



FAO/NEPAD workshop on climate change, disasters and crises in the fisheries and aquaculture sector in West and Central Africa

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FAO and the NEPAD Planning and Coordination Agency (NPCA) are pleased to inform you that the NEPAD-FAO Fish Programme (NFFP) is organizing a regional workshop on climate change, disasters and crises in the fisheries and aquaculture sector in West and Central Africa.¹ The workshop will take place in Accra, Ghana from 1 to 2 November 2012 and will be held back to back with the FAO/NEPAD Workshop on the Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries and to Aquaculture in Africa, from 29 to 31 October.

The objective of the workshop is to establish the current baseline with regard to the integration of climate change adaptation (CCA) and disaster risk management (DRM) in fisheries and aquaculture activities and policies in West and Central Africa, and vice versa, of fisheries and aquaculture in climate change adaptation and disaster risk management strategies and plans, with the overall aim of coordinating activities and identifying gaps and priority actions to be supported by NFFP and other partners.

Specifically, the workshop aims to:

- Deepen the understanding of climate change and disaster impacts on fisheries and aquaculture in Africa (potential vulnerabilities and actions to address these).
- Provide an overview of current status of regional and national priorities with regard to CCA and DRM in fisheries and aquaculture and of fisheries and aquaculture in climate change adaptation and disaster risk management strategies and plans, as expressed in regional and national policies and strategies.
- Provide a regional overview of relevant past, ongoing and planned initiatives/activities.
- Present best practices examples and lessons learned.
- Identify priority, gaps and actions to be supported by NFFP and other partners.

Participants will include i) fisheries and aquaculture managers from relevant national and regional institutions, ii) representatives from Regional Economic Communities (RECs), Regional Fisheries Bodies (RFBs), Lake and River Basin Authorities, LME (Large Marine Ecosystem) Programmes, and fisheries and aquaculture networks and iii) other relevant stakeholders and resource people working on issues or carrying out activities contributing to CCA and DRM.

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¹ Countries concerned include: Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Cap Verde, the Central African Republic, Chad, the Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, the Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Liberia, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Sierra Leone and Togo.

