



Convention on
Biological Diversity



Capacity Development to Support National Drought Management Policies

Workshop Agenda

Day 1: Monday, November 17th

09:00-11:00	Session 1: Opening <i>Moderator: Mohamed Bazza</i>
09:00-10:00	Session 1a: Opening Statements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opening statement (High-level government representative) (10 minutes) Welcoming statement (FAO regional representative for Near East & North Africa Region, on behalf of organizers) (10 minutes) Introduction into a Regional Initiative on Water Scarcity (Pasquale Steduto) (20 minutes) A roundtable introduction of participants and expectations (20 minutes)
10:00-10:30	Session 1b: Overview Overview of the UN-Water Initiative: Objectives and scope of the workshop (Daniel Tsegai)
10:30-11:00	Group Photograph/Coffee and tea break
11:00-17:15	Session 2: Setting the scene and country reports <i>Moderator: Robert Stefanski</i>
11:00-12:30	Session 2a: Keynote Presentation <i>Presenter: Donald Wilhite</i>
12:30-13:30	Lunch
13:30-14:15	Session 2b: Biodiversity and Drought <i>Presenter: David Coates</i>
14:15- 16:00	Session 2c: Country Reports Presentation of country reports on drought status/management strategies
16:00-16:30	Coffee and tea break
16:30-17:15	Session 2d: Country Reports (cont.)

Additional information: The representatives of each country are expected to present in 5 slides (10 minutes maximum) their countries' drought status, management procedures/responses and social, economic and environmental impacts



Day 2: Tuesday, November 18th

09:00- 13:15	Session 3: Drought Monitoring and Early Warning Systems <i>Presenter: Robert Stefanski; Moderator: Boubacar Cisse</i>
09:00-10:00	Session 3a: Thematic Presentation <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Group A: What are the current procedures/challenges on Early warning systems? (<i>Robert Stefanski</i>)• Group B: What are the meteorological and hydrological networks, data quality, sustainability needed? (<i>Donald Wilhite</i>)• Group C: What mechanisms are in place for communicating and liaising drought monitoring and early warning information between national institutions? (<i>Simone Schiele</i>)
11:45 – 12:15	<i>Coffee and tea break</i>
12:15 – 13:15	Session 3c: Presentations of working group results and discussion <i>(10 minutes per group and 30 minutes for discussion)</i>
13:15-14:15	<i>Lunch</i>
14:15-18:30	Session 4: Vulnerability and Risk Assessment <i>Presenter: Boubacar Cisse; Moderator: David Coates</i>
14:15-15:15	Session 4a: Thematic Presentation: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Group A: Who/What is most vulnerable to drought in your country (<i>Daniel Tsegai</i>)• Group B: Provide the causes/reasons of vulnerability to drought in your country (<i>Boubacar Cisse</i>)• Group C: What are the criteria you used for prioritizing vulnerability? (<i>Mohamed Bazza</i>)
17:00- 17:30	<i>Coffee and tea break</i>
17:30-18:30	Session 4c: Presentations of working group results and discussion <i>(10 minutes per group and 30 minutes for discussion)</i>



Day 3: Wednesday, November 19th

09:00- 13:15	Session 5: Drought preparedness, mitigation and response <i>Presenter: Mohamed Bazza; Moderator: Simone Schiele</i>
09:00-10:00	Session 5a: Thematic Presentation <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Drought preparedness• Drought mitigation measures• Integration of drought response and recovery in drought plan
10:00-11:45	Session 5b: Breakout groups <p>Using the result of the impact and vulnerability assessment (in Session 4), (i) Develop risk management measures, (ii). Include both medium- and long-term measures; (iii). Specify for each measure the responsible agency (-ies)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Group A: Water (Pasquale Steduto)• Group B: Agriculture (Mohamed Bazza)• Group C: Other sectors (David Coates)
11:45 – 12:15	<i>Coffee and tea break</i>
12:15 – 13:15	Session 5c: Presentations of working group results and discussion <i>(10 minutes per group and 30 minutes for discussion)</i>
13:15-14:15	<i>Lunch</i>
14:15-18:30	Session 6: Towards developing drought management policies: the 10-Step Process <i>Presenter: Daniel Tsegai; Moderator: Donald Wilhite</i>
14:15-15:00	Session 6a: Thematic presentation <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Process for preparing National Drought Policies• Institutional arrangements• Challenges and remedial actions• Successful case studies
15:00-16:45	Session 6b: Breakout groups <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Group A: What are the challenges for developing national drought policies? (<i>Donald Wilhite</i>)• Group B: What are the institutional arrangements necessary for developing national drought policies? (<i>Daniel Tsegai</i>)• Group C: What are the steps being undertaken for developing national drought policies (country specific discussion)? (<i>Simone Schiele</i>)
16:45- 17:15	<i>Coffee and tea break</i>
17:15-18:30	Session 6c: Presentations of working groups <i>(10 minutes per group and 30 minutes for discussion)</i>



Day 4: Thursday, November 20th

09:00- 13:15	Session 7: Wrap-up and Concluding Session <i>Moderator: Daniel Tsegai</i>
09:00-10:00	Workshop feedback from participants Participants (one presentation per country) present the take home message, action plans and specific foreseen implementation challenges (maximum three slides)
11:00-11:30	<i>Coffee and tea break</i>
11:30-12:30	Synthesis and concluding remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Closing statement by his/her Excellency (High-level government representative)• Awarding of certificates• Closing speech (organizers)• Q & A
12:30	<i>Lunch and farewell</i>