

**UNFCCC workshop on climate related risks and extreme events
under the Nairobi work programme on impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change**

Cairo, Egypt
18-20 June 2007

Tentative annotated agenda

Monday, 18 June

8:30-10:00 *Registration*

10:00-10:40 Welcome and opening

10:40-11:00 *Coffee Break*

11:00-12:30 **Session 1: Background**

1. Presentation on the Nairobi work programme
2. Presentation on the background material and structure of the workshop
3. Constitution of sectoral breakout groups:

**Agriculture and Food
Security**

**Coastal zones, including
human settlements and
mega deltas**

Health

Breakout groups will focus on sector-specific climate-related risks and extreme events. Each group will formulate outcomes under the sessions on assessment and prediction (session 2), management (session 3) and traditional knowledge (session 4). The outcomes will be presented in session 5 on the implications for sustainable development. Water resources are a cross-cutting issue of great importance for many Parties and will be covered by every breakout group.

12:30-14:00 *Lunch Break*

14:00-18:00 **Session 2: Experience with assessment and prediction of climate-related risks and impacts, including extreme events**
*including
Coffee Break*

Possible climate-related risks and extreme events to be considered could include:

- *Agriculture and food security*: droughts, floods, storms, plant diseases and pest/insect infestations
- *Coastal zones*: tropical cyclones, sea level rise and salinization of fresh water
- *Health*: vector and water-borne diseases, heat waves and respiratory diseases

Potential questions to be addressed:

- What is the level of stakeholder involvement in risk assessment? How can risk assessments be improved?
- What should be the criteria for evaluating the applicability of instruments, tools, methods for the assessment and prediction of climate-related risks and impacts?
- How and by whom are climate-related risks predicted? How can predictions be improved?
- To what extent are long-term trends and future climate-related risks taken into account in risk assessment?
- Recommendations for specific actions by relevant organizations engaged in the Nairobi work programme

Tuesday, 19 June

9:00-12:30
*including
Coffee Break*

Session 3: Experience with management of climate-related risks and impacts, including extreme events

Potential questions to be addressed:

- How and by whom are climate-related risks communicated? How can the communication process be improved?
- What are the policy instruments and relevant tools for the management of climate-related risks and impacts, including risk-sharing mechanisms? How can they be improved?
- What should be the criteria for evaluating the applicability of policy instruments and relevant tools for future climate-related risks?
- Recommendations for specific actions by relevant organizations engaged in the Nairobi work programme

12:30-14:00 *Lunch Break*

14:00-17:30
*including
Coffee Break*

Session 4: Contribution of traditional knowledge to understanding and managing climate-related risks

Potential questions to be addressed:

- What are the criteria that determine the applicability of traditional knowledge in assessing and managing future climate-related risks?
- How can traditional knowledge be best integrated in the assessment, prediction and management of climate-related risks?
- Recommendations for specific actions by relevant organizations engaged in the Nairobi work programme

Wednesday, 20 June

9:00-12:30

*including
Coffee Break*

Session 5: Implications for sustainable development

Presentations from the three breakout groups on the assessment, prediction and management of climate related risks and extreme events

Presentations by selected organizations on how they are addressing the assessment, prediction and management of climate-related risks and extreme events

Issues to be addressed in the presentations and in plenary:

- What actions can be taken to apply the lessons learned at the workshop to assist decision makers in their efforts towards sustainable development?
- What actions can be taken to enhance coordination between entities involved in the assessment, prediction and management of climate-related risks?

12:30-14:00 *Lunch Break*

14:00-17:00

Session 6: Outcomes and conclusion

Issues to be addressed:

- Recommendations for means of dissemination of results of the workshop, including by organizations engaged in the Nairobi work programme
- Pledges from organisations to undertake work in the area of climate-related risks and extreme events
- Next steps under the Nairobi work programme and other fora based on the discussions at the workshop, background information and submissions

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