



## Regional Training Workshop Announcement

### Community and Ecosystem Based Climate Change Adaptation

Wetlands International (WI) and the African Institute for Capacity Development (AICAD) are pleased to announce the second workshop on *Community and Ecosystem Based Climate Change Adaptation* to be held from 12<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> March 2012 at AICAD Headquarters, Nairobi, Kenya. This workshop is part of a series of training courses being rolled out within the Wetlands International projects. The main modules were developed in collaboration with various partners such as World Wildlife Fund United States (WWFUS), Conservation International CI, Co-operative Programme on Water and Climate (CPWC), Oxfam America, WI and inputs from Wetlands International Africa (IWA), International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), through a series of stakeholder consultations and have further undergone processes to ensure their relevance to local contexts.

The workshop is the second in a series of Regional Anglophone and Francophone Practitioners Training courses in 2011. These trainings will be conducted by the selected trainers from the Training of Trainers held in 2010 in Kenya. The trainers have been engaged in adapting the modules to local contexts and have developed a curriculum specific to the region which would be used for the delivery of the workshop.

This workshop will target practitioners from various sectors such as, livelihood issues, development, gender based issues, and conservation from various organizations including governments, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), community based organizations (CBOs), inter-governmental organizations (IGOs), training centres, universities, research institutions and other relevant agencies working at the level of projects, or programmes with direct interaction with various stakeholders and communities in wetland and climate change areas.

The 7-day workshop including travel days will be conducted in modular form that will include feature case studies, interactive exercises and innovative learning experiences. The modules that will be delivered during the training including a field trip are:

**1. Wetlands and Ecosystem Based Adaptation.** This module introduces climate change, the evidence and its impacts on ecosystems and people. It explains why

ecosystems are important in adaptation to climate change and provides the setting for the other modules.

**2. Vulnerability assessment and strategic environmental impact assessment.** The module will explain the two concepts and their importance in adaptation processes. Also, it will explain the use of these tools with a particular focus on wetland ecosystems and in the participant's context.

**3. The Integration of Ecosystems into Infrastructure for Climate Change Adaptation.** The module will give an overview of the issues and challenges around planning and operating infrastructure that sustainably integrates ecosystems in a shifting climate.

**4. Community Based Adaptation Approaches.** The module will give insight in the role and importance of community based approaches in adaptation to climate change. It will also stress the importance of cross-scale adaptation, cooperation among stakeholders and the integration of adaptation in development and disaster risk reduction projects and plans.

**5. Disaster Risk Reduction.** This module introduces the principles of disaster risk reduction within the broader contexts of disaster management, climate change and conservation planning. The module will examine the range of practical steps that decision-makers can consider at the sectoral, municipal, state and regional level to reduce the risk associated with natural disasters related to climate change.

**6. Innovative financing for Adaptation to climate change.** The module will explain how we can both *access* and *deliver* financial resources for adaptation activities that focus on communities and ecosystems. It will also give insight in mechanisms to ensure these resources are effectively channelled to the ground level.

**7. Training Skills.** This module will provide for training skills in order to be able to effectively train others on the module topics.

### **Workshop Focus**

The role of this workshop is to emphasize ecosystem based climate change adaptation with the intent of equipping participants with the right tools and knowledge to address relevant issues on climate change from an ecosystem and community based perspective. By relating theory to practice, this workshop will give understanding and skills to deal with climate change adaptation efforts, with support of trainers and resource persons. The course will focus on an interactive learning process by providing methods to apply and share knowledge.

### **Aims and Objectives**

The workshop aims to enhance participants basic knowledge related to wetlands and ecosystem services and hands-on skills how to deal with ecosystem and community based approaches to climate change adaptation, illustrated with examples from case studies. You will be expected to gain the skills and knowledge to be able to train others at national level in relation to the modules.

Selected participants will be required to secure their own costs such as tuition, tickets, local transport and visas to Kenya where to attend the workshop. Part of the costs including tuition, accommodation, meals and pedagogical aspects can also be met by the organizers after applying for such scholarship. Few possibilities are available.

The total costs for each selected participant is 1800 \$USD

**Per diems will not be provided and therefore participants should organize from their own sponsors.**

**All participants even the sponsored ones from organizers have to meet their travel tickets, visas to Kenya**

### **Applicant Profile**

1. Available for long term commitment and relevance of training to participant's daily work
2. Mid-level professionals
3. Working knowledge of English
4. Minimum of three (3) years work experience
5. Minimum of a first degree

Organizations dealing with water, livelihood issues, development, gender based issues, and conservation either in Government, NGOs, IGOs, training centre, Universities, research institutions and other relevant agencies are strongly advised to apply.

Women are strongly advised to apply.

Potential applicants are advised to read the criteria stated below and apply accordingly as the selection of candidates will be based on these criteria.

### **Course Fees**

Tuition and Full board Accommodation are USD \$ 1800. The fee does not include local/International travel expenses health cover, visas and personal expenses.

### **Course Duration**

- 5 day full days
- 2 days devoted to the travel.

**12<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> March 2012**

**Venue**

The course will be held at AICAD Headquarters, about 40 km north of the city of Nairobi, Kenya, where participants are expected to stay for the duration of the workshop

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To apply for the Regional Training Workshop, please kindly use the attached form titled 'English' and send back to:

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