
DRAFT PROGRAMME FOR THE CLIMATE CHANGE WORKSHOP FOR CIVIL
SOCIETY ORGANISATIONS AND POLICY MAKERS IN AFRICA

2nd – 6th November 2008

AACC GUEST HOUSE, NAIROBI, KENYA

*THEME: Building a sustainable and effective coalition of key actors on climate
change in Africa – Time for Action*

Conveners:

The proposed workshop is organized by Commonwealth Foundation and Christian Aid - UK. The Conveners have sought collaboration with United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), Lake Victoria Basin Commission (LVBC) and International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN).

AGENDA

Objectives of the workshop

1. Share global experiences and information on climate change issues.
2. Share experiences and information on climate change actions or initiatives in Africa.
3. Develop common actions for addressing climate change issues in Africa

Outputs of the workshop

1. Documentation of experiences and information on climate change issues in Africa.
2. Framework for plan of action on climate change issues in Africa.
3. Established network of key actors to drive action on climate change issues in Africa.

Participation

Workshop is planned to draw participants from NGOs (International and national), Development Agencies, Academia and Governments. A criterion for the selecting participants (Annex 1) seeks to target participants who can act as change agents at policy and planning levels in their respective institutions and countries or regions. Efforts will be made to bring into the workshop participants with practical experience in the climate change activities as well. A maximum number of 60 participants (inclusive of facilitators) are expected to participate.

DAY ONE: ARRIVAL: SUNDAY 2nd November 2008

Arrival at Jomo Kenyatta International Airport in Nairobi. Airport transfer to AACC guest house. Room allocation for the participants. Registration process.

DAY 2: MONDAY 3rd November 2008 – Workshop starts
NB: Theme for the day???

Session One: Opening Ceremony: Chair:

- Welcome remarks and introductions : *Christian Aid UK*
- Remarks by Representative of IUCN
- Remarks by Representative of Lake Victoria Basin Commission
- Remarks by Representative of Commonwealth Foundation
- Remarks by Representative of UNEP
- Key Note Presentation on Climate Change and Global processes.....*IUCN ??????*
- Official Opening Speech by.....(*UNEP*)

Session Two: Climate change issues at Global and national arena: Chair:.....

- Climate change and outcomes of Bali conference.....*UNEP*
- Climate Change and National Adaptation Plans of Action...*UNEP*
- Discussion

Lunch Break

Session Three: Climate Change issues in Eastern and Southern Africa:

- Climate change challenges issues in eastern Africa.....*UNEP/EAC/LVBC*
- Climate change challenges in southern Africa....*SADC*
- Bio-fuels debate and trends in eastern and southern Africa...*UNEP*
- Discussions

Tea Break

Session Four: Sharing Experiences on ongoing initiatives – Global perspectives

Interactive session in plenary format/setting

End of Day TWO: Reception cocktail

DAY 3: TUESDAY 4th November 2008
NB: Theme for the day???

Session One: Recap on Day one by*Facilitator*

Session Two: Sharing experiences from Eastern and Southern Africa: *Chair:*

- Climate change strategies in SADC
- Climate change strategies in EAC
- Climate change strategies in IGAD

Lunch Break

Session Three: Defining Climate Changes issues for Eastern and Southern Africa: *Chair.....*

Working groups aiming at:

- Identifying and prioritizing issues of climate change
- Strategies for regional and national actions to address climate change issues
- Strategies for integrating climate change issues in social development strategies

DAY 4: WEDNESDAY 5th November 2008
NB: Theme for the day???

Session One: Recap of day two...by *Facilitator*

Session Two: Defining Climate Change issues in eastern and southern Africa:
Facilitator

Plenary discussion of group work...aiming at developing framework for action

Session Three: Mapping roles and responsibilities and way forward: *Facilitator*

Plenary sessions ...facilitated discussions

Session Four: Closure

DAY 5: THURSDAY 6th November 2008
DELEGATES RETURN HOME

Participants and criteria for invitation

Criteria:

- a) Institutions with mandate to address climate change in Africa.
- b) Institutions and or programmes active in climate change issues in Africa.
- c) Experts in the field of climate change...with demonstrated programmes or actions at global, Africa levels and national levels selected from Africa.
- d) Policy level actors with direct mandate on climate change from government and development partners.
- e) Representatives from hosting/organizing institutions.

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- a) Hosting institution – Christian Aid, Commonwealth Foundation, UNEP, LVBC, IUCN
- b) Logistics organization and management of the workshop ...*Christian Aid*
- c) Invitations and accreditation – *UNEP?????????*
- d) Facilitator.....*hired or IUCN?*
- e) Rapartouring and production of the workshop report ...*hired or?????????*

Budget for the Workshop

Both Commonwealth Foundation and Christian Aid have earmarked Pounds 35,000. Fundraising effort is ongoing, including possibilities for cost-sharing/con-financing.

Date: Thursday 9th July 2008

Consultation meeting with UNEP at UN Offices, Gigiri, Nairobi

In attendance:

- 1) Mr. Halifa Omar Drammeh – Special Adviser on Africa, Office of the Executive Director, UNEP
- 2) George Manful (Ph.D) – Task Manager, Climate Change Enabling Activities
- 3) Jian Liu – Chief,, Climate Change Adaptation Unit, UNEP
- 4) William Babumba – Head of Programmes Africa, Christian Aid

Minute taker: William Babumba

Proposal for the meeting & emerging key points:

- 1) Brief about Christian Aid and UNEP
 - a. UNEP's main focus under it's climate change programme in Africa is on adaptation.
 - b. The programme links climate change adaptation with DDR and conflict mitigation. Increased competition for natural resources like water in future will be the major source of conflicts in Africa.
 - c. IPCC projects that by 2020, Africa will have about 75-250M people suffering water shortage.
 - d. Christian Aid & UNEP to exchange profiles about the two organisations.
- 2) Why the partnership is important?
 - a. Both organisations run climate change programmes and there is a need to share knowledge and expertise.
 - b. The partnership will strengthen the climate change awareness movement in Africa.
 - c. This will be an opportunity for civil society organisations supported by both organisations to build strong relations with networks such as; Africa Ministerial Council on Water, Pan African Parliament, European Parliament, Africa Development Bank and Africa Network of Civil Society Organisations which supports the water ministers on issues of climate change.
- 3) November educational conference on climate change (2-6th)
 - a. This is very timely considering all the preparations and lobbying which need to be done before Copenhagen next year – CoP 15.
 - b. The conference will be an opportunity to update key civil society organisations on emerging issues from regional and international climate change conferences between July and October this year.
 - c. Coalition building on climate change issues needs to be scaled up especially in Africa. The conference will offer this opportunity.

- 4) Collaboration
 - a. Regarding developing the conference programme
 - b. Sharing ideas on how to develop regional and international partnerships
 - c. How to establish linkages with relevant on-going initiatives
 - d. Corporation with relevant regional initiatives in Africa including ministerial bodies and civil society organisations.
 - e. Defining the role of UNEP, UN and Africa ministerial bodies:
 - i. Africa ministerial conference on the environment
 - ii. Africa ministerial council on water
- 5) Resource mobilisation
- 6) Identification of key note speakers for the Nov conference
- 7) Contribution to the up coming relevant major regional and international conferences on climate change

Next steps – Road Map

Christian Aid and UNEP officials above will organise a series of working sessions to develop and finalise the following:

- a) Conference programme
- b) Identification of key note speakers
- c) Scientific papers to be presented at the conference
- d) Identification of participants
- e) Coalition building strategy
- f) Resource mobilisation strategy
- g) Media and communication strategy of the conference

Both organisations need to have at list two working sessions a month lasting about 2 – 3 hours each. These sessions will be face to face and will take place at UNEP offices in Gigiri, Nairobi.

- 1st session: Week commencing **Monday 18th August 2008**
This meeting will focus on identifying and allocating key tasks amongst the co-sponsors of the conference.
- 2nd session: Week commencing **Monday 15th Sept 2008**
This meeting will look at mid review and any new emerging issues related to the conference.
- 3rd session: Week commencing **Monday 20th Oct 2008**
This meeting will be the last planning meeting.

NB:

- 1) There will be a need to expand the conference steering group so that it is representative of the partnership.
- 2) The two organisations plan to hire services of a professional conference organiser and Rob Sinclair's name was suggested (rsinclair@iconnect.co.ke)



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11th July 2008

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Dear Mr. Ibrahim Thiaw

Re: Africa Conference on Climate Change – 2nd – 6th November 2008

Christian Aid in collaboration with Commonwealth Foundation, Lake Victoria Basin Commission (LVBC) and International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) are organising this conference which will take place here in Nairobi at the Desmond Tutu Ecumenical Centre, All African Council of Churches, Waiyaki Way on 2nd – 6th Nov 2008.

This conference is part of the ongoing initiatives on climate change which Christian Aid is carrying out both on the international and Regional level. The planned conference is intended to educate, raise the profile of climate change and put it on the development agenda. The conference will also be an opportunity to build a strong coalition of key stakeholders in Africa (civil society organisations, national governments, international development partners and strategic partners) on issues of climate change. We expect the conference to attract approximately 60 key delegates across Africa.

UNEP being a key strategic partner on issues of climate change, I am kindly writing officially to see how best you can join hands with us in organising this conference.

The expected scope and level of UNEP's involvement in this conference is envisaged to include the following:

- Conference programme development so that it meets the key current ongoing global climate issues being addressed. We are also looking at this conference to act as a platform for civil society engagement on issues to be discussed at the International meetings in Poland this December and Copenhagen next year.
- Identification of key speakers
- Participation in resource mobilisation for this conference. We have so far raised \$60,000 towards this conference and we have submitted a proposal to CIDA – Canadian International Development Agency.

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Please find attached the 1st draft of the conference programme which we look forward to work on with UNEP in the next few days.

I look forward to hear from you soon.

Yours sincerely



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