other (Robert Stefanski)

11:45-12:15 Coffee and tea break

### 12:15 – 13:15 **Session 5c: Presentations of working group results and discussion**

(10 minutes per group and 30 minutes for discussion)

13:15 – 14:15 Lunch

### 14:15 – 18:30 **Session 6: Towards action plan - Developing national drought management policy**

(Presenter: Daniel Tsegai; Chair: Donald Wilhite)

#### 14:15 – 15:00 **Session 6a: Thematic Presentation**

- Process for preparing national drought policies
- Institutional arrangements
- Challenges and remedial actions
- Successful case studies
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#### 15:00 – 16:45 **Session 6b: Breakout groups**

- Group A: What are the challenges for developing national drought policies? (Daniel Tsegai)
- Group B: What are the institutional arrangements necessary for developing national drought policies? (Sergio Zelaya)
- Group C: What are the steps being undertaken for developing national drought policies (country specific discussion)? (David Coates)

16:45 -17:15 Coffee and tea break

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## Day 4: Friday, May 9<sup>th</sup>

**09:00 – 12:00 Session 7: Wrap-up** (Chair: Mohamed Bazza)

**09:00 – 11:00 Countries' representative's feedback**

(a selection of countries present the "take home" message from the workshop  
& their action plans and specific foreseen implementation challenges followed by discussion)

11:00 - 11:30 Coffee and tea break

**11:30 – 12:00 Closing**

- Closing Statements by Vice Director of VAWR, Assoc Prof Dr. Nguyen Tung Phong
- Synthesis and concluding remarks: (Organisers)

12:00 – 13:00 Lunch

13:00 Departure to field visit