



AFRICA BIODIVERSITY COLLABORATIVE GROUP

AGENDA

A Holistic Approach to Climate Change Adaptation in Africa: A dialogue for Conservation and Development Organizations Hosted by the Africa Biodiversity Collaborative Group (ABCG)

Washington, D.C. July 24–25, 2012

BACKGROUND:

ABCG recently prepared a report evaluating its members' respective approaches and experiences in climate change adaptation in Africa. Preliminary findings of this work were presented at a Washington, DC workshop in July 2011 that brought together key climate change adaptation staff from each ABCG member organization, as well as representatives from partner organizations and donors. The report offers a comparison of approaches and tools for adaptation utilized by ABCG member organizations and provides a comprehensive set of lessons learned and recommendations for future work on climate change adaptation for both ABCG members and the wider conservation and donor community. Participants at the workshop also identified the need for additional dialogue between conservation and development organizations on adaptation in Africa, especially around the importance of taking a holistic approach that integrates ecosystem, human, and biodiversity considerations.

WORKSHOP OBJECTIVES:

1. Discuss the value of taking a holistic approach to climate change adaptation.
2. Seek new avenues for cooperation between ABCG adaptation group members and development organizations.
3. Foster a multi-disciplinary, equitable and open dialogue for collaboration on climate change adaptation in Africa.
4. Identify and discuss viable concepts, practices, and tools for the upcoming ABCG-hosted climate change adaptation workshops to be held in East Africa in 2013.

VENUE:

**Conference Room 2004
World Wildlife Fund (WWF)
1250 24th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20037**

Day 1 – Tuesday, July 24

Time	Topic	Activity	Point Person(s)
8:30 – 9:00	Arrival and registration	Each organization puts colored pins on wall map of Africa to mark its adaptation projects on the continent.	· All participants (one per organization)
9:00 – 9:20	Welcome remarks	Context of workshop, adaptation basics and ABCG background.	· Marcia Marsh, Chief Operating Officer, World Wildlife Fund · Sarene Marshall, Managing Director, Climate Change, The Nature Conservancy · Natalie Bailey, Coordinator, Africa Biodiversity Collaborative Group
9:20 – 9:50	Introductions	One minute introduction, including name, organization and what you would like to see in a successful workshop.	· Facilitator · All Participants
9:50 – 10:30	Setting the stage: What are we doing on adaptation?	An overview of adaptation efforts, including perspectives from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ABCG members • Development organizations • Donors <i>10 minute talk per person; 10 minutes for Q&A</i>	· James Watson, Lead Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation, Wildlife Conservation Society · Pascal O. Girot, Senior Climate Change Advisor, Latin America and Caribbean, CARE International -PECCN · Hadas Kushnir, AAAS Science & Technology Policy Fellow, Africa Bureau's Office of Sustainable Development, USAID
10:30 – 10:50	Coffee/Tea Break		
10:50 – 11:50	Panel: Holistic approaches to climate change adaptation in Africa	What is a holistic approach and why is it of value for climate change adaptation? What are the potential benefits and challenges? Case studies of a holistic approach from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conservation organization • Development organization <i>15 minute talk per person; 15 minutes for Q&A</i>	· Roger-Mark De Souza, Vice President of Research and Director of the Climate Program, Population Action International · Kristen P. Patterson, Manager of U.S. Relations, Africa Region, The Nature Conservancy · Hannah Reid, Consulting Researcher, Climate Change Group, International Institute of Environment and Development
11:50 – 12:30	Full group discussion	Discuss the value of taking a holistic approach to climate change adaptation.	· Facilitator · All Participants

