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AfricaAdapt at CoP17, Durban



Photo: Farmers preparing compost in Beta, Burkina Faso

Meet our members!



Victoria Adongo is the Programme coordinator of the Peasant Farmers Association of Ghana a national network of farmer

organisations. The association, whose members are all small scale farmers, advocates for pro-poor agricultural and trade policies. Contact:

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Dr. Mohamed Fathy Salem is a lecturer of Mycology and Plant pathology at Menou-fiya University in Egypt and a consultant in organic farming. He holds a Ph.D. in plant pathology and biotechnology and has experience in International Plant Protection Conventions. He is interested in food security and food safety issues. Contact:



AfricaAdapt in collaboration with the Africa Climate Change Fellowship Program (ACCFP) organized a side event at Durban CoP 17. The title of this event was "Knowledge as currency: Generating and disseminating knowledge for climate change adaptation in Africa"

In addition, AfricaAdapt presented on "Key lessons/accomplishments - New directions for phase 2" at the IDRC official side event entitled "Building the knowledge base for African adaptation choices" [read more](#)

AfricaAdapt membership has reached 1300! We believe that greater interaction between our members will build relationship, trust and even friendship among them and will ultimately foster a more quantitative and qualitative knowledge generation and exchange. To this endeavor, AfricaAdapt facilitated two online discussion groups on the crucial issues of :

Smallholder farming and climate change:

- Testimonies on the observed impacts & policy recommendations for action. [read more](#)
- Local seeds, GMO seeds, food security & climate change [read more](#)

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in Nigeria that empowers young people to harness the benefits of environmental change for sustainable development. She is a member of Nigerian Youth Climate Action Network and works for the Clean Energy and Safe Environment Initiative. Her background is in Geography and Regional Planning. Contact: glo_uche@yahoo.com. [View her profile](#)

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More than 1300 online members out of which 80% are Africans or Africa-based,

Average of 3,500 visits/month on our online Platform from 125 countries/territories

More than 1127 followers on [Twitter](#)

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Documentation and promotion of the Indigenous knowledge in East and West Africa

AfricaAdapt Management group meetings

Accra meeting 26 - 27 september

The Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa (FARA) hosted the bi-annual AfricaAdapt review and planning meeting at its offices in Accra, Ghana from 26 to 27 September 2011. This was the second such meeting in Phase 2 of the project, which is entirely led by African organizations. The meeting was opened by the FARA Deputy Executive Director, Dr. Ramadjita Tabo and Dr. Henri Lo from the Climate Change Adaptation in Africa Programme, representing the funders. The next review meeting will be hosted by ICPAC in Nairobi in April 2012.



Nairobi meeting : 2-5, april 2012

The whole AfricaAdapt team met in Nairobi. The objective of this meeting will be to conduct a review of ongoing activities, in particular the production and knowledge sharing on the theme of agriculture and climate change. The opportunity will be also given to the network to make a SWOT analysis on the work undertaken since its creation in 2008, to remove the barriers for better access to knowledge sharing, essential for the facilitation of the adaptation of the most vulnerable to climate change.

AfricaAdapt Meet & Greet events

Ghana. AfricaAdapt held an informal networking event ("meet and greet") for its members and other climate change practitioners in Ghana on 27 October 2011. The event drew close to 30 participants from media, research and NGO sectors many of whom were meeting for the first time. The highlight of the day was a field visit to the Kpong Agricultural Research Institute of the University of Ghana, where participants learnt about irrigation and water harvesting technologies that can help in adaptation to climate change. In addition to this new knowledge, every participant met at least one person whom they hope to work together with in the near future.

In order to conserve, promote, and share the indigenous knowledge, so that they have a place in our development process AfricaAdapt is to undertake a collection process in East and West Africa specifically on, indigenous climate and seasonal predictions.

Featured project

[The Multicrop Matrix .](#)

[The BUVAD Climate Change Issues Awareness Enhancement and Remedial Initiatives](#)

[KSET Domestic Biogas Plants](#)

News

Tools for Climate Change adaptation actors in Africa

The Situational Analysis is a database that brings together various climate change stakeholders (experts, research institutions, COBs, governmental organizations, NGOs, projects, innovation fund projects, networks) working on various thematic areas in various African countries. The situational Analysis database is being constructed and will be soon made available for public use.

Collaboration Between Climate Knowledge Brokers (CIP, WeAdapt, AfricaAdapt)

In order to help synergies of efforts and interventions between climate change adaptation and development knowledge platforms, AfricaAdapt, the Climate Information Portal (CIP) and weADAPT initiated a project with support from CDKN. The overall objective of this project is to improve access and knowledge sharing/use of tools and methods for vulnerability assessment and adaptation planning



Burkina. On December 05, 2011 in Burkina Faso a Meet and Greet was conducted alongside with the seminar organized by Terre et Humanisme, on the theme "Seed autonomy and the preservation of traditional varieties," and aims among others to have the understanding of participants on GMOs and local seeds. This event finally allowed the network to:

- get in touch with the actors that are difficult to access, and get their opinion and stance on the critical issue of GMOs
- Capitalize the experiences of the seminar by launching a broad consultation, through a forum of discussion on the issue of GMOs. [Read more](#)

Interviews



Dr. Richard Munang is a Policy Advisor & Programme Coordinator on Climate Change Adaptation & Development at the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). In this interview, Dr Richard describes the major drivers (including climate change) of the recent food crisis in the Horn of Africa, and explores the role of locally-led, small-scale farming in preventing future food crises. [Read more](#)



Mrs Oulie KEITA has granted us an interview. She is in charge of the Partnership and Gender aspect of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) Center which is the Regional entity for the West and Central Africa. The MDGs Center is made up of the Millennium Promise and the [Earth Institute of the University of Columbia](#) (New York). [Read More](#)

Where should the planet be going after CoP17 in Durban?



Ange Baimey, Coordinator of the Climate Development Network highlights the main outputs from COP 17, which was held in Durban last December. Ange explains that world leaders should really strive to overcome climate change challenges instead of being focused on responding to rating agencies! [Read More](#)

ClimateTechWiki – online platform for technologies for mitigation and adaptation

Technology can be a powerful solution to address climate change challenges and support low emission sustainable development. To this end UNDP in collaboration with the UNEP Risoe Centre, the Renewable Energy and Energy

as well as better access to climate data.

Efficiency Partnership, the Netherlands Ministry of Economic Affairs, Agriculture and Innovation, the Energy research Centre of the Netherlands (ECN) and the Joint Implementation Network (JIN) created an online platform to support innovation and technology transfer: ClimateTechWiki.org.

AfricaAdapt is hosted by Environment and Development in the Third World (ENDA-TM); Forum for Agricultural Research in Africa (FARA); and IGAD Climate Prediction and Applications Centre (ICPAC). The network is funded through the UK Department for International Development (DFID) and the International Development Research Centre (IDRC) Climate Change Adaptation in Africa programme.

