







Closing Workshop for The Pan-Africa Component of WISER Programme

Frank Rutabingwa

Nairobi, Kenya 09 December 2021









Background and Justification



United Nations Economic Commission for Africa

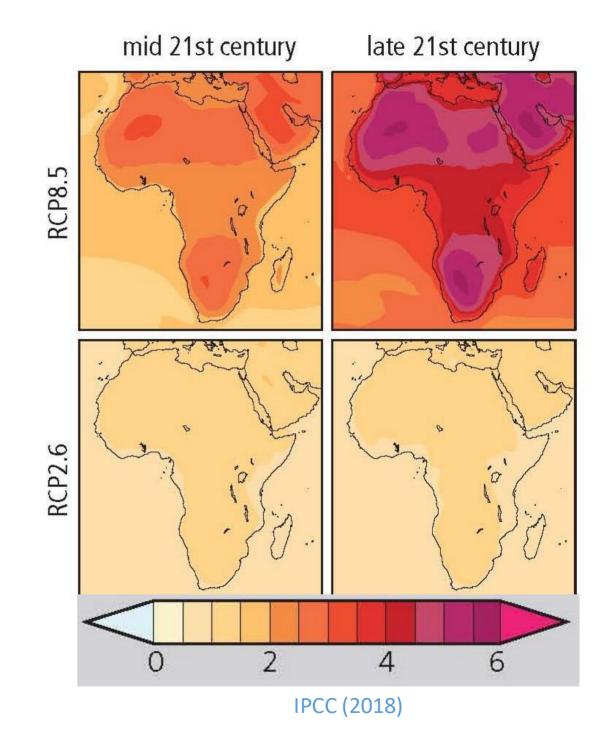






5th assessment report of IPCC prediction:

- Increasing in global warming
- Increasing variability in precipitation
- Increased intensity and frequency in extreme events











Impacts on Africa's Agriculture

By 2050, potential mean production losses for sub-Saharan Africa are predicted to be high (Schlenker and Lobell, 2010).







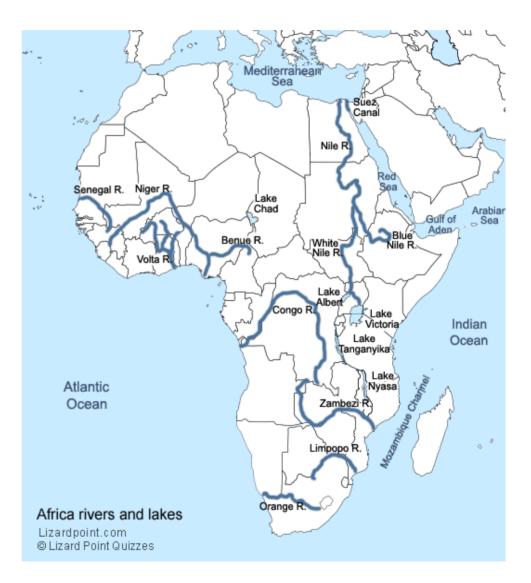




Impacts on Africa's Water

By 2050, a 50% reduction in water availability across most Southern and Western Africa

12 countries would be limited to 1,000–1,700 m3 per person per year, and the population at risk of water stress (<1000m³) could be up to 460 million people, mainly in western Africa.





United Nations Economic Commission for Africa







Impacts on Africa's human security and conflicts



Since 1980, more than 420,000 Africans have died and direct economic damages total at least US\$ 9 billion (\mathcal{EM} - \mathcal{DAT})



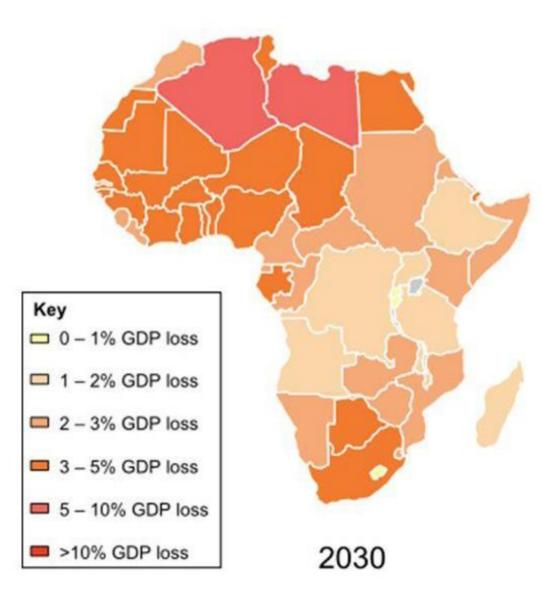






Climate change impacts on Africa's GDP

Most African countries projected to loss 3-5% GDP to climate change by 2030, with greater variation in sub-regions











- The challenge of mainstreaming climate change into development planning and practices.
- The policy and legislative environment does not also provide sufficient incentives for the uptake and use of CIS





