



South-South Learning event

26th June 2014, Asa Wright Nature Centre, Trinidad

Background:

The Water, Climate and Development (WACDEP) programme has recently become a global initiative for GWP, with all 13 GWP Regions now engaged in this important initiative. An integral component of WACDEP programmes is the provision of frameworks and guidance to practitioners on the *what*, *why* and *how to* integrate water security and climate resilience in development planning processes, with a focus on the preparation of no/low regrets investment strategies.

Frameworks and guidance need to be specifically tailored to each regional context and setting, thereby ensuring synergies and opportunities are maximised. The elaboration of these frameworks and guidance documents has been facilitated by GWP with support from CDKN in both Africa and the Caribbean.

Objectives:

This Learning Event aims to share lessons and experiences across the Africa and the Caribbean 'Framework' initiatives with a view to identifying what worked and what didn't work, and to help shape future improved processes, practices and action.

The objective is to promote south-south knowledge transfer and exchange on water security and climate resilient development - between Africa and the Caribbean – and to generate commitments for concrete follow-up with AMCOW and CARICOM organisations.

Outcomes:

Findings and recommendations from the Learning Event will be developed into (i) strategic messages for decision-makers on climate resilience and water security and (ii) learning products aimed at promoting water security and climate resilience – focused on what worked and what didn't work.

These knowledge products will be shared not only between African and Caribbean practitioners but also among other WACDEP programme regions and stakeholders, many of who are at the early stages of WACDEP implementation.

Logistics:

The dialogue is being held at the **Asa Wright Nature Centre on Thursday 26th of June**. The bus will depart from the front of the Hyatt Hotel at 8am. **Please board the bus by 7.45am** to facilitate an on time departure. The trip will take 1-1.5hrs to arrive at the Nature Centre at approximately 9.30am. The Asa Wright Nature Centre's conference room is an open air tree-top setting. Please **dress comfortably, long loose clothing is recommended**. Drinks and light snacks will be provided on the bus to and from the Nature Centre, and a coffee break will be awaiting the participants upon arrival at the Centre.

Participants:

- CARICOM, CCCCC, AU and AMCOW officials as beneficiaries of the frameworks, tools, strategies and knowledge products being produced, and drivers of future south-south learning between Africa and the Caribbean
- GWP regional teams and WACDEP Reference Group members who have been instrumental in reviewing the knowledge products and the implementation of the framework in Africa
- Other key regional stakeholders and partners

Background paper:

A Background Paper has been prepared for the meeting. It provides an initial assessment of the *African* and the *Caribbean* Framework initiatives funded by CDKN and seeks to identify the range of factors that have underpinned success, or otherwise, and thereby laid a foundation to influencing regional/country policy, strategy and planning processes and progressing water security and climate resilient development aspirations.

The Paper explores and contrasts (perceived) factors that have contributed to the uptake and impacts of the African and the Caribbean initiatives. It draws on an analysis of their regional settings, contexts and processes including: the ‘security’ narrative; political engagement and ownership; multi-scale governance and the influence of a regional (pan-African and Caribbean) mandate; stakeholder involvement; capacity development; and the process of developing the frameworks, tools, strategies and knowledge products

The Paper is simply a departure point for further robust and open discussions to explore lessons learned from a beneficiary’s perspective, and to have the notions of *what worked well*, and *what did not* re-affirmed. These will be discussed, challenged and confirmed during the South-South Learning event in the hope that success factors as well as challenges and limitations will emerge.

