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Regional Training Workshops on Economics of Adaptation, Water Security and Climate Resilience, Early Warning System and National Adaptation Plans Global Support Programme Training Workshops for LDCs in Africa

Under the implementation of WACDEP Capacity Development Programme on the Economics of Climate Change Adaptation, Water Security and Climate Resilient Development in Africa of the African Union (AU) and the African Ministers Council on Water (AMCOW), the Global Water Partnership (GWP) in collaboration with UNDP-GEF, CDKN and CapNet will hold in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia:

- The first of a series of four Regional Training Workshops on the Applications of Economic Valuation Methods for Assessing the Costs & Benefits of Climate Change Adaptation from April 14th – 18th, 2014;
- The National Adaptation Plan (NAP)-Global Support Programme (GSP) Africa Regional Training Workshop for Anglophone countries from April 14th -17th and for francophone countries from 21st – 24th April 2014, and;
- The Workshop for a Multi-country Support Programme to Strengthen Climate Information Systems in Africa from April 13th -14th, 2014.

The Capacity Development Programme on the Economics of Climate Change Adaptation, Water Security and Climate Resilient Development in Africa is a cooperative effort between UNDP-GEF, GWP, CDKN, UNDP-CAPNET, UNEP and Center for Environmental Economics & Policy in Africa (CEEPA). The initiative supports the implementation of climate change commitments in the 2008 African Union Heads of State Sharm el Sheikh Declaration on water and sanitation and supports implementation of the Water, Climate and Development Programme (WACDEP) implemented by African Ministers Council on Water (AMCOW) and GWP.

The Capacity development Programme, aiming at to enhance local technical, analytical and institutional capacity for climate resilient development, is a key pillar of the WACDEP and UNDP GEF's assistance to countries on accessing climate finance and advancing their respective NAP process. Investment planning for climate resilience needs to be informed by sound economic analysis of adaptation in order that trade-offs are recognized and optimal decisions are made in the face of the inevitability of a multiplicity of needs and scarcity of resources with which to meet all needs.

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The Capacity development Programme is also part of the response by UNDP, and UNEP and other international organizations to a call for assistance by LDCs to help advance their NAP process as per Durban and Poland COP Decisions in 2012 and 2013, respectively. The effort is in line with helping countries advance their national adaptation plans (NAPs).

At the national level the AMCOW GWP/UNDP-GEF joint Capacity Development Programme will be rolled out in 25 pilot countries through a series of 5 National Workshops starting from January 2014 – June 2015. The National Workshops are linked to these Regional Training Workshops and for the WACDEP pilot countries a number of economists have been identified to provide this linkage.

These Regional Training Workshops follow the Training of Trainers held in November 2013 which helped:

- To create a common understanding of the Capacity Development initiative;
- To review capacity development materials developed to support workshops at country level starting in January 2014;
- To provide participants with an insight into the economics of adaptation.

The first Regional Training Workshops on the Applications of Economic Valuation Methods for Assessing the Costs & Benefits of Climate Change Adaptation

The overall aim of the Regional Training Workshops on the Applications of Economic Valuation Methods for Assessing the Costs & Benefits of Climate Change Adaptation is to train participants on how to apply analytical economic techniques to carry out economic assessments at the sector level and to appraise adaptation options.

The 1st Regional Training Workshop follows the Training of Trainers held in November 2013 which provided participants with an insight into the economics of adaptation. It will focus on different methods of economic valuation and identifying data requirements for assessing the economic costs and benefits of adaptation. After the first workshop it is anticipated that the participants will collect data through surveys at country level to be fed into the future workshops.

At the 2nd Regional Training Workshop, participants will be trained on how to apply analytical microeconomic techniques to assess the costs and benefits of adaptation.

The 3rd and 4th Regional Training Workshops will be held next year and will move into the data analysis for different sectors and projects looking into country-specific development plans, and within the context of ongoing and new initiatives. The results of this analysis will be further presented to policy makers.

The NAP-GSP Africa Regional Training Workshops

The **NAP-GSP Africa Regional Training Workshop** is a part of a series of activities aimed at supporting Least Developed Countries (LDCs) to address the adverse impacts of climate change through medium and longer-term National Adaptation Plan (NAP) processes. By facilitating a regional exchange and providing technical support in the form of existing guidance and tools, this regional workshop aims to support policy makers and technical officials from the following LDCs from Africa – Angola, Eritrea, Ethiopia, the Gambia, Lesotho, Liberia, Malawi, Mozambique, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda and Zambia.

The participants at this workshop are officials from Ministries of Finance, Planning and Environment. The Learning Objectives are to:

- Enhance understanding of the NAP process according to the UNFCCC/LEG technical guidelines for the NAP process;
- Clarify the potential entry points for the NAP process in countries taking into account political economy;
- Identify specific technical, institutional and financial needs to support the integration of medium- and long-term climate adaptation needs into existing national and sub-national planning and budgeting processes;
- Learn from what other countries have done and/or are in the process of doing to advance their country specific NAP process through an exchange of lessons learnt and experiences;
- Increase awareness of existing guidance and tools and methods that can help LDCs develop national a framework and strategy to advance their respective NAPs process; and,
- Exchange information on the mechanisms and options for adaptation financing (including external and internal sources) the institutionalization of a NAP process in the context of ongoing planning and budgeting.

The Workshop for a Multi-country Support Programme to Strengthen Climate Information Systems in Africa

The objective of the **Workshop for a Multi-country Support Programme to Strengthen Climate Information Systems in Africa** is to introduce the Multi-country Support Programme “Climate Information for Resilient Development and Adaptation to Climate Change,” supported by the Least Developed Countries Fund (LDCF) and implemented by UNDP, in Benin, Burkina Faso, Liberia, Sierra Leone, Sao Tomé & Príncipe, Uganda, Ethiopia, Tanzania, Malawi and Zambia.

The Programme will support regional cooperation and provide technical assistance and training on meteorological, climate and hydrological observing and forecasting systems. This initiative will also help countries identify timely communication systems for disseminating data, information and alerts widely and rapidly through the adoption of cost-effective technologies and information networks such as cellular phone systems. Furthermore, it will serve as a platform to facilitate regional coordination and knowledge management of benefit to all countries through enhanced performance, lower costs and more timely information. An additional objective will be to engage utilities, insurance companies, and other potential private sector users of weather and climate data in discussion of more value added services with opportunities for revenue generation.

In addition to the workshop, an Exposition Pavilion with leading weather and climate information companies will be organized in parallel to introduce a wide range of available technologies and service providers to collect, monitor, process and disseminate climate information and data. As they access up-to-date and comprehensive information on technologies and climate services, governments and other relevant stakeholders will be able to identify paths that will take them from accessing climate data to their systematic integration into adaptation planning and resilient development.