

Adaptation

Climate Change Adaptation in Africa

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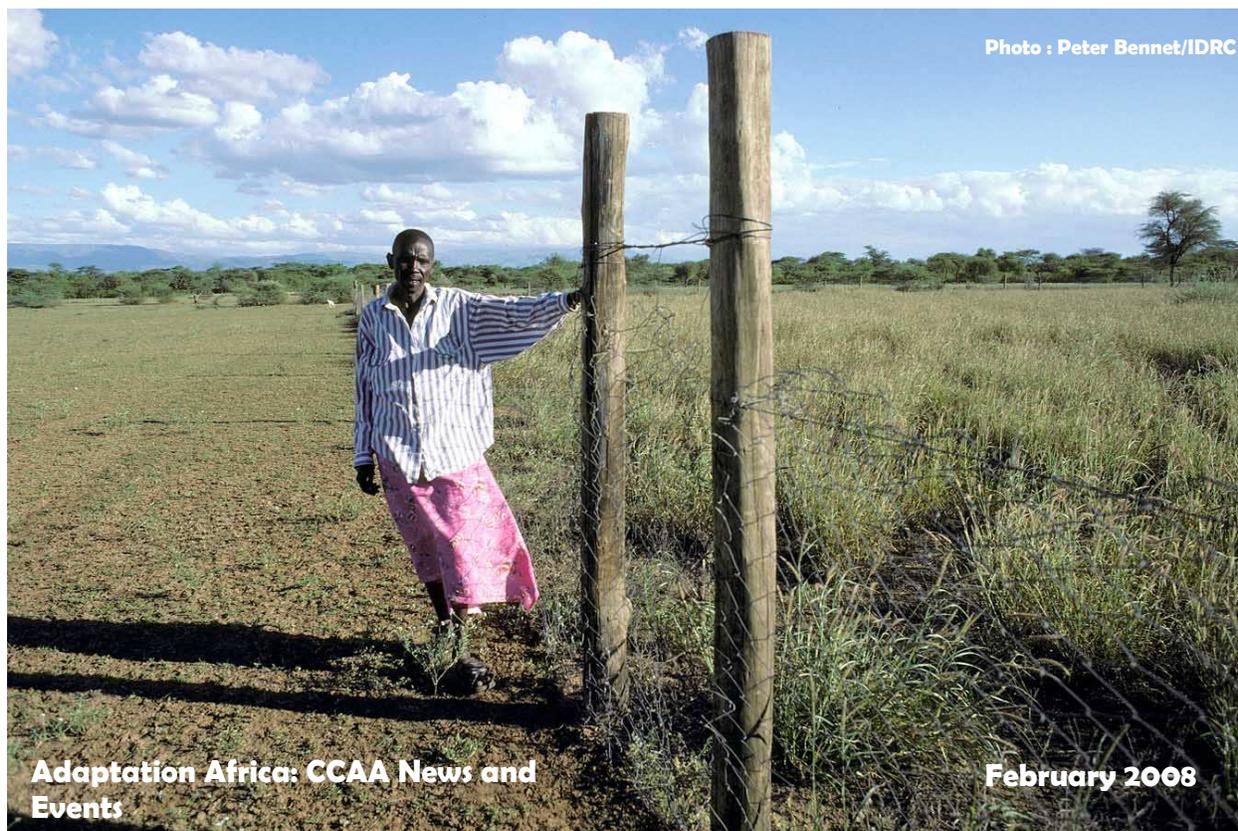


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1. CCAA project news

New project to support communication and networking on adaptation

A new project to enhance communication and networking on adaptation in Africa was approved in December 2007 by the CCAA program. The three-year project will explore how the livelihoods of vulnerable people in Africa can be improved by sharing climate adaptation knowledge between CCAA research partners, policy makers, civil society organizations, and vulnerable groups themselves.

