

POLICY DIALOGUE DAY

CONCEPT NOTE

THEME: “The climate of Africa in 2021: Trends, impacts and Early Warning system for building resilience in Africa”

TENTATIVE DATE: October 31, 2022

TENTATIVE VENUE: HOTEL RADISSON IN NIAMEY -NIGER

ORGANIZERS: ACMAD/CIMA/UNDRR

1. It is well recognized that Multi Hazards Early Warning and Early Action Systems are essential for people to prepare and act early in case of disasters. Governments and partners have demonstrated evidence that Early warning systems well implemented support substantial reduction in disaster losses.
2. The Programme of Action for implementation of the Sendai Framework for DRR in Africa, the revised African strategy on meteorology target by 2030 to develop and modernize early warning systems generating information accessible and available on hazards, impacts, disaster risk assessments, preparation, emergency, response measures and action plans.
3. The African Centre of Meteorological Applications for Development (ACMAD), the African Union Commission, the World Meteorological Organization, the UNDRR, the International Centre for Environmental Monitoring (CIMA-Italy) and other partners are strengthening capacity in Africa to deliver climate change and multi-hazards Early warning information for climate change adaptation and Disaster Risk Reduction.
4. Some African countries have started work to establish standard monitoring and warning systems. Integration from local, national, regional and continental levels and operational linkages with preparation, emergency response and action planners, sustainable financing mechanisms ensures that the right decision makers and emergency or humanitarian actors are reached at the right time.
5. A continental Multi hazard advisory Centre is established at ACMAD to support the situation room based at AUC in Addis Ababa with regular continental hazards and disaster situation reports, continental climate trends and impacts as well as impact-based advisories and watches. The situation room uses situation reports, advisories, outlooks and watches for communication and discussions towards planning and update of emergency preparation and response measures and actions.
6. The launch of the continental multi hazards advisory Centre is a component of the modernization of Early warning systems in Africa. Climate trends and impacts, multi hazards outlooks, advisories and watches will be presented as principal services of the Centre. The Centre will support National Meteorological Services and other national stakeholders during hazard seasons to deliver warnings and support well informed preparation and response actions.
7. The objective of the inauguration ceremony is to share information on climate hazards, trends and impacts for 2021 and officially launch the Continental Multi Hazard Advisory Centre as a component of the AU Multi Hazards Early Warning System. It is also an opportunity to increase visibility and strengthen communication on the climate change and disaster risk reduction activities at ACMAD supporting implementation of WMO global programmes in Africa.

PARTICIPATION

The main participants are Representatives of the following institutions:

- Ministry of transport/Direction de la Meteorology Nationale (DMN) of Niger;
- Ministry of Foreign affairs and cooperation of Niger
- Ministry of humanitarian action of the Republic of Niger;
- Conseil National pour l'Environnement et le Developpement Durable (CNEDD) ;
- Directorate General of Civil Protection in Niger;
- The African Union Commission (DREA at the headquarters and Representation in Niger);
- The UN Office for DRR Africa office;
- UNOCHA
- FAO
- EU delegation in Niger
- USAID Bureau in Niger
- Italian and other Embassies of ACMAD member states and partner countries in Niger;
- African School of Meteorology and Civil Aviation (EAMAC);
- ACMAD Centre;
- the International Centre for Environmental Monitoring (CIMA-Italy)
- UNECA Sub regional Office for Africa.
- United Nations Development Programme in Niger.
- African Development Bank Office in Niger.
- World Bank Representation in Niger;
- AGRHYMET Regional Centre;
- Niger Basin Authority;
- ASECNA Representation in Niger.

Representatives of civil society and non-governmental organizations, the national and international media (press, television, radio ...) will also be welcome.

ACTIVITIES AND EXPECTED RESULTS

After welcome message by ACMAD, remarks by the African Union Commission, UNDRR, CIMA, the Representative of Italian embassy in Niger and the opening speech of the representative of Niger Government, an introductory presentation on the climate trends and impacts for 2021 and the Continental Multi Hazards advisory Centre will be made. Keynote addresses will follow on policies-strategies – programmes of invited institutions on climate change adaptation and mitigation as well as disaster risk reduction for resilient and sustainable development. A question-and-answer session will help to identify key points to inform future policy discussions and strategic directions for implementation of international agreements on climate, sustainable development and disaster risk reduction in Africa. A special emphasis will be put on the implementation of the Sendai Framework programme of Action under the agenda 2063. Before the closing session, a summary of the achievements will be presented. The network between DRR policy makers and weather /climate services providers will be strengthened.

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| 08:30-09:00 | Registration of participants |
| 09 :00-10:00 | Session 1 : Welcome Remarks and opening Speech <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Moderator's introduction</i> - <i>Welcome remarks by ACMAD Board Chairperson</i> - <i>Remarks by AUC (Department of ARDWE)</i> - <i>Remarks by H.E. Head of EU Delegation to Niger</i> - <i>Remarks by Representative of UNDRR</i> - <i>Remarks of CIMA Foundation</i> - <i>Speech of H.E. – Representative of the Italian Embassy in Niger</i> - <i>Opening Speech by the representative of Niger Government</i> |
| 09 :30 :10 :30 | Session 2 : State of Climate of Africa in 2021 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Presentation on climate trends, impacts and the role of the Continental Multihazards Advisory Centre (ACMAD)</i> - <i>Discussions</i> |
| 10 :45-11 :30 | Session 3: Visit of the Centre and Interactions with participants Visit of the Centre, Exchanges and comments will be made with participants on statements and remarks presented |
| 11 :30 | End of Visit |
| 19H30-21H00 | Session 4: Dialogue dinner This session will be an opportunity to further exchange on AMHEWAS with speakers, invited DRR actors and representatives of major development stakeholders. |