



WISER newsletter - November 2018



Welcome!

A very warm welcome to the first edition of our WISER newsletter, which we are planning to publish every three months. We hope it will be interesting and will help keep you informed of the work the WISER programme is undertaking. If you know of other colleagues who would be interested in receiving this newsletter, do ask them to subscribe by [emailing us](#).

You can also keep up to date by viewing the [Met Office](#) and [ACPC](#) webpages, joining our [LinkedIn](#) group and following our [Twitter](#) hashtag [#UKaidWISER](#).

Introduction to the Weather and Climate Information Services for Africa (WISER) programme

Delivering transformational change in the quality, accessibility and use of weather and climate information services for sustainable development in Africa

WISER East Africa

Aimed at improving the quality and relevance of weather and climate information, and supporting its uptake and use across the East Africa region.

Fund Manager:



WISER Policy & Enabling Environment Component (PEEC)

Focused on creating an enabling environment and stimulating demand for climate information service uptake and investments at the highest level of policy making.

Fund manager:



WISER East Africa



Overview of phase 2 projects

As phase two of the WISER East Africa programme gets underway, we are pleased to be able to share an overview of all the projects. Take a look at our [overview document](#) and find out more on the Met Office WISER [webpages](#).

WISER East Africa impact so far...

In July the WISER East Africa Technical Lead, Bill Leathes, published a blog post which looked back at some of the impact the phase one WISER projects have had. Read Bill's blog post [here](#). You can also get straight to the series of impact stories on the web – click [here](#).

WISER PEEC



Objectives of WISER PEEC

WISER PEEC seeks to contribute to transformational change in the uptake and use of climate information services (CIS) in development processes across Africa, through demonstrating the socio-economic benefits of enhanced CIS investments to policy makers for building resilient economies and keeping climate impacts at bay. In addition, PEEC actively promotes the engagement of the private sector in CIS production and use.

Through its Climate Research for Development (CR4D) programme, PEEC is also strengthening links between climate research and development planning in the continent. It aims to develop research that is driven by African scientists, academicians and policy makers to tell the story from the African perspective.

WISER PEEC policy influence

Through its advisory services, PEEC influences policies by facilitating platforms for debate, knowledge exchange and CIS resolutions to key political platforms such as the African Ministerial Conference on the Meteorology (AMCOMET), and climate information awareness raising for members of parliament and ambassadors. The ACPC supports the formulation of CIS policies and their utility in development planning and practice.

PEEC has developed training tools and established partnerships with institutions including academia, civil society, media, and women's groups for the implementation of human and institutional capacity building on strategies for the uptake and use of CIS, as well as options to cope with climate disasters.

Other WISER news



Greater Horn of Africa Climate Outlook Forum (GHACOF) 50

In August we attended the 50th GHACOF, which provided a great opportunity to meet with many of you. The gender and equity theme of the event provided an opportunity to explore this through a WMO-led session and a Met Office-led session looking at how gender and equity could be incorporated in WISER projects and other weather and climate programmes.



7th Climate Change and Development in Africa (CCDA-VII) conference

CCDA-VII took place on 10-12 October 2018 in Nairobi, Kenya on the theme 'policies and actions for effective implementation of the Paris Agreement'. The event was attended by over 600 participants representing governments, research institutions, civil society, media, youth and women's groups. The main outcome was a set of recommendations on modalities for integrating the NDCs into national policies and plans. Further information is available [here](#).

WISER knowledge and learning

The WISER knowledge management strategy has been developed to ensure that knowledge from the programme benefits other weather and climate projects and programmes.



WISER knowledge and learning

A large amount of knowledge has already been developed during phase one of the programme, and this is shared on the [Met Office](#) and [ACPC](#) webpages. Do take a look to see whether any of this information is relevant to your own work and keep checking back for new information.

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