



Capacity Development to Support National Drought Management Policies

1st Regional Workshop

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Workshop Agenda: Day 1

8:30-09:00	Registration
9:00-12:30	Session 1: Opening session
9:00-10:15	Session 1a: Opening statements and introductory remarks (Chair: R. Stefanski, WMO)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mrs. Elena Dumitru, State Secretary, Ministry of Environment and Climate Change (5 minutes) • Mr. Daniel Botanoiu, State Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development (5 minutes) • Dr. Ion Sandu, Director General, National Meteorological Administration of Romania (5 minutes) • Welcoming statement (UNW-DPC, on behalf of organizing partners) (10 minutes) • A roundtable introduction of participants and expectations (50 minutes)
10:15-10:45	Group photograph and coffee break
10:45-12:30	Session 1b: Setting the scene (Chair: J. Annaglyjova, UNCCD)
10:45-11:15	Overview of the initiative and scope of the Regional Workshop (D. Tsegai, UNW-DPC)
11:15-12:30	Keynote address (D. A. Wilhite, University of Nebraska) "Risk based National Drought Policy: background, challenges and opportunities"
12:30-14:00	Lunch
14:00-17:00	Session 2: Country reports¹ (Chair: M. Bazza, FAO)
14:00-15:30	Country reports on drought status and management strategies
15:30-16:00	Coffee break
16:00-17:00	Session 2 (continued)

¹The representatives of each country are expected to present in 5 slides maximum on the country's drought status, management procedures/responses and social, economic and environmental impacts



Workshop Agenda: Day 2

- 09:00-12:30** **Session 3: Drought monitoring and early warning systems (R. Stefanski, WMO)**
- 09:00-10:00** **Session 3a: Thematic presentation (R. Stefanski):**
- Introduction to drought monitoring and early warning systems
 - Data requirements (meteorological, hydrological, etc.) for drought monitoring
 - Identifying occurrence of/exposure to droughts (types, onset, intensity)
 - Different drought indices and measurement methods
 - Successful examples/ongoing initiatives
- 10:00-11:15** **Session 3b: Roundtable discussions based on the findings of Session 3**
Breakout groups²:
- Group A: What are the current procedures/challenges on early warning systems? **(D. A. Wilhite)**
 - Group B: What are the meteorological and hydrological networks, data quality, sustainability needed? **(R. Stefanski)**
 - Group C: What mechanisms are in place for communicating and liaising drought monitoring and early warning information between national institutions? **(J. Annagylyjova)**
- 11:15-11:30 Coffee break
- 11:30-12:30** **Session 3c: Presentations of working group results and discussion (Chair: R. Stefanski)**
(10 minutes per group and 30 minutes for discussion)
- 12:30-13:30 Lunch
- 13:30-17:15** **Session 4: Vulnerability and risk assessment (J. Annagylyjova, UNCCD)**
- 13:30-14:30** **Session 4a: Thematic presentation (examples) (J. Annagylyjova):**
- Impacts of drought: Environmental, economic, societal considerations/ implications
 - Significant secondary and tertiary impacts
 - Successful examples/ongoing initiatives targeting drought vulnerability and risk assessment
- 14:30-15:45** **Session 4b: Roundtable discussions based on the findings of Session 4**
Breakout groups:
- Group A: Who is vulnerable (socially/economically) and why? **(D. Tsegai)**
 - Group B: What are the mitigation policies and plans that reduce drought impacts/government intervention? **(J. Annagylyjova)**
 - Group C: Who plays which role in developing the mitigation policies and plans that reduce drought impacts and vulnerability at all levels? **(D. A. Wilhite)**
- 15:45-16:00 Coffee break
- 16:00-17:15** **Session 4c: Presentations of working group results and discussion (Chair: J. Annagylyjova)**

² Countries will share experience on specific topics and will try to answer:
Which experiences do we have? Which success stories do we know? How could we help each other?



Workshop Agenda: Day 3

- 09:00–12:30** **Session 5: Drought preparedness, mitigation and responses (M. Bazza, FAO)**
- 09:00–10:00** **Session 5a: Thematic presentation (M. Bazza):**
- Drought preparedness
 - Drought mitigation measures
 - Integration of drought response and recovery in drought plan
- 10:00–11:15** **Session 5b: Roundtable discussions based on the findings of Session 5**
Breakout groups:
- Group A: Drought preparedness measures and stakeholders (D. A. Wilhite)
 - Group B: Drought mitigation measures and stakeholders (M. Bazza)
 - Group C: Drought response and recovery measures and stakeholders (R. Stefanski)
- 11:15–11:30 Coffee break
- 11:30–12:30** **Session 5c: Presentation of working group results and discussion (Chair: M. Bazza)**
- 12:30–13:30 Lunch
- 13:30–16:45** **Session 6: Towards action plan – Developing Drought Management Policy (D. Tsegai, UNW-DPC)**
- 13:30–14:15** **Session 6a: Thematic presentation (D. Tsegai):**
- Process for preparing national drought policies
 - Institutional arrangements
 - Challenges and remedial actions
 - Successful case studies
- 14:15–15:30** **Session 6b: Roundtable discussions based on the findings of Session 6**
Breakout groups:
- Group A: What are the challenges for developing national drought policies (D. Tsegai)
 - Group B: What are the institutional arrangements necessary for developing national drought policies (D. A. Wilhite)
 - Group C: What are the steps being undertaken for developing national drought policies (M. Bazza)
- 15:30–15:45 Coffee break
- 15:45–16:45** **Session 6c: Presentations of working group results and discussion (Chair: J. Liebe, UNW-DPC)**
(10 minutes per group and 30 minutes for discussion)
- 16:45 –17:30** **Session 7: Wrap-up and concluding session (Chair: J. Liebe, UNW-DPC)**
- Synthesis and concluding remarks (D. Tsegai/J. Liebe)
 - Briefing on follow-up and expectations (D. Tsegai)
 - Countries' representatives feedback

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