Agenda

Time	Session	Role(s)
9.00-9.30	Arrival of participants and registration	
9.30-9.50	Welcome and introduction to the meeting (background to the learning event, meeting objectives, outcomes, agenda, introduction of background document)	Nigel W
9.50-10.00	Participants introducing themselves	All
10.00-10.10	Opening address	Alex S
10.10-10.30	Presentation of African initiative: History/development of the AMCOW framework and WACDEP programme, main deliverables, links to AMCOW regional context/initiatives. Where are we at now? (incl. capacity-building programme?), Initial reflection on success factors/limitations	Andrew T plus insights from AMCOW / WACDEP
10.30-10.50	Presentation of Caribbean initiative: History/development of the Sourcebook/CCORAL-Water and WACDEP main deliverables, links to CARICOM/CCCC regional context/initiatives. Where are we at now? (incl. capacity-building programme?). Initial reflection on success factors/limitations	Natalie B plus insights from CARICOM / CCCC
10.50-11.00	Q&A	Nigel W
11.00-11.15	COFFEE BREAK	
11.15-11.30	GAME: How do you define success?	Beatrice M
11.30-12.15	DISCUSSION/GROUP WORK 1	3 Groups
12.15-13.00	Report of Group Work 1 and discussion of findings	Plenary
13.00-14.00	LUNCH	
14.00-14.10	Ice-breaker	Beatrice M
14.10-15.00	DISCUSSION/GROUP WORK 2	3 Groups
15.00-15.45	Report of Group Work 2 and plenary discussion of findings	Plenary
15.45-16.30	Plenary discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lessons learned from today's session - Recommendations for future collaboration and for shared learning at the AMCOW and CARICOM level 	Nigel W All
16.30-16.40	Fill in the questionnaire	All
16.40-17.00	Summary of discussions Round-up and close	Andrew T Nathalie B

DISCUSSION/GROUP WORK 1: This session aims at reflecting on the experience of developing the framework in the two regions. Participants will be divided in 3 groups (6-7 people per group, mixed African/Caribbean 1 person GWPO, 1 person from Caribbean, 4/5 from different African regions – people from 5Cs to be split up as well) to address 3 questions:

1. What do you think were the factors that determined the success of this initiative in the African and Caribbean regions? [List them separately and highlight commonalities]
2. What do you think are the main potential and actual impediments to the uptake of the framework and its integration into existing development planning practices? [Also mention at what levels they are more likely to materialise – e.g. development planning more difficult at the basin level, if so why?]
3. How useful do you think were the knowledge products that were developed as a result of this process? [Reflect on the products especially with regards to development, dissemination and use; how can we improve the way in which we structure these kind of knowledge products in the future?]

Groups will discuss each question for 15 minutes, and then move to the next one.

Each group will nominate a rapporteur, in charge of presenting the results of their discussion (5 minutes max per group) – the presentations will be followed by plenary discussion to allow everyone to question and comments on the other groups' findings.

DISCUSSION/GROUP WORK 2: This group work aims at encouraging participants to reflect on the capacity development programme – and how the framework enabled it to be designed for use in government institutions. Like before, participants will be divided in 3 groups (6-7 people per group, 1 group Caribbean with 1-2 African people e.g. Armand, 1 GWPO person at each table, and two African group?) and encouraged to discuss the following questions (15 minutes per question):

1. What are the elements of the framework that encouraged its translation into a capacity-building programme for use in government institutions? (OR what are the elements of the framework encouraging stakeholders' engagement and uptake at the policy level? OR how best can the framework engage and support practitioners to enhance climate resilience?) – keep in mind levels: regional vs. national (what about subnational and basin?)
2. What are the main limitations of the capacity development programme as it stands, how can it be improved? [here it would be interesting to understand if there is a phase of the framework that requires more capacity building than the others, i.e. where bottlenecks have been found in implementation].
3. Is there any example of concrete application of these frameworks/products in the 2 regions yet? Equally, is there any example of strong opposition to these frameworks, and by whom/why?

PLENARY DISCUSSION:

Lessons learned today: focusing on:

1. Political engagement and ownership
2. Stakeholder involvement
3. Capacity development
4. Process of developing the frameworks, tools strategies and knowledge products: what worked and what did not work

Recommendations for future collaboration and shared learning between AMCOW and CARICOM