



Anticipatory Action in the IGAD region

Theme: Better together - Lessons Learnt and Charting the way forward for Early Warning and Anticipatory Early Action

17th – 19th May 2023

Venue: Addis Ababa – Ethiopia

Anticipatory Action is defined as acting ahead of predicted hazards to prevent or reduce acute humanitarian impacts before they fully unfold (G7 definition). Anticipatory Action approach presents a fundamental shift in how we tackle disasters requiring a leaning towards more proactive approach as opposed to traditional reactive approach to disasters.

IGAD Climate Prediction and Applications Centre (ICPAC) in collaboration with key partners are organizing a joint multi-stakeholder Anticipatory Action workshop towards establishing a regional guiding framework for implementation of Anticipatory Action in the IGAD region. The workshop seeks to convene key actors and stakeholders across the AA value chain with the aim of consolidating regional knowledge and experiences, creating a common understanding of AA and establishing a unified framework for advancing adoption and implementation of AA in the region. The workshop aims at fostering cross-sectoral, multilateral and multi-stakeholder implementation of AA.

Background and rationale

Climate related risks in the past decades have increased in frequency and magnitude due to climate change and other risk drivers, and these have led to complex emergencies negatively affecting millions of people over the horn of Africa. The compounding risks due to climate extremes, COVID-19, and conflicts have resulted in cascading and transboundary impacts including loss of livelihoods and assets, increasing number of food insecure population and human displacement over the region.

The fifth IPCC report that was recently released provided a timely reminder of the need to address current and future climate risks in a collaborative and transformative manner. The reality of this crisis is being felt by millions of people in the region on a regular basis, mainly due to the now frequent and intense drought and floods compounded by other risk multipliers.

Two fundamental and coinciding shifts in the DRR paradigm provide an opportunity for the adoption and integration of Anticipatory Actions into the DRR workflow as we know it. The two fundamental shifts are: 1) unprecedented push for establishing and improving early warning systems propelled by technological advancements and 2) a shift from reactive to proactive disaster management strategies aimed at protecting life, property and development gains in the face of increased frequency and intensity of disasters coupled with reduced resources for response. Technological advancements promise improved modelling and projection of weather and climate and their respective impacts. The promise of Anticipatory Action is the leverage early warning information to mitigate impacts of disasters.

The workshop will bring together experts and practitioners in the area of Anticipatory Action (AA) from member states and partners such as WFP, Anticipation Hub, IFRC, AICCRA among others. Key sectors include National Meteorological and Hydrological agencies, National Disaster Management Authority, National Drought Management Authority, academia and research institutions.

Objective and expected outcome

The general objective of the workshop is to build awareness and sensitization about the integral role of AA in mitigating disaster impacts in the region and an understanding of what is needed to adopt AA across the region.

The specific objectives of the workshop are:

- a) To appreciate the progress and challenges in advancing early warning at regional and national level
- b) To establish common regional understanding of Anticipatory Action; principles, terminology and implementation framework

- c) To consolidate AA knowledge and experiences in the region; with the aim of understanding the bottlenecks and opportunities of AA at national and subnational level
- d) Understanding currently available financing mechanisms for AA and exploring potential financing mechanism
- e) Charting way-forward for AA in the region; review and validation of the regional roadmap

Agenda

DAY 1: Understanding Anticipatory Action & the place of AA in DRR

Time	Activity	Institution	Moderators
8.30 - 9:00	Registration (<i>ICPAC</i>)		
SESSION I Official Opening & Introductions			
9:00 - 9:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opening remarks by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ICPAC AICCRA Anticipation Hub Host Country 		Viola Otieno - ICPAC
09:30 - 10:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Setting the scene <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Workshop objective ICPAC AA activities in the region 	ICPAC	
10:00 - 10:30	<i>Group Photo and Coffee Break</i>		
SESSION II Understanding Anticipatory Action & place of AA in DRR			
10:30 - 10:40	<i>Interactive session – “temperature” check</i>		Ahmed Amdihun- ICPAC
10:40 - 11:10	Global AA practice and success stories	Anticipation Hub	
11:10 - 11:40	WFP Pilots and next steps in scaling up	WFP - RBN	
11:40 - 12:10	The role of AA in AICCRA activities	AICCRA	
12:10 - 13:00	Interactive session – common understanding of AA	All	
13:00 - 14:00	<i>Lunch</i>		
SESSION III - Case studies of Anticipatory Action & IbF/FbF efforts across the region			
14:00 - 14:30	The case of Somalia Drought AA (<i>what worked, what didn't and lessons learnt</i>)	UN OCHA	George Otieno - ICPAC
14:30 - 15:00	FbF/IbF country presentation	WFP-RBN	
15:00 - 15:30	Regional IbF at ICPAC (<i>Integrating Machine Learning</i>)	ICPAC	
15:30 - 16:00	IbF lessons from Kenya, Djibouti and Uganda	ICPAC	
16:00 - 16:30	Interactive session – Discussion	Climate Centre	
16:30- 17:00	<i>Coffee Break</i>		

