



Capacity Development to Support National Drought Management Policies

Regional Workshop for West and Central Africa

4-7 May 2015 | Accra, Ghana

Workshop Agenda

Day 1: Monday, May 4th

08:30-09:00 Registration

09:00-11:00 Session 1: Opening

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

- Opening Statement by Dr. Ahmad Yakubu Alhassan, Deputy Minister of Food and Agriculture, in charge of Crops (10 minutes)
- Welcoming statement by Mr. Bukar Tijani, Assistant Director-General/ Regional Representative for Africa (tbc) (10 minutes)
- Welcoming statement by David Coates (CBD) (10 minutes)
- A roundtable introduction of participants and their expectations (30 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

11:00-17:15 Session 2: Setting the scene and country reports

Moderator: *Boubacar Cisse*

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 Reports¹

- 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.)

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¹ 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



Day 2: Tuesday, May 5th

09:00- 13:15

Session 3: Drought Monitoring and Early Warning Systems

Presenter: *Robert Stefanski*; Moderator: *David Coates*

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 groups²

- 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: *Boubacar Cisse*; Moderator: *Donald Wilhite*

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 (*Boubacar Cisse*)
- 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? (*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)

² During the breakout group discussions, 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?



Day 3: Wednesday, May 6th

09:00 -13:15

Session 5: Drought preparedness, mitigation and response

Presenter: *Mohamed Bazza*; Moderator: *Daniel Tsegai*

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), 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: Presentation 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*; Moderator: *Robert Stefanski*

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? (*Boubacar Cisse*)
- 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: Presentations of working group results and discussion

(10 minutes per group and 30 minutes for discussion)



Day 4: Thursday, May 7th

09:00

Session 7: Wrap-up

Moderator: *David Coates*

09:00 – 10:30

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

10:30-11:00

Coffee and tea break

11:00-11:30

Handing over of Certificates to participants

11:30 – 12:00

Closing

Closing Statements by

- Representative of FAO Regional Office for Africa (Mr. Jean Boroto)
- Synthesis and concluding remarks (Organisers)

12:00 – 13:00 Lunch

Farewell