

**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

**Agenda**

**Monday, 18 June**

8:30-10:00 *Registration*

10:00-10:40 Welcome and opening

- Statement by Mr. El-Sayed Sabry Mansour, Head of Climate Change Unit, Egyptian Environmental Affairs Agency
- Statement by Mr. Kishan Kumarsingh, Chair of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice
- Statement by Mr. Roberto Acosta, Coordinator of the Adaptation, Technology and Science Programme, UNFCCC
- Statement by The Honourable Maged George Elias Ghattas, Minister of State for the Environment Affairs

10:40-11:00 *Coffee Break*

11:00-12:30

**Session 1: Background**

1. Presentation on the Nairobi work programme by Ms. Olga Pilifosova, UNFCCC
2. Presentation on the background material and structure of the workshop by Ms. Annett Möhner, UNFCCC
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*

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

Questions 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 **Session 4:** Contribution of traditional knowledge to understanding and managing climate-related risks  
*including  
Coffee Break*

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

- Mr. Glenn Dolcemascolo, UNEP
- Ms. Rebecca McNaught, Red Cross/Red Crescent Centre on Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction
- Mr. Khaled Abuzeid, Center for Environment and Development for the Arab Region and Europe
- Ms. Yianna Lambrou, FAO

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

Issues 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 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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