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Adaptation to Climate Change: Strengthening Capacities in Africa

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Strengthening adaptive capacity at local and national levels is key to successful adaptation planning and practice. Especially in Africa, adaptation to climate change is confronted with a number of challenges. There is an urgent need to increase knowledge and collaboration among researchers, practitioners and policy makers in order to identify and implement strategies to strengthen national and local capacities for action.

Against this background, the workshop explores the question of how to foster adaptive capacity in Africa in two areas:

- (1) The **first day** deals with research findings on adaptation to climate change in the fields of agriculture and water, which are of high relevance for development in Africa.
- (2) The **second day** focuses on institutional challenges in supporting research on adaptation and in this regard on questions about the structure and function of regional centres which are being proposed in negotiations of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

Main goals of the workshop:

- To discuss and review strategies for adaptation to climate change in the agriculture and water sectors and their role in increasing adaptive capacity
- To identify research needs and gaps in these areas and identify potential ways to address them
- To discuss institutional possibilities on how to support research on adaptation to climate change in Africa
- To develop recommendations on the possible role and function of regional centres, that are being proposed in the UNFCCC

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Adaptation to Climate Change in Africa in the Fields of Agriculture and Water

Main question:

What are research needs and gaps and what should be priorities for action?

Background:

The agriculture and water sectors are among the most vulnerable sectors to climate variability and change. Africa's agriculture is predominantly rain-fed and thus sensitive to changes in climate patterns. The Fourth Assessment report of the IPCC has emphasised that agricultural production in Africa will be "severely compromised" and that the population at risk from water stress will increase significantly. There is thus an urgent need to devise effective adaptation strategies and increase adaptive capacity. This session will review a number of adaptation strategies in the agriculture and water sectors. The aim is to discuss lessons learned, to identify research needs and gaps and to foster knowledge sharing among researchers, practitioners and policy makers in order to provide more targeted support for adaptation to climate change in Africa.

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| 9:00 | Registration | |
| 9:30 | Welcome and Introduction | Chair: Imme Scholz (DIE) Co-Chair: Richard Klein Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI) |
| | Presentation of the Project: Climate Change and Development | Imme Scholz |
| | What are information needs and expectations from researchers and practitioners with regard to adaptation to climate change? | Friedrich Hetzel, Division 212 German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) |
| 10:00 | Session 1 Data and information availability for experts and practitioners | |
| 10:00 | Climate models, projections and downscaling - Implications for adaptation in the agriculture and water sectors | Gilbert Ouma (IGAD) Inter-Governmental Authority on Development (IGAD) Climate Prediction and Applications Centre (ICPAC), Nairobi |
| 10:15 | Discussion | |

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| 10:35 | Coffee Break | |
| | Bringing climate information to farmers and decision makers: Experiences, current and future challenges in the context of climate change: | |
| 10:50 | Perspectives from data providers | Peter Bundi Kenya Meteorological Department (KMD) |
| 11:05 | Perspectives from participatory research with farmers | Moussa Sanon Institut de l'Environnement et Recherches Agricoles (INERA), Burkina Faso |
| 11:20 | Application of meteorological products for improving agricultural production – experiences in strengthening capacities of farmers in Mali | Birama Diarra Direction Nationale de la Météorologie du Mali, Division Recherche et Développement |
| 11:35 | Discussion | |
| 12:00 | Agricultural extension services in Africa and effective communication tools: success factors, pitfalls and research needs: | Maurice Opondo Department of Land Reclamation, Ministry of Water and Irrigation, Kenya |
| 12:15 | Discussion | |
| 12:35 | Lunch | |
| 13:35 | Session 2 Strengthening adaptive capacity in the agriculture and water sectors | |
| 13:35 | Climate change adaptation in Africa: Lessons learned in the agriculture and water resources sector | Rashid Hassan University of Pretoria |
| 13:50 | Climate change adaptation in African agriculture: Insights from local actor strategies and socio-ecological contexts | Chinwe Ifejika Speranza German Development Institute (DIE) |
| 14:05 | Discussion | |
| 14:25 | The role of micro-insurance in adaptation to climate change: potentials, key challenges and research needs | Dirk Reinhard Munich Re Foundation |
| 14:40 | Discussion | |
| 14:55 | Conceptualizing adaptive water management | Elke Herrfahrdt-Pähle German Development Institute (DIE) |
| 15:10 | Discussion | |

