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## Capacity Development to Support National Drought Management Policies

### Workshop Agenda

05-08 August 2014, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

### DAY I: Tuesday, August 5<sup>th</sup>

08:30-09:00 Registration

09:00-13:00 **Session 1: Opening**

09:00-10:00 **Session 1a: Opening statements**

- Opening statement by His Excellency, Mr Kebede Yimam Dawd, State Minister, Ministry of Environment and Forest (15 minutes)
- Welcoming statement by Sergio Zelaya, UNCCD (On behalf of organisers) (10 minutes)
- A roundtable introduction of participants and their expectations (35 minutes)

10:00-10:30 **Session 1b: Overview**

Overview of the initiative, objectives and scope of the Workshop (Daniel Tsegai)

10:30-11:00 Group Photograph/Coffee and tea break

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11:00–18:00 **Session 2: Setting the scene/Country reports (Chair: Sergio Zelaya)**

11:00-12:30 **Session 2a: Keynote (Donald Wilhite)**

12:30-13:30 **Lunch**

13:30 -14:15 **Session 2b: Biodiversity and drought (David Coates)**

**14:15- 16:00 Session 2c: Country reports<sup>1</sup>**

- Country reports on drought status/management strategies

**16:00-16:30 Coffee and tea break**

**16:30-18:00 Session 2c: Country reports (Cont.)**

## DAY II: Wednesday, August 6<sup>th</sup>

**09:00-13:15 Session 3: Drought Monitoring and Early Warning Systems (Presenters: Robert Stefanski; Chair: Gerald Kairu)**

**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<sup>2</sup>**

- 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**

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**14:15-18:30 Session 4: Vulnerability and Risk Assessment (Presenter: Sergio Zelaya; Chair: Daniel Tsegai)**

**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**)

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<sup>1</sup> The representatives of each country are expected to present in 5 slides (in 10 minutes max) the country's drought status, management procedures/responses and social, economic and environmental impacts

<sup>2</sup> Countries will share experience on specific topics and will try to answer: Which experiences do we have? Which success stories do we know? How could we help each other?

- Group C: What are the criteria you used for prioritizing vulnerability? (**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)

## DAY III: Thursday, August 7<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 (**Mohamed Bazza**)

Group C: Other sectors (**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**

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**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

**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**

**17:15 – 18:15 Session 6c: Presentation of working group results and discussion**  
(10 minutes per group and 30 minutes for discussion)

## **DAY IV: Friday, August 8<sup>th</sup>**

**09:00 – 12:00 Session 7: Wrap-up (Chair: Sergio Zelaya)**

**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
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- Synthesis and concluding remarks: (Organisers)

**12:00 – 13:00 Lunch**

**13:00 Departure to field visit**