http://www.idrc.ca/ev_en.php?ID=120865_201&ID2=DO_TOPIC

Supporting African participation in adaptation conferences

Consistent with its objectives for building capacity and increasing knowledge on adaptation, the CCAA program offers funding to increase the participation of Africans in regional and international conferences and meetings on climate change adaptation. A new round of small grants are available to organizations hosting such events, to permit them to support travel and participation by African researchers, policymakers, community representatives, and others with a stake in enhancing Africa's capacity to adapt to climate change. Further details on eligibility and application procedures will be available in early March 2008 at: http://www.idrc.ca/ccaa/ev-94557-201-1-DO_TOPIC.html

Linking water, climate change, and health

The CCAA program and IDRC's Ecohealth program initiative are jointly supporting a research and capacity building program to explore the connections between water, health, and climate change. Currently, eight research teams from institutions in West and North Africa have taken part in a project proposal development process, involving training, support, and feedback from IDRC program staff. The final proposals have passed through a formal review process, and an investment of approximately \$1.5 million in four projects is expected in early 2008.

http://www.idrc.ca/ev_en.php?ID=120851_201&ID2=DO_TOPIC

2. Events

CCAA at COP 13 in Bali

IDRC was present as an observer organization at the 13th Conference of Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change, where the Climate Change Adaptation in Africa program hosted a panel discussion, "Adapting to climate change in Africa: toward regional solutions," and a dialogue, "Adapting locally to global climate change: experiences from rural Africa."

http://www.idrc.ca/ccaa/ev-116697-201-1-DO_TOPIC.html

Addressing gender dimensions of adaptation

CCAA is hosting a gender training workshop for the program's research partners from February 18 to 22 in Dakar, Senegal. The aim is to see gender dimensions addressed within currently funded research on adaptation. The training is led by regional experts in gender analysis. Workshop trainers include teams led by Professor Grace Bantebya of Uganda's Makerere University, and Dr. Fatou Sarr of Université Cheikh Anta Diop in Dakar. For further information on CCAA's education and training activities, see:

http://www.idrc.ca/ccaa/ev-116256-201-1-DO_TOPIC.html

3. Resources

Adaptation is...

These brief project profiles provide insights into the kinds of challenges Africans face in adapting to climate change, and the strategies they are testing with research supported by the CCAA program. http://www.idrc.ca/ccaa/ev-118955-201-1-DO_TOPIC.html

IDRC on climate change adaptation

This page describes a small sample of the many initiatives on climate change adaptation that IDRC supports. http://www.idrc.ca/en/ev-117627-201-1-DO_TOPIC.html

4. News from CCAA partners

“Climate change adaptation goes soap!”

A unique group of collaborators ranging from soap opera writers to agricultural scientists gathered for a workshop in Abuja, Nigeria, recently. The group was brought together by the Nigerian-based African Radio Drama Association (ARDA) as part of a project aiming to evaluate the effectiveness of radio drama as a tool to help smallholder farmers in northern Nigeria adapt to climate change. Project partners include ARDA, Developing Country Farm Radio Network, the University of Guelph, Canada, and the Women Farmers' Advancement Network. The initiative is funded by the Climate Change Adaptation in Africa program.

<http://farmradio.org/english/weekly/2008/01/07/%E2%80%9Cclimate-change-adaptation-goes-soap%E2%80%9D-%E2%80%93-workshop-for-new-radio-drama-held-in-abuja/>

Scriptwriting competition: African farmers' strategies for coping with climate change

Developing Country Farm Radio Network and the Technical Centre for Agricultural and Rural Cooperation (CTA) invite all African radio organizations to submit scripts on topics related to local adaptation to climate change. Entries should be prepared with the input of local people, especially farmers. Deadline for submission is March 15, 2008. For details, visit: http://scriptcompetition.net/?lang_pref=en

*The **Climate Change Adaptation in Africa (CCAA)** research and capacity development program aims to improve the capacity of African people and organizations to adapt to climate change in ways that benefit the most vulnerable. The program was launched in 2006 and is jointly funded by Canada's [International Development Research Centre \(IDRC\)](#) and the United Kingdom's [Department for International Development \(DFID\)](#). It is hosted and managed by IDRC from headquarters in Ottawa and three regional offices in Africa.*

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