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| 15:20 | Water storage and rain water harvesting revisited: Past experiences and potential as an adaptation practice in the Arid and Semi-arid Lands of Africa | Pay Drechsel International Water Management Institute (IWMI), Ghana |
| 15:35 | Discussion | |
| 15:45 | Coffee Break | |
| 16:00 | Organic agriculture as mitigation and adaptation strategy in African agriculture | Susanne Neubert German Development Institute (DIE) |
| 16:15 | Discussion | |
| 16:25 | Session 3 Challenges in strengthening institutional aspects of adaptive capacity | |
| 16:25 | Climate change governance in Africa: What are the specific challenges? | Chukwumerije Okereke University of Oxford |
| 16:40 | NEPAD's visions of how to strengthen institutional aspects of adaptive capacity within the NEPAD process | Estherine Fotabong NEPAD |
| 16:55 | Discussion | |
| 17:15 | Synthesis and outlook | |
| | Visit to Christmas Market in Bonn | |
| 20:00 | Dinner | |

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Capacity Building for Research on Adaptation to Climate Change in Africa

Main question:

How to support research on adaptation to climate change in Africa? Are regional centres a way forward?

Background:

Research on adaptation is an important entry point for strengthening adaptive capacity and for identifying adaptation options. So far, it has received limited attention in the political debate. Especially in African countries, there is an urgent need to strengthen research capacities. In the scientific fora, for example the IPCC process, to which global climate change policy refers, African scientists are still under-represented..

The UN Framework Convention on Climate Change facilitates support for research on adaptation through Article 6 and the Nairobi Work Programme which runs until 2010. The question of how to continue and strengthen support on adaptation in general and adaptive capacity in particular beyond the current adaptation framework is still an open question in negotiations. One suggestion is to support regional centres and networks. Ideas, on how such regional centres or networks should be made operational are beginning to emerge.

In a first step, this session will therefore look at current initiatives, instruments and programmes that are supporting capacity building for African researchers within the realm of adaptation to climate change. It will discuss related drawbacks and opportunities as well as gaps and needs. In a second step, participants are invited to give recommendations on how to improve support for research on adaptation to climate change in Africa and on the possible role and function of regional centres within the UNFCCC.

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| 9:00 | Welcome and Introduction | Chair: Dr. Richard Klein Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI) Co-Chair: Britta Horstmann (DIE) |
| | Framing the issue - why support African research on adaptation to climate change? | Britta Horstmann (DIE) |
| 9:15 | Supporting research on adaptation to climate change through the UNFCCC | Festus Luboyera United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change Secretariat (UNFCCC) |
| 9:40 | Session 1 Supporting capacity building for African researchers - success, challenges and needs | |
| | Building research capacity through a framework of regional centres, research nodes, science committees and secretariats | Pius Z. Yanda Global Change SysTem for Analysis Research and Training (START) |
| | Africa Adapt – a knowledge sharing network on climate change adaptation in Africa | Tom Mitchell Institute of Development Studies (IDS) |
| | Virtual Centres and capacity building for meeting research needs on adaptation to climate change | Ian Curtis Department for International Development (DFID) |
| | Writeshops to support publishing in peer-reviewed journals | Richard Klein Stockholm Environment Institute (SEI) |

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| 10:45 | Coffee Break | |
| | Networking in partnership for research on climate change | Urs Wiesmann National Centre of Competence in Research North-South (NCCR) |
| | Climate change adaptation in Africa: UNEPs role and engagement | Musonda Mumba United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) |
| | GCOS Capacity Building in Africa for Data Observation and Management | William Westermeyer Global Climate Observing System (GCOS) |
| | Building on existing research structures for research on adaptation to climate change in Africa | Peter Dogsé (UNESCO) |
| 11:45 | Session 2 Regional centres in the UNFCCC: supporting research for adaptation needs | |
| | Regional centres in the UNFCCC - pros, cons and open questions | Martin Cassel-Gintz German Federal Environment Agency (UBA) |
| | Breakout groups | Questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What kind of support for research on adaptation to climate change is needed? ○ What is the best way to support African research on adaptation? ○ Apart from presentations in session 1, what activities are already ongoing? ○ What are possible starting points in terms of institutions and instruments? ○ How should regional centres within the UNFCCC be conceptualized? |
| 13:00 | Lunch | |
| 14:00 | Breakout groups (continued) | |
| 14:45 | Feedback from break-out groups: Recommendations, ideas and starting points to support research on adaptation to climate change in Africa | |
| 15:30 | Closing Remarks | |
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