



**Satellite and Weather Information for Disaster
Resilience in Africa**

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POLICY DIALOGUE DAY

CONCEPT NOTE

THEME: “ Disaster Resilience for adaptation to Climate Change in Africa”

DATE: Monday JANUAR 28, 2019

TENTATIVE VENUE: SOLUXE HOTEL IN NIAMEY -NIGER

ORGANIZER: ACMAD

BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVE

Disaster Risk Reduction is among the five priority areas for the implementation of the Global Framework for Climate Services for adaptation to climate change. Floods, droughts and storms are recognized in the integrated African strategy on meteorology as hazards causing significant disasters. Recent droughts (2015/16 over Southern Africa and 2016 in the Greater Horn of Africa) are evidences indicating the high vulnerability of Africa to extreme events with impacts across sectors of the economy and society.

The African, Caribbean and Pacific-European Union Programme (ACP-EU) on Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) seeks to strengthen the resilience of the sub-Saharan African regions, countries and communities to the impacts of natural disasters. The Programme's purpose is to provide the basis to **accelerate the implementation of the Sendai Framework for DRR** through the African DRR strategy.

Result area 3 of this programme focuses on strengthening capacities of national and Regional Climate Centers (RCCs) to meet the needs of DRR agencies and socio economic sectors for weather and climate services and early warnings. The Satellite and Weather Information Disaster Resilience in Africa (SAWIDRA) project is under implementation through the African Development Bank's ClimDev Special Fund to contribute to this result area.

The African Centre of Meteorological Applications for Development (ACMAD) and its partners implement the SAWIDRA project... This project aims among others to strengthen the Europe-Africa cooperation on policies, strategies and programmes to combat climate change and ensure climate resilient development.

The main objective of this event is to contribute to raising awareness of African policy and decision makers to support implementation of the Paris agreement , Sendai Framework for DRR and Sustainable Development Goals in Africa. It will also be an opportunity to discuss planning and budgeting of Meteorological services to support in resilient development in Africa.

PARTICIPATION

The main participants are Representatives of the following institutions:

- Ministry in charge of planning and budgeting of the Republic of Niger;
- Ministry of foreign affairs and Africa's integration of the Republic of Niger
- CNEDD Office of the Prime Minister
- Delegation of the European Union at the African Union;
- Delegation of the European Union in Niger;
- African Union Commission;
- Embassies of ACMAD member states and partner countries in Niger;
- African School of Meteorology and Civil Aviation (EAMAC);
- ACMAD Centre;
- UNECA;
- United Nations Development Programme in Niger;
- African Development Bank;
- World Bank Representation in Niger;
- AGRHYMET Regional Centre;

- Niger Basin Authority;
 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 remarks by ACMAD, the African Union Commission, the African development Bank, the UNECA, the European Union and the Meteorological Services of Niger, an introductory presentation on the state of Africa’s climate for 2018 including major extreme events and SAWIDRA services will be made. Keynote addresses will follow on programmes of invited institutions on investments for resilient development and meteorological services. A question and answer session will help to identify key points to inform future policy discussions and investments for implementation of international agreements on climate, sustainable development and disaster risk reduction in Africa. Before the closing session, a summary of the achievements of the day will be presented. A network between policy makers and experts on climate services strengthened or established, lessons learnt during the implementation of existing resilient development programmes will be shared.

PROGRAMME

Monday February 28, 2019	
08:30-09:20	<i>Registration of participants</i>
09 :20-09:40	<i>Welcome Remarks and opening Speech</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Director General of ACMAD</i> - <i>H.E. Head of EU Delegation to Niger</i> - <i>AfDB country Director</i> - <i>UNECA West Africa Office</i> - <i>AUC Representative in Niger</i> - <i>Director of the meteorological Services of Niger</i>
09 :40- 11:40	<p><u>Session 1: State of Africa's Climate Report for 2018</u></p> <p>An introductory presentation by ACMAD will review the state of Africa’s climate in 2018 highlighting major extremes weather and climate events recorded and relevant ACMAD's services some of which are developed through the SAWIDRA project.</p> <p><u>Session 2: Panel discussions on investments to strengthen warning services in Meteorological</u></p>

	<p><i>institutions for disaster resilience in Africa: current status and perspectives</i></p> <p>After session 1 which raises awareness on extremes in 2018 and impacts across Africa, session 2 will be an opportunity to <i>share lesson learnt by development cooperation organizations and countries on investments in warnings and disaster resilience</i> in Africa and discuss <i>optimal ways to better channel funding for significant reduction in losses and damages</i> linked to disasters in Africa. The panel members will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EU Delegation to Niger - UNECA west Africa Office ; -UNDP - AUC representative; - World Bank representative - Ministry in charge of finance -Ministry of finance -ACMAD
11 :15-11 :30	Break
11 :30-12 :15	<p><u>Session 3: Interactions with participants</u></p> <p>Exchanges and comments will be made with participants on policies, strategies and programmes presented by panelists.</p>
12 :15-12 :45	<p><u>Session 4 : Summary and perspectives</u></p> <p>Ccontributions from the panelists, exchanges with the audience, key points of the policy dialogue on experiences and lessons learnt will be summarized and presented.</p>
12 :45	<u>Lunch</u>
19H30-21H00	<p><u>Session 5: Dialogue dinner meeting</u></p> <p>This session will be an opportunity to further network with partners for building resilience to disaster supporting reduction in losses and damages to African economy.</p>