

**4th CAPACITY BUILDING WORKSHOP ON WATER SECURITY AND CLIMATE
RESILIENCE FOR PLANNERS AND DECISION MAKERS IN CAMEROON**



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The 4th capacity building workshop on “water security and climate resilience for planners and decision makers” organized by GWP Cameroon within the context of the implementation of WACDEP was held in Bamenda, North West Region from the 21st to 23rd January 2015.

The workshop focused on the lessons learnt, monitoring and evaluation of individual projects addressing water security and climate resilience as well as strengthening the capacities of national planners and decision makers on the impacts of climate change on agricultural production.

The workshop was chaired by the WACDEP Cameroon Program Manager, Mr Felix KALLA MPAKO, on the behalf of the GWP Cameroon president. Other participants at this workshop, in addition to the national training coordination team led by Mr. David MASANGA, were eleven of the thirteen expected planners and decision makers.

It included a one day field visit to the rice production and processing institution, the Upper Noun Valley Development Authority (UNVDA), with the aim of improving participants understanding of the impacts of climate change and water resources management on agricultural productivity. Specifically, participants were interested in understanding the economics (costs) of investments in water and climate resilient infrastructure, goods and services.

The first day reviewed the lessons learnt from the previous workshops, while day 2 was dedicated to the field visit during which the management team of UNVDA called on participants to be ambassadors of their institution. On the final day participants worked on their individual projects and discussed monitoring and evaluation of projects. During this day six groups were put in place with each assigned a specific project to be developed based on the NEPAD project development guidelines. The reports of the working groups were presented and discussed in plenary.

The workshop was officially closed by the WACDEP Program Manager, Mr Félix KALLA MPAKO who thanked the participants and expressed the wish to receive final projects within the NEPAD format before the 5th and final workshop in Yaoundé. He cautioned that having come to the end of the training doesn't mean the end of collaboration. He said GWP-Cameroon's doors will remain open for future relations, and wished the participants a safe return to their various destinations.