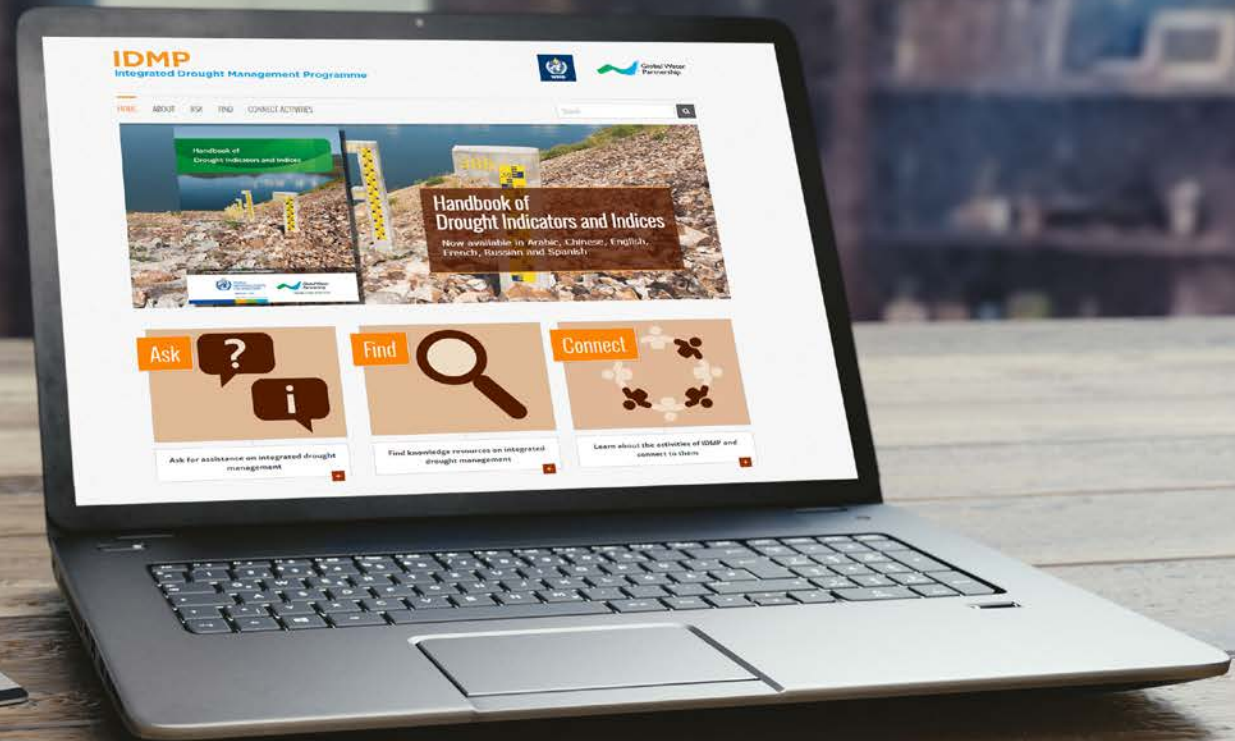


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IDMP partner organizations and IDMP cosponsors, WMO and GWP, will respond to the HelpDesk requests submitted [here](#).

- Australian Bureau of Meteorology (BOM)
- Drought Management Centre for Southeastern Europe (DMCSEE)
- International Center for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas (ICARDA)**

**ICARDA**  
International Center for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas

The International Center for Agricultural Research in the Dry Areas (ICARDA) is a research center whose mandate is to promote agricultural development in the world's dry areas, located predominantly in developing countries. The rise of droughts and desertification of agricultural land has intensified the work of ICARDA. ICARDA engages in the in-field delivery of its research outputs, specifically with helping to solve the obstacles faced by resource-poor farmers. The aims are to help alleviate the larger problems of food insecurity and poverty while promoting sustainable growth in agriculture. Some of the interventions on the field by ICARDA include helping with water harvesting, conservation agriculture, diversification of production systems, integrated crop/rangeland/livestock production systems, and the empowerment of rural women.

Promoting standard approaches to vulnerability and impact assessment	Implementing effective drought monitoring and early warning system	Enhancing preparedness and mitigation actions	Implementing emergency response and recovery measures	Understanding the cost of inaction and benefit of action
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promotes agricultural development in the world's dry areas</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conducts research</li> <li>In-field delivery of research outputs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develops technical, institutional and policy options for preparation and mitigation through effective technologies</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Helps with water harvesting, conservation agriculture, and diversification of production systems</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Directly helps resource poor farmers</li> <li>Goal is to alleviate food insecurity and poverty</li> </ul>

- IGAD Climate Prediction and Applications Center (ICPAC)
- Joint Research Centre (JRC)
- Mexican Institute of Water Technology (IMTA)
- United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)

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## Sample Questions



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### Who can benefit from the HelpDesk?