DAY 2: Implementing Anticipatory Action

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8.00 - 8:30	Registration (<i>ICPAC</i>)		
SESSION IV Anticipatory Action at national level <i>Bottlenecks and Opportunities of AA</i>			
8:30 - 9:30	Country level AA presentations by Kenya, Ethiopia and Somalia (SOPs/EAPs, tools and Pilots (15 mins each & 15 mins discussion)	National Institutions	Jully Ouma – ICPAC
09:30 - 10:00	Interactive session – Mapping AA activities/efforts/partnerships in countries [<i>Group discussions</i>]	ICPAC, All	
10:00 - 10:30	Coffee Break		
10:30 - 11:00	Interactive session continues - Mapping AA activities/efforts/partnerships in countries [<i>Group discussions</i>]	ICPAC, All	Maurine Ambani – WFP-RBN
11:00 - 11:40	Taking stock: Lessons learnt, challenges, opportunities and best practices	WFP, All	
11:40 - 12:20	Mainstreaming AA into DRR: what will it take?	AICCRA, All	
12:20 - 13:00	AA in the context of security/conflict and transboundary areas [Plenary session]	ICPAC, All	
13:00 - 14:00	<i>Lunch</i>		
SESSION VI – Early Warning Systems & Anticipatory Action			
14:00 - 14:30	State of regional & national Early Warning Systems	ICPAC	Jully Ouma - AICCRA
14:30 - 15:10	Interactive session - Role of Early Warning in AA: prioritizing risk	AICCRA	
15:10 - 15:40	GHACOF-63 Forecast IbF for GHACOF-63 integrating	ICPAC	
15:40 - 16:30	Interactive session – Translating Ghacof advisories to AA	ICPAC	
16:30-17:00	Coffee Break		

DAY 3: Anticipatory Action Roadmap

Time	Activity	Institution	Moderators
08:00 - 08:30	Registration (<i>ICPAC</i>)		
SESSION VII AA Roadmaps			
<i>Continental and regional road maps and relevance to national policies and frameworks</i>			
08:30 - 08:50	Recommendations of the Africa Dialogue Platform (2022)	Anticipation Hub	Maurine Ambani – WFP-RBN
08:50 - 09:10	Africa Roadmap [<i>priorities & proposed implementation framework</i>]	Anticipation Hub	
09:10 - 09:30	SADC AA Roadmap	IFRC – Southern Africa	
09:30 - 09:50	IGAD AA Roadmap	ICPAC	
09:50 - 10:30	Group discussion – <i>inputs into the IGAD roadmap</i>	ICPAC	
10:00 - 10:30	<i>Coffee Break</i>		
SESSION VIII – Financing Anticipatory Actions			
<i>Existing mechanism, opportunities, what needs to change</i>			
10:30 - 10:40	<i>Interactive session – “temperature check”</i>		Irene Amuroun - Climate Centre
10:40 - 11:10	Global & regional financing mechanisms [what are the existing financing mechanism]	Anticipation Hub, UN OCHA, ECHO	
11:10 - 11:40	Financing mechanisms in the IGAD region	WFP - RBN	
11:40 - 12:20	National financing mechanisms & opportunities [<i>Plenary & group discussion</i>]	All	
12:20 - 12:40	The place of AA in IGAD [<i>policy, strategy, frameworks</i>]	IGAD/ICPAC	
12:40 - 13:00	Interactive Q&A session	All	
13:00 - 14:00	<i>Lunch</i>		
SESSION IX – Conclusion & Recommendations			
14:00 - 14:30	Regional outcomes for ADP 2023	Anticipation hub All	George Otieno - ICPAC
14:30 - 15:00	Plenary – Way forward & Recommendations	All	
15:00 - 15:30	Closing Ceremony		
15:30-16:00	<i>Coffee Break</i>		

