



## WISER newsletter - April 2019



### **Welcome!**

Welcome to the latest issue of our WISER newsletter. We hope you will find this interesting and that it will keep you informed of the work the WISER programme is undertaking. If any colleagues would also 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 web pages, joining our LinkedIn group and following our Twitter hashtag [#UKaidWISER](#).

## **WISER East Africa**



## DARAJA

DARAJA successfully hosted its [co-design workshops](#) in Nairobi and Dar es Salaam in February. The workshops were well attended, and involved strong contributions from representatives from Kenya Meteorological Department (KMD) and Tanzania Meteorological Agency (TMA). Also in attendance were the Red Cross, respective officials from each city, media representatives and the resident groups from several informal settlements. Both KMD and TMA's contributions to the pilot design process were greatly appreciated by all stakeholders. The DARAJA Consortium presented the initial research findings and a skeleton information ecosystems mapping of each city. The overall outcome were the collaboratively designed potential pilot projects for each of the two cities. Alongside this, pilot coordination groups were formed with representatives from each stakeholder group, who will continue to work with the DARAJA Consortium Partners towards rolling out the pilots. Later in the month Resurgence and KDI presented the skeleton information ecosystems map of Nairobi at the Hague Planetary Security Conference and [led a workshop exercise using the scenario of a water vendor developed under WISER](#).



## Case studies

You may have seen the first in our series of WISER 'impact stories' last year, which took a look back at some of the WISER phase one projects. We have now completed more on phase one as well as case studies on some of the phase two work to date.

- [Climate services go local in Western Kenya](#)
- [Climate information to help combat malaria in Ethiopia](#)
- [Partnership between climate and health officials boosts Tanzania's anti-malaria effort](#)
- [Tanzania Meteorological Agency successfully scales delivery of improved weather forecast](#)
- [Same weather, different needs – the importance of user engagement](#)
- [From strategic planning to improved weather and climate services](#)



## **Climate Research for Development (CR4D) to award research grants**

The Economic Commission for Africa's (ECA) Climate Research for Development (CR4D) initiative is set to award up to 20 climate research grants in May 2019 on priorities that will contribute to bridging the gap between climate research and development in Africa. A total of 180 full submissions were received earlier in the year by the Africa Academy of Sciences (AAS), which is partnering with the ECA to manage the grants.

A panel of external reviewers included members of the CR4D Scientific Advisory Committee and other experts across all the fields of climate research. Each manuscript received was reviewed by two expert reviewers and scored against standard set criteria.

The CR4D Project Executive Committee, subsequently assessed 60 proposals (based on the external review scores) and selected 30 candidates who were invited for face to face interviews.

The 20 selected researchers will commence their fellowships in May 2019 with the aim of addressing Africa's most pressing climate challenges as indicated in the call.

## **2nd CR4D Institutional Collaboration Platform (ICP)**

The 2nd CR4D ICP meeting convened in February 2019 and assessed the CR4D progress since the first Institutional Collaboration Platform (ICP) meeting, provided advice on implementation of the 5-year CR4D Strategic Plan, including resource mobilisation, reviewed the research grants management framework and considered the dual role of the Africa Academy of Sciences (AAS) as the ICP chair and CR4D research grants management institution.

The event, attended by the ICP member institutions from across the continent, also deliberated on modalities for provision of policy guidance to the CR4D Oversight Board, especially on strategies to enhance uptake of climate research outcomes at policy level.

## **Other WISER news**



Our new infographic on the WISER programme highlights some of the key achievements of the programme to date. [Click here](#) to view the infographic.

### 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 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.

## 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.

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