Intra-ACP Focus Day

Mainstreaming Disaster Risk Management and Climate Change Adaptation in ACP countries

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DRR in the SADC Region

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SADC Regional Context

- Countries: 16 (Angola, Botswana, Comoros, Democratic Republic of Congo, Eswatini, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius Mozambique, Namibia, Seychelles, South Africa, United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe

- Disaster statistics: SADC’s humanitarian relief expenditure between 2010 and October (2015) was US$10.1 billion, around US$1 billion annually.

- Institutional setup for DRM: National DRR Offices, SADC DRR Unit (SADC DES-RI), Regional DRR Technical Committee, Regional DRR Committee of Senior Officials, Ministerial Committee, Council of Ministers and Summit
Frequency of occurrence by hazard in SADC

Source: CRED 2016
Perspectives on mainstreaming DRM and CCA

• Disaster Risk Management and Climate Change Adaptation mainstreaming
  – Policy frameworks (Thematic (DRR, Food Security) and crosscutting (Regional Resilience Framework)
  – Projects (i.e Regional DRR Project, CCA GCF Project) and Programmes (Regional Vulnerability, Assessment and Analysis)
  – Capacity Development for Secretariat and Member States
  – Research and networking among agencies

• Main challenges
  – Need for more DRR national awareness,
  – Limited integrating SFDRR into national policy and other frameworks
  – National leadership involving different stakeholders
  – Political influence in decision making towards DRR measures
  – DRR institutional structures with relevant expertise and funding mechanisms
Focus on the ACP-EU NDRR Program

• ACP-EU NDRR project contribution to mainstreaming Disaster Risk Management and Climate Change Adaptation
  – Support for Policy formulation
  – Capacity Development for Secretariat and Member States
  – Research towards decision making
  – Knowledge generation
  – Facilitates shared learning on best practices
Lessons learned

• What are the lessons learned in the process of developing and implementing solutions for mainstreaming Disaster Risk Management and Climate Change Adaptation?
  – Resilience approach harmonizing DRR, CCA and Development
  – Dialogue and joint programming for DRR experts and Climate Scientists at regional and national levels
  – Collaboration among stakeholders critical (e.g. DIMSUR on DRR and Urban Resilience initiatives)

• How could mainstreaming Disaster Risk Management and Climate Change Adaptation be further enhanced?
  – Advocacy for policy and legislative reforms to reflect Sendai focus
  – Enhance funding for DRR
  – Strengthen capacity development
  – Strengthen coherence through common resilience focus
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