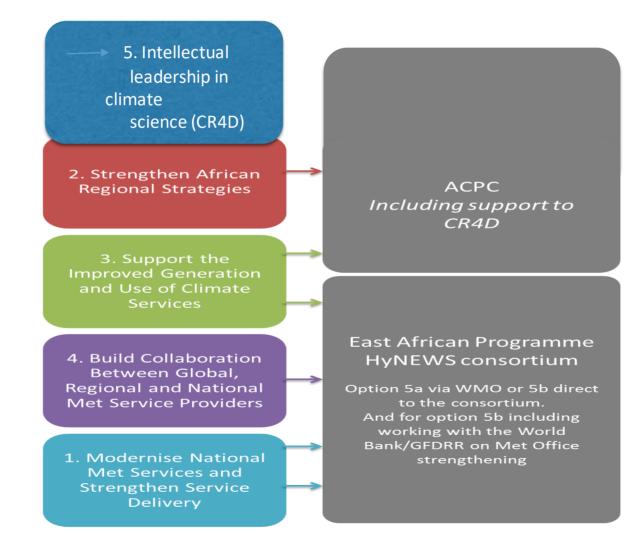






Aim of WISER

 stimulate the uptake and use of climate information by policy makers and vulnerable groups











WISER OUTPUT 1

Strengthened enabling environment for generation, uptake and use of weather and climate services to support sustainable development









Sub-output 1.1. Analytical evidence of the socio-economic benefit and value for money of CIS uptake demonstrated

- SEB in DRR: The customized socio-economic benefit (SEB) of CIS model for DRR application developed and a comprehensive analytical report on SEB of CIS uptake in Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) produced
- Nexus of CIS SEB in Water, Agriculture and Energy: Comprehensive model developed and tested using country data sets from Cameroon, Mozambique and Uganda. Analytical report produced.
- SEB of CIS for Zimbabwe agriculture and developed CIS-based Decision Support Tool (DST)
- Hands-on trainings on the utility of SEB model in DRR, Agriculture, Water and Energy sectors given to national focal points, line ministries representatives, researchers and planners.









Sub-output 1.2. Existing platforms to enhance the enabling environment for accelerated investments in CIS

- 3 decisions of the AMCOMET Hydromet forum
- 1 resolutions of specialized Technical Committee (STC) of AUC
- 7 key messages in the 4th-7th Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development (ARFSD)
- 2 CIS related outcome statements submitted and adopted by CCDAs









Sub-output 1.3. enhancing awareness of key policy makers and influence groups enhanced

- Pan-African Parliament (PAP)/ African Climate Legislative Initiative (ACLI).
- Ubuntu for Development based in Accra promised to enhance gender engagement in the uptake and use of CIS
- Media Training on use of Climate Information in Development Planning
- Sierra Leone and Uganda Houses of Parliament promised to include CIS into national policy and plan
- CSO and Youth Training on uptake and use of CIS in development and planning
- Ambassadors awareness event based in Addis Ababa









Sub-output 1.4: WISER knowledge products packaged, translated into appropriate communication products and widely disseminated

Produced more than thirty knowledge products on various topics including:

- (i) <u>Making every dollar count</u>: how investing in climate information pays dividends for Africa's key socio-economic sectors;
- *(ii) <u>Calculating the cost of climate disasters</u> and why investments in climate information services pay off;*
- *(iii) <u>Addressing the missing links</u>:* how WISER's mapping tool will help key climate information groups connect;
- *(iv) <u>Climate Information Services</u>*: training a critical mass of key influencers;

(v) <u>Regional Climate Outlook Forums</u>: best practice highlights

- (vi) Linking climate research to development
- (vii) <u>Calculating the cost of climate disasters</u> and why investments in climate information services pay off
- (viii) WISER knowledge management strategy effectiveness









Sub-output 1.5: Partnership for coordinated delivery of CIS

- >50 partnership established including with UNITAR, RCCs, PAMACC, AAS, IIED, CSOs, PACJA, ESSTIC, UNESCO, AFD and CR4D grantee's institutions
- Saly Knowledge Management Platform established
- Mapping of CIS institutions along CIS value chain studied and interactive maps developed
- Private sector study conducted
- WMO Resolution-40 data sharing protocol studied and evaluated by different stakeholders









WISER OUTPUT 2

Intellectual leadership in climate science in Africa built through innovative evidence generation and learning









Sub-output 2.1: CR4D secretariat function

Deliverables

- The institutional body of CR4D established (OB, SAC, ICP)
- CR4D 5-years strategy and implementation plan produced
- CR4D Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) meeting organized
- Three ICP meeting organized
- Various studies conducted including \$2\$, Climate change impacts in various sectors
- Participate in selected climate research meetings in RCOFs, COP, AU Summit, Ministerial Meetings, WMO and other relevant institutions meetings, among others









Sub-output 2.1: CR4D Grant Management

- 87 publications in form of journal articles, blogs, policy briefs, book chapters, and others
- 235 media mentions from January 2019 to August 2021
- about 50% of the fellows reported promotions and career growth in one form or another while 67% were engaged in other research activities
- \$503, 797 in additional and new grant funds were secured by several CR4D fellows during the implementation of the CR4D fellowships
- fellows supervised and mentored about 69 master students, 25 PhD candidates, and 3 Postdoc fellows









WISER Pan Africa component provides:

- over 6200 experts, researchers, parliamentarians, gender groups, UNFCCC focal points and civil societies trained
- supported number of joint analysis, learning initiatives and platforms that create enabling environment for the delivery of weather and climate services in Africa. In this regard, 4 joint analysis, 12 learning initiatives and 6 platforms supported.
- about 50 partnerships/networks were formed to promote the uptake and use of weather and climate information and learning through various channels.
- twenty-one CR4D post-doctoral fellows (12 female and 9 male) supported to conduct research across Africa









The above presentation provides an overview of the Pan Africa WISER and details will be elaborated in subsequent presentations.









Thank you!

Merci!

Asante!