

**FOURTH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON COMMUNITY-BASED ADAPTATION
DAR ES SALAAM, TANZANIA
21-27 FEBRUARY 2010**

Background

Community-based adaptation (CBA) recognizes that communities already possess much of the knowledge and skills required to cope with the expected impacts of climate change. Communities can often increase their resilience to climate stresses by building on their own knowledge and skills. This is important in Africa, which is particularly vulnerable to climate change.

The Fourth International Conference on CBA aims to share and consolidate the latest developments in CBA planning and practice in different sectors and countries amongst practitioners, policymakers, researchers, funders and the communities at risk. It will disseminate lessons learnt both at the conference and through conference proceedings. Ultimately the aim is to share knowledge and experiences to help those most vulnerable to climate change.

Conference Structure and Programme

The conference will consist of a two-day field visit to CBA projects in different parts of Tanzania, followed by three days of interactive discussions. These will be divided into thematic areas, which may include: agriculture; drylands and pastoralism; urban areas, disaster risk reduction; insurance; CBA methodologies; scaling up and replicating best practices; communication good CBA and funding CBA. Some of these sessions will be held in French.

Participation and Management

The workshop will be open to anyone interested in CBA, including policymakers, non-government organizations, research and policy institutes, those funding CBA initiatives, academics and community-based organizations. Of the 100 participants, at least 80 will be from outside Tanzania. Self-funded participants can apply to the organizers to attend, and will be charged a registration fee of £1000, which will cover all in-country costs. Participants (from developing countries only) requiring funding should send their abstract with a request for funding to the workshop organizers by the end of October 2009. These can be in French or English.

The International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED) will act as lead contact for conference management issues. Environment Protection Management Services (EPMS) will manage all local logistics in Tanzania.

Further information

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