



Conference
**French-German
cooperation in Africa**
in the field of climate change,
food security & water resources
June 1st & 2nd, 2015 - Embassy of France - Berlin

Second Announcement

The Department for Science and Technology of the French Embassy in Berlin, and the French Institute for Development Research (IRD), are organizing a two-day conference on the French-German cooperation in the field of climate change, food security and water resources in Africa, with a focus on sub-Saharan Africa.

France and Germany are both involved in research on climate change and related impacts on food and water in Africa. The venue of the conference COP21, that will take place in Paris in November 2015, provides a favorable context for the preparation of a French-German agenda of common research activities (post-COP21) in sub-Saharan Africa.

Several actors involved in research on climate in Africa from France, Germany and some African countries will join this conference in Berlin, which will provide a forum for presentations of on-going research programs, discussions on needs and challenges, and identification of subjects of common interest. The objective is to foster new partnerships for French-German cooperation.

The invited speakers are: representatives from the dedicated ministries in France and in Germany, researchers from France, Germany and African countries.

In order to register please send your personal data (first name, last name, organization, function and email address) to the following address: kenny.abbey@diplomatie.gouv.fr . You will receive a confirmation email.

Registrations are open until May 25th, 2015.

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Preliminary Agenda

Simultaneous translation French/English will be provided during the Day 1 (June 1st, 2015)

Day 1 – Monday, June 1st 2015 – Morning		
Introductory Session		
09:00 – 10:00	Registration and coffee	
10:00 – 10:15	Welcome address	H.E. Philippe Etienne Ambassador of France in Germany
10:15 – 10:45	Diplomatic forum	Embassies of invited African countries (<i>to be confirmed</i>)
10:45 – 11:10	<i>Title of the presentation to be announced</i>	Gregor Laumann Head of Climate Strategies and International Cooperation DLR Project Management Agency
11:10 – 11:35	<i>Title of the presentation to be announced</i>	Frédéric Lapeyrie French Ministry of National Education, Higher Education and Research – MENESR, DGRI-SSRI
11:35 – 11:55	<i>Title of the presentation to be announced</i>	Dr. Stefan Schmitz German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development – BMZ
11:55 – 12:15	IRD strategy in the field of research on climate change and its impact in Africa	Jean-