Advice is being offered primarily to government bodies responsible for drought management. Also civil society organizations, the private sector and academia can contact us for support in developing an all-of-society engagement to advance integrated drought management. Examples of questions the HelpDesk is receiving are provided below.

- Agrometeorologist at National Weather Service**  
**Scenario:** Individual is developing new drought products for weekly agrometeorological bulletin.  
**Question:** Which drought indices are best to determine the impacts of drought on crop yields?
- Chief of Staff at Ministry of Environment**  
**Scenario:** Recent droughts have had major impacts on the economy. The Prime Minister has requested country to develop a new policy.  
**Question:** How does a country start developing a national drought policy?
- Staff Member at National Hydrological Service**  
**Scenario:** Recent drought has reduced hydropower generation.  
**Question:** Which drought indices are best to determine the impacts of drought on river flows and reservoir levels?
- Meteorologist at National Weather Service**  
**Scenario:** Individual is developing a map of drought indices.  
**Question:** Can you send the computer source code or software to calculate the Standard Precipitation Index?

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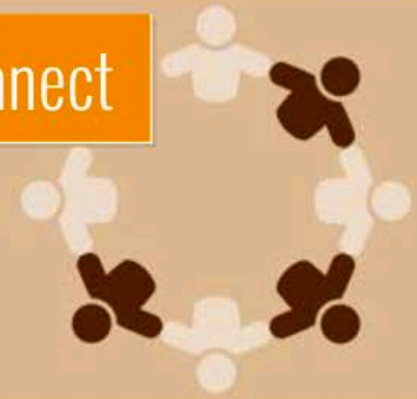
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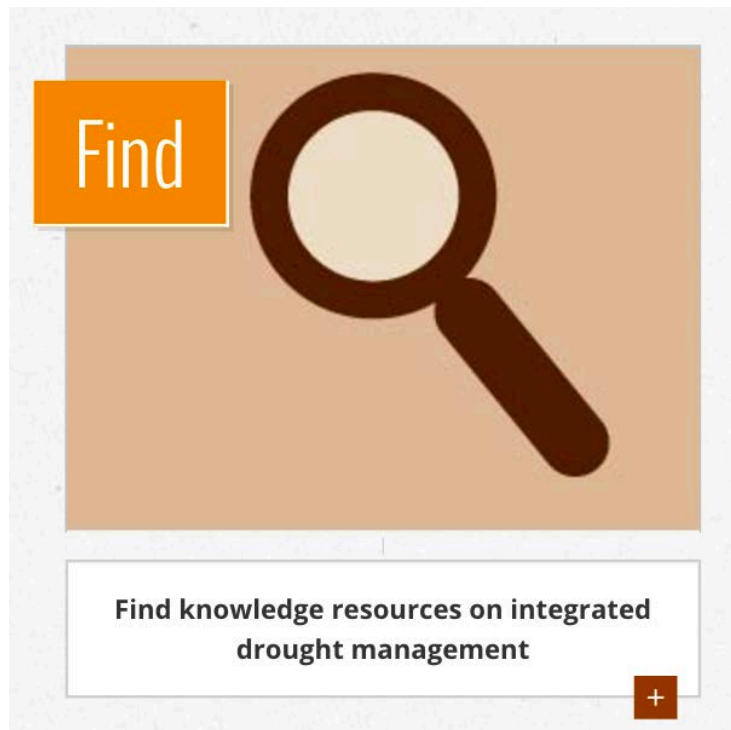


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Please click on the headings below to find IDMP guidelines, concepts, outcomes of expert meetings and the key documents of the High Level Meeting on National Drought Policy.

**Guidelines**

- Handbook of Drought Indicators and Indices. WMO/GWP Integrated Drought Management Programme (IDMP). 2016. WMO-No. 1173. WMO, Geneva, Switzerland and GWP, Stockholm, Sweden.  
[English, Arabic, Chinese, French, Russian and Spanish]
- National Drought Management Policy Guidelines – A Template for Action (Donald A. Wilhite). WMO/GWP Integrated Drought Management Programme (IDMP). 2014. Tools and Guidelines Series 1. WMO, Geneva, Switzerland and GWP, Stockholm, Sweden.  
[English, Arabic, Chinese, French, Russian and Spanish]
- Standardized Precipitation Index User Guide. World Meteorological Organization. 2012. M. Svoboda, M. Hayes and D. Wood. (WMO-No. 1090). Geneva, Switzerland.  
[English, Arabic, French, Russian, Spanish]

**Tools**

- Online Drought Indicators and Indices based from the IDMP Handbook on Drought Indicators and Indices.

