



## WISER newsletter - January 2020



### **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**



### Building bridges in East Africa

As more and more people live in informal settlements that are particularly vulnerable to extreme weather, one project in East Africa funded by WISER aims to mitigate the danger by working closely with urban communities.

Read the case study [here](#).

### Taking a WISER approach in Asia

Two projects supported by WISER are introducing objective seasonal forecasts to East and West Africa. The aim of both projects is to transform preparation and response to extreme weather events to better support communities in managing adverse weather conditions.

Read the case study [here](#).

## WISER PEEC



### Training of Sierra Leone MPs on Utilization of Climate Information

Under the auspices of WISER, ECA conducted training for 50 members of the Parliament of the Republic of Sierra Leone in December 2019. The objective of the training was to strengthen the capacity of the members of parliament in using climate information in the formulation of laws, policies and regulations.

One of the Sierra Leonean MPs that participated in the ToT in Addis Ababa, in collaboration with the Africa Climate Policy Centre, convened and organized the training for the Legislators.



### Workshop on climate resilient investment in reconstruction after cyclones Idai and Kenneth

Cyclone Idai and Kenneth hit Mozambique between March and April 2019, killing hundreds of people and leaving over 1.8 million homeless and without basic necessities and infrastructure. Cyclone Idai also caused significant flooding, damage and destruction of homes, resulting in numerous deaths in southern Malawi as well as in eastern Zimbabwe.

The Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) and its partners the Department for International Development (DFID) and the Met Office, convened a workshop in October 2019 for SADC countries to

The two-day training was delivered using a novel design that ensured interactive participation of the members, through Q and As and breakout sessions. Besides providing definitions, sources and users of CIS, members were briefed on developing climate change legislation, budgeting, and monitoring and evaluation.

The MPs in attendance requested that a succinct outcome document tailored to catalyze action in their constituencies be produced. They promised to table a motion in the assembly to adopt the report. As the training took place, the speaker of the assembly, Hon. Abass Bundu, thanked ECA for facilitating the training as he introduced the team to the assembly.

formulate actionable strategies for climate resilient reconstruction of infrastructure in Malawi, Mozambique and Zimbabwe post the devastating tropical Cyclones Idai and Kenneth. The event was informed by the three countries' experiences following the two cyclones.

At the workshop, which was held under the "building back better" approach, the countries shared first hand experiences of the impacts, lessons learnt and effectiveness of responses to the disaster.

A record 140 people who attended the workshop produced recommendations to enhance capacity and resilience in SADC member States.

#### 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.

**Fund manager:**



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