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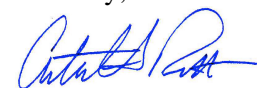
Dear Ms. Adams,

As a member of the Risk and Vulnerability programme at the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA), I make an action pledge to the Nairobi Work Programme. The action be draft and submit a guidance paper by 21 September 2007, with the title "Using climate data, observations, and forecasts to improve adaptive decision-making in multiple sectors in Africa." This paper will draw off of work that my team has conducted over the last year, but will include a new set of analysis specific to the objectives of the Nairobi Work Programme.

Overall objectives	This action will relate to the use of data and observations are of work, and the objective of assisting Parties to make informed decisions on practical adaptation actions and measures to climate change on a sound scientific, technical and socio-economic basis, taking into account current and future climate change and variability.
Project Purpose	The specific objectives of this project are to inform the Parties, and other participants in the Nairobi Work Programme, about the demonstrated benefits of applying climate data, observations, and forecasts across multiple sectors in Africa, the reasons why those benefits are not greater, and the immediate steps that could be taken to improve adaptive decision-making through the use of data, observations, and forecasts.
Activities	The team of researchers has already organized stakeholder meetings, conducted a review of published and unpublished literature, attended numerous workshops, and written a draft report, in cooperation with WMO affiliated organizations in Africa (DMC, ICPAC, ACMAD). The team will synthesize these findings in order to be of use within the Nairobi Work Programme, most importantly formulating policy-relevant conclusions relevant to the UNFCCC institutional setting.
Expected results	We expect to submit a salient and independent guidance paper on or before 21 September 2007, which will make clear policy recommendations about the immediate steps required to improve the use of data, observations, and forecasts.
Indicators of achievement	This action will have been successful if it leads to concrete actions not already proposed by Parties or the WMO to improve the use of climate data, observations, and forecasts to assist adaptation to climate change and climate variability.

This action will make an important contribution to the Nairobi Work Programme, and we look forward to seeing its results reflected in future discussions.

Sincerely,



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