12:30 – 1:30	Lunch Break		
1:30 – 2:30	Breakout groups	Break out groups mixed by sector (Conservation, Development, Donor) Groups identify: 1- The top 3 reasons why we need to collaborate. 2- Challenges: What makes a holistic adaptation vision challenging for your organization? 3-What are specific ways we can collaborate across organizations?	· Each group is facilitated by a member of the planning team; each group will nominate a note-taker and a presenter
2:30 – 3:15	Reporting back	Break out groups report back to the main group. Collectively, discuss re-occurring themes and identify ways to collaborate.	· Facilitator · All Participants
3:15 – 3:30	Coffee/tea break		
3:30 – 3:45	Plenary: Community-based adaptation to climate change: a tool and an approach to enhance conservation tillage	UNDP case study: Piloting community based adaptation in Namibia. <i>10 minute talk; 5 minutes for Q&A</i>	· Charles Nyandiga, Program Advisor and Regional Focal Point for Anglophone Africa and Arab states (UNDP-GEF SGP)
3:45 – 4:45	Climate Tools Panel	Explore available climate tools: 1) WWF and ARC's <i>The Green Recovery and Reconstruction Training Toolkit</i> 2) PAI's <i>Mapping Population and Climate Change</i> 3) CARE's <i>Climate Vulnerability and Capacity Analysis</i> 4) World Bank's <i>Climate Change Knowledge Portal</i> 5) TNC's <i>Climate Wizard</i> <i>10 minute talk per presenter; 10 minutes for Q&A</i>	· All participants · Presenters: ○ Anita Van Breda, World Wildlife Fund ○ Roger-Mark DeSouza, Population Action International ○ Pascal O. Girot, CARE International ○ Ana Bucher, The World Bank ○ Chris Zganjar, The Nature Conservancy
4:45 – 5:00	Wrap up and what to expect for Day 2		· Facilitator · All Participants

5:00 – 6:00	Networking / social hour	Learn more about what your colleagues in other sectors are doing and have 1:1 discussions on potential collaborations	· All participants
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Day 2 – Wednesday, July 25

Time	Topic	Activity	Point Person(s)
8:30 – 9:00	Arrival		
9:00 – 9:15	Welcome	Review yesterday's work and today's agenda	· Facilitator · All Participants
9:15 – 10:00	Report back and Full group discussion	Identify a smaller set of 5 ways in which we can collaborate; determine the 5 by having everyone vote to select the top ones; these topics will then be the focus of the next session. How can we meet the needs and answer the questions we identified yesterday?	· All participants—Identify key methods of collaboration that will become the subject of breakout group discussions.
10:00 – 10:45	Breakout groups	Refine methods for collaboration. Clearly identify action steps: What needs to be done to collaborate, and who is responsible for doing this going forward.	· Each group is facilitated by a member of the planning team; each group will nominate a note-taker and a presenter
10:45 – 11:00	Coffee break		
11:00 – 11:20	Full group discussion	Breakout groups report back	· Facilitator · All Participants
11:20 – 12:00	Full group discussion	What have we learned about the needs for collaboration? What are the top priorities? Discussion of needs and how to fill them.	· Facilitator · All Participants
12:00 – 1:00	Lunch break		
1:00 – 1:15	2013 Adaptation workshop in East Africa	Vision of and input into Africa-based workshops and draft agenda	· Dan Segan, Wildlife Conservation Society

1:15 – 1:45	Plenary	Discussion of and develop consensus on vision and objectives of Africa-based workshops	· Facilitator · All Participants
1:45 – 2:45	Breakout groups	Task groups with how to best design the 2013 workshops: 1) Identify 5–7 specific content areas/action items for workshop objectives 2) Invitation list	· Facilitator · All Participants
2:45 – 3:00	Coffee Break		
3:00 – 3:15	Full group discussion	Report back on breakout group results	· Facilitator · All Participants
3:15 – 4:00	Full group discussion	Discussion of and consensus on workshop agenda; Identify next steps towards workshop planning	· Facilitator · All Participants
4:00 – 4:15	Wrap up and evaluation	Brief assessment of this workshop and input about upcoming Africa workshops	
4:15	Farewell		

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