**Concepts**

- Responding to Drought, GWP Briefing Note. [PDF Version Available]
- Drought monitoring and early warning: concepts, progress and future challenges. 2006.

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Organization	Year	Title and Description	Preview
WMO, GWP	2017	<b>Integrated Drought Management Programme (IDMP) Case Study: Benefits of action and costs of inaction in a water reservoir project for agricultural purposes in Azacualpa, Honduras</b>  This study analyses the cost of inaction and the benefits of action in Azacualpa, a small village in the outskirts of Tegucigalpa, the capital City of Honduras, where 27 reservoirs were built as a strategy to face drought, which had been affecting up to 70% of horticultural production; by an alliance involving financial, technical and organizational support from the public sector, the international cooperation and the community itself; to support Azacualpa's small scale horticultural producers.	
WMO, GWP	2017	<b>Programa de Gestión Integrada de Sequías (IDMP) - El costo de la inacción/beneficios de la acción en un proyecto de reservorios para fines agrícolas en Azacualpa, Honduras</b>  Este estudio analiza el costo de la inacción y los beneficios de la acción en Azacualpa, una pequeña aldea en las afueras de Tegucigalpa, la capital de Honduras, donde se construyeron 27 reservorios como estrategia para enfrentar la sequía que llegó a afectar hasta un 70 por ciento de la producción hortícola. Esto se hizo mediante una alianza, que incluyó apoyo financiero, técnico y organizativo de parte del sector público, de la cooperación internacional y de la misma comunidad, para apoyar a los productores hortícolas de pequeña escala en Azacualpa.	
FAO	2017	<b>Drought characteristics and management in Central Asia and Turkey</b>  This reports reviews drought issues in the region of Central Asia - in the countries of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan and Turkey - which is prone to drought with varying intensity and frequency. This situation is exacerbated in the region by political instability, conflicts and structural characteristics of the economy, with a high rural poor population depending on agriculture and livestock for income and employment generation and weak institutional and policy frameworks, contributing to higher vulnerability. The report constitutes a basis to rethink policies and reformulate preparedness and response plans that can strengthen resilience to droughts in Central Asia, taking into account the social, economic and environmental contexts specific to each country.	



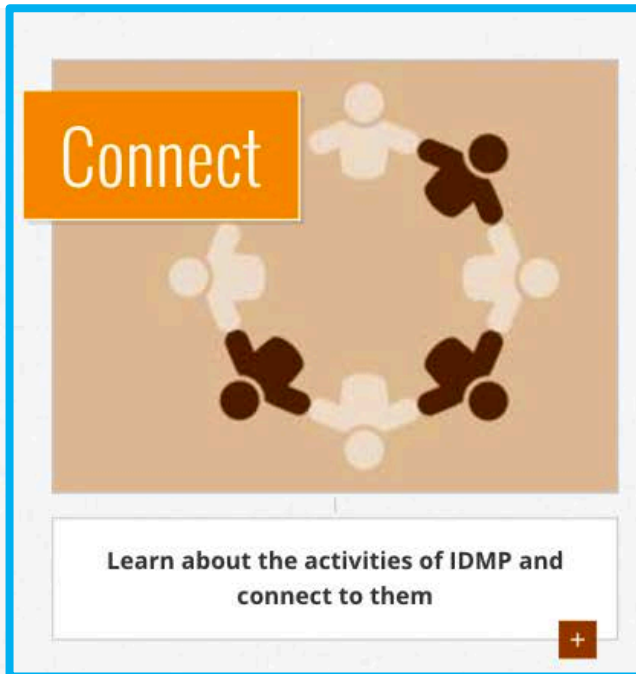
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- National activities:** There are a number of efforts at the national level supported by the IDMP. Click on the dots on the map to find out more.
- WMO and GWP:** The Integrated Drought Management Programme is a joint initiative of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) and the Global Water Partnership (GWP).

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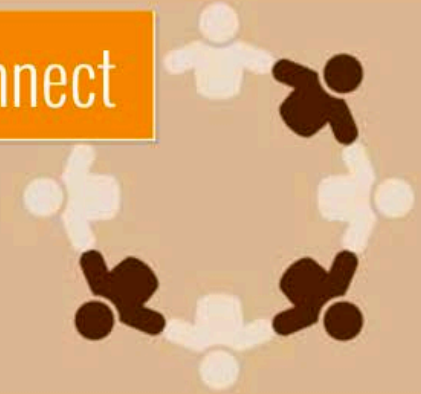
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