
Concept Note
Organization of 2023 Clim-Health Africa meeting
(26-28 July 2023, Libreville, GABON)

1. Title

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2. Organizers

WHO AFRO, WHO HQ, WMO, UNEP

3. Background and rationale

Clim-Health Africa, established in 2013, is a multi-stakeholder initiative bringing together African technical institutions and international partners to guide and strengthen the public health resilience of African countries and communities. It intends to serve as a virtual hub, where expertise is shared in order to develop the capacity of African health and climate communities, institutions, practitioners and partners to understand and integrate climate change challenges into policy, socio-economics, planning and programming.

Clim-HEALTH Africa specific objectives are:

1. Encourage collective and inter-sectoral action on climate change and health (CCH) within national governments and supporting institutions
2. Contribute to increasing resources (human, financial, technical) available for CCH in Africa;
3. Intensify communication and advocacy efforts on CCH in Africa

In 2017, a roundtable of Clim-Health Africa consortium discussed key emerging issues, including (1) the emphasis on early warning systems (EWSs) than other uses of climate information such as real-time climate monitoring, (2) the need to engage climate change and health work in Disaster Risk Management Coordination mechanism and (3) the need of more capacity building to allow climate service development and uptake in a comprehensive, multipronged, and strategic approach.

Since 2019, ongoing cholera outbreaks in Africa, particularly in East and Southern Africa, following cyclones and tropical storms in the region reinforce the need to integrate the climate dimension into epidemic and disaster risk management. To date, out of almost 2.000 public health events recorded in the African region between 2001 and 2021, 56% were climate related. The region is witnessing an increase in climate-linked emergencies, with 25% more climate-related events recorded between 2011 and 2021 compared with the previous decade.

Six years after Clim-Health Africa roundtable of 2017, the present meeting will provide an opportunity to review operational research and weather forecasting programs implemented so far for early warning of climate-related disasters, food insecurity and epidemic prevention in Africa. It will also address the challenges faced by professionals in the field of health emergency in terms of emergencies' prevention using weather information and will outline avenues of collaboration between Clim-Health Africa consortium and the emergency actors in Africa.

Finally, the meeting will discuss the capacity building needs for the multisectoral work necessary to properly take into account the climate dimension in the resilience of health

systems as stated by the COP26 health initiative to which 24 African countries have already subscribed out of 65 worldwide.

This workshop is funded by the Wellcome Trust as part of the project entitled “Building the Climate Change and Health Field: Placing Health at the Centre of the Global Climate Negotiations”.

4. Objectives of the meeting:

The main objective of the 2023 Clim-Health Africa meeting is to build on 2017’s roundtable recommendations and the work done by the consortium partners and emergency prevention and management actors in Africa to plan way forward to more collaborative work in the region to tackle climate related emergencies, food security and nutrition issues.

The meeting will allow partners to discuss emerging issues and how to make climate services and the Clim- Health Africa Network more responsive to both emerging policy agendas and user needs in Africa.

The specific objectives are :

1. Discuss Clim-Health members’ initiatives in Afro region from the decade 2015-2025 related to climate information and services for health action, climate and health security and emergency preparedness and, climate and health capacity building for better resilience of the health sector, including food security and nutrition;
2. Plan Clim-Health Africa community and emergency partners integrated work agenda for the 5 coming years, including the raising of the health voice in the negotiations on climate at UNFCCC-led COPs;
3. Plan a fund-raising strategy to implement the 5 years agenda in a way that contributes to relevant priorities and initiatives and commitments at regional and country level (e.g. climate resilient health systems).

5. Expected outcomes:

- Scope of work for Clim-Health Africa and partners on policy and operational research priorities, including emergency preparedness and response for the period 2023-2028
- Work collaboration and short-term agenda initiated between Clim-Health Africa consortium and other partners toward CoP28 in Abu-Dhabi
- Draft concepts note for fund raising to support the five years scope of work
- Strengthened linkages and synergies between members, policy makers, donors and other stakeholders of the Clim-Health Africa network

6. WHO Core Functions and Transformation focus areas

WHO Core function: Provide strategic support to national partners; Strengthen linkages and stakeholder engagement on climate change and health

7. Method of work

The meeting will be made of plenary and parallel group work presentations and discussions

8. Dates and place

The meeting will be conducted in Libreville, Gabon and will last for two and half (2.5) days from **26-28 July 2023**

9. Participants

More than 70 physical participants (Experts and consultants, resources persons from international and national environment, weather and health institutions, some WCOs CHE focal persons) are expected to attend the meeting. The list of potential attendees is below.

10. Administrative arrangements and Languages

The languages of the meeting will be French and English with simultaneous interpretation service. Administrative support for the organization of the event will be provided by WHO AFRO, WCO Gabon and WCOs of participants living countries.

11. Tentative Agenda

The tentative agenda is as follow Time	Topic	Presenter/s	Moderation
Day 1			
8:00-9:00	Registration		
Session 0: Opening session			
9:00-9:30	Welcome remarks	WR Gabon AFRO/UHP Director WMO UNEP HQ/ECH Director	TBC
9:30-10:00	Clim-Health Africa presentation (Presentation + Q&A)	AFRO CHE	
10:00-10:30	Meeting agenda + Participants presentation	All	
10:30-11:00	Group photo and Coffee Break		
Session 1 (plenary)			
11:00-13:00	Ongoing Work on Climate information and services for health action including food security and nutrition	WHO, ACMAD, IGAD	WMO
13:00-14:00	Lunch		
14:00-16:00	Session 2 (parallel groups):		

	Climate services for health action including food security and nutrition	Nigeria Met Cote d'Ivoire Met	ACMA D
16:00-16:30	Coffee break		
	Session 3 (plenary)		
16.30-17.30	Climate information and services for health: Global operational challenges and gaps	All	IGAD
Day 2			
8:00-08:30	Recall day 1		
	Session 4: (plenary)		
08:30-10:30	Health emergencies' management and response in Africa and need for weather/climate services	AFRO/Emergency CDC Africa	WHO/H Q
10:30-11:00	Coffee Break		
	Session 5 (Plenary & Parallel groups)		
11:00-13:00	Multisectoral work for Health emergency preparedness and management in Africa: How to deepen Climate services and Emergency sectors collaboration	All	TBC
13:00-14:00	Lunch		
	Session 6 (plenary):		
14:00-16:00	Multisectoral work for Health emergency preparedness and management in Africa: How to deepen Climate services and Emergency sectors collaboration	All	WR Gabon
16:00-16:30	Coffee break		
	Session 7 (plenary)		
16.30-17.30	Sustainable and integrated capacity building in Africa for future generations	SEED (USA)	Amref Africa
Day 3			
8:00-08:30	Recall day 2		
	Session 8: (plenary)		
08:30-10:30	Toward a 5 years scope of work of Clim-Health Africa for Climate services and health emergencies' sectors	All	Wellco me Trust
10:30-11:00	Coffee Break		
	Session 9 (parallel groups & Plenary)		
11:00-12:00	Towards COP28: scope of work	All	FCDO
12:00-12:30	Closing ceremony		

		WMO UNEP AFRO/UHP Director WR Gabon	TBC
12:30	Lunch		

12. List of participants

	PARTNERS (alphabetical order)	Nber participants
1	African Centre of Meteorological Applications for Development (ACMAD)	1
2	African Development Bank (AfDB), Energy, Environment and Climate Change Department (ONEC)	1
3	African Medical and Research Foundation (AMREF) Africa	1
4	African Union, Health and Humanitarian Affairs Directorate	1
5	African Union, Sustainable Environment and Blue Economy (SEBE) Directorate	1
6	Agah Kan Development Network	1
7	Biotechnology Centre, University of Yaoundé I, Cameroon	1
8	Center for Disease Control (CCH and Emergency), Disease controle and prevention directorate	1
9	Center for Disease Control (CCH and Emergency), Health emergency directorate	1
10	Centre de Recherche de Santé de Nouna	1
11	CHANCE Network	2
12	Climate Program Office, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA-CPO)	1
13	Cote d'Ivoire Meteorological service	1
14	Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH	2
15	Ethiopia Met service	1
16	Ethiopia Public Health Institute	1
17	Ethiopia WCO focal person	1
18	Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO)	2
19	Global Fund	1
20	Green Climate Fund office for Africa (GCF)	1
21	Health and Climate Foundation (HCF)	1
22	Health Canada	1
23	IGAD Climate Prediction and Applications Centre (ICPAC)	1
24	International Development Research Centre (IDRC)	2
25	International Network for the Demographic Evaluation of Populations and Their Health (INDEPTH)	1
26	International Relief and Development (IRD)	1
27	International Research Institute for Climate and Society (IRI), University of Columbia	1
28	Kenya Medical Research Institute (KEMRI), Kenya	1
29	Kenya Meteorological Service	1

30	LUSHOMO	1
31	Malaria Research and Training Centre (MRTC), University of Bamako, Mali	1
32	Malawi Met Service	1
33	Malawi WCO focal person	1
34	Ministry of Health Cote d'Ivoire	1
35	Ministry of Health Focal person Gabon	1
36	Ministry of Health Focal person Malawi	1
37	Ministry of health Focal person Mozambique	1
38	Mozambique Met services	1
39	Mozambique WCO focal person	1
40	National Institute for Medical Research (NIMR), Tanzania	1
41	Nigeria Met Service	1
42	Noguchi Memorial Institute for Medical Research (NMIMR), Ghana	1
43	Quebec Institute of Public Health (INSPQ)	1
44	Science for Africa Foundation	1
45	South African Medical Research Council (SAMRC), South Africa	1
46	UNDP Regional office for Africa	1
47	Unitaid	1
48	United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) Regional office for Africa	1
49	United States Agency for International Development (USAID), Africa Bureau	2
50	University of Washington, CHANGE	1
51	WASCAL Headquarter in Ghana	1
52	Wellcome Trust	2
53	WHO AFRO EPR	2
54	WHO AFRO MCAT	1
55	WHO AFRO UHP	7
56	WHO Gabon (WR, Focal person CHE, MCAT representative, admins)	10
57	WHO HQ	3
58	WHO/TDR	2
59	WHO-WMO Joint Office for Climate and Health	2
60	WMO Partners	4
61	World Bank_ATACH	1
	TOTAL	90

13. Clim-Health Africa partners

