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Networking for Drought Risk Reduction:
Partnerships to link policy to practices

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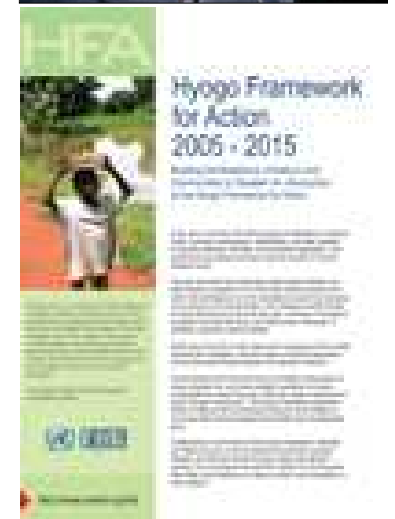
DROUGHT RISK REDUCTION:

STRATEGIES TO LINK POLICIES AND PRACTICES

**Establishment / strengthening of drought risk reduction
Institutions, Committees and Mechanisms at
Regional and National Levels**

Objective:

- (1) Raise the visibility and value of drought risk reduction policies and programmes in development.**
- (2) Advocate implementation through prioritisation in national development plans and annual budget allocations.**



Regional Level

UN/ISDR & the WB through the GFDRR

Address drought information availability & flow problem in Africa, initially by conducting inventory of capacities of existing institutions and mechanisms for drought risk reduction (AMCEN, AMCOW, ICPAC, ACMAD, AGRYMET, DMC-Harare, etc)

Purpose: (1) Strengthen for effective assessment, analysis and dissemination of drought data and information to users (2) build capacity to serve as depository and repository of drought information.

Objective:

To improve quality and quantity of data and information at resource centres in Africa for effective planning

Sub Regional Level

UN/ ISDR with support from the Government of Sweden through Sida

Assisting drought prone Horn of Africa countries (Ethiopia, Kenya, Eritrea, Djibouti, Uganda and Somalia) to strengthen their national institutions, mechanisms and capacities to build resilience and live with drought.

A Horn of Africa Drought Risk Reduction Stakeholders Forum was established on 21st October 2006

To foster better understanding, communication, sharing of knowledge, tools and expertise for drought risk reduction. The forum is to meet quarterly. The forum plans in the medium term to draft a sub-regional Drought Policy Framework for promoting the mainstreaming drought management into development plans in the sub region.



National Level

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Support to National Platforms to establish/strengthen its sub committees for drought risk reduction

Objective

To coordinate key stakeholders in drought mitigation comprising relevant Government Ministries, NGOs, Civil Society Organisations, Research Institutions, Media, Private Sector and UN Agencies for coherent early warning briefs and dissemination to drought prone communities.

Stock take and review existing drought management strategies and any other major issues for drought risk reduction at national and lower levels. The National platform sub committees conduct field assessments and community consultative dialogue visits to enable affected communities hold direct discussions with national experts.

Expected impact of UN/ISDR contribution to drought risk reduction in Africa

- ✓ **Active forums for drought risk reduction functioning at Africa regional, Sub regional and National levels that meets regularly to advise Governments and other stakeholders on drought risk reduction strategies for building resilience to drought.**
- ✓ **Regular field assessment and dialogue at community levels between experts and drought affected communities**
- ✓ **Active media forum of Journalists on drought risk reduction at regional and national levels drumming for political attention .**
- ✓ **Trained Community Focal Points at most drought prone communities that liaising between the communities, Climate Scientist and Disaster Risk Reduction National Platform Coordinators on dissemination of drought information.**
- ✓ **Regional, Sub regional and National policies and strategies on drought risk reduction adopted by the summit of Africa Union and Sub Regional Inter-Governmental authorities and National Governments in the long run**

International Strategy

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