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Piloting Innovative Solutions for Climate Information Services Delivery in Africa: Lessons Learnt, Best Practices and Scaling Up Results of ClimDev-Africa Phase I

Organizers: UNECA

Venue: 4th December, 2015 16:00- 17:30

Date: African Pavilion

Context

The Climate for Development in Africa (ClimDev-Africa) Programme is an initiative of the African Union Commission (AUC), the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) and the African Development Bank (AfDB). It is mandated at the highest level by African leaders (AU Summit of Heads of State and Government). The Programme was established to create a solid foundation for Africa's response to climate change. Beyond the AUC-UNECA-AfDB partnership, the Programme works closely with other African and non-African institutions and partners specialized in climate and development.

The first phase of ClimDev-Africa consisted of piloting innovative solutions to strengthen the meteorological capacity of three countries – Ethiopia, Rwanda and Gambia through investments in hydro-meteorological observing networks, early warning systems, data and information management, co-production of climate information and climate information services delivery. The results of the pilot phase has shown some remarkable results that is informing the design of integrated and comprehensive approaches to addressing climate risks in member countries in the second phase of the programme.

This event will discuss the implementation of the ClimDev-Africa Phase I activities focusing on the piloting of innovative solutions for climate information and climate information services delivery. It will begin with four key presentations on the context/background and status of implementation which will be followed by extensive discussions on successes, lessons learnt and outlook for scaling up in future programming.

Expected Outcomes

- Inputs and suggestions for upscaling best practices to other countries in future programming
- Analysis and proposals are shared from member states on how successes and lessons learnt will strengthen on-going and future projects
- Increased collaboration among member states, regional climate centres and partners in strengthening climate information services delivery in Africa

Presenters and Discussants:

Chair and moderator- Fatima Denton (Director, SIDS, UNECA)

ClimDev-Africa Pilot Initiative: Background and status of implementation at the continental level:

Joseph D. Intsiful (ACPC)

Status of implementation of ClimDev-Africa Pilot Activities at the national level: Successes, lessons learnt and outlook for future programming (scaling up of best practices):

1. Presentation from Ethiopia (Ato F. Teshome, Director NMA & PR of Ethiopia to WMO)
2. Presentation from Rwanda (Dr. Faustin Munyazikwiye, UNFCCC Focal Point of Rwanda)
3. Presentation from Gambia (Mr. Lamin Mai Touray, Director & PR of The Gambia to WMO)

Discussants:

1. Dr. Adama Alhassane Diallo (Director-General, ACMAD)
2. Prof. Bouafou Kouamé Guy Marcel (Director-General, AGRHYMET)
3. Dr. Guleid Artan (Director-General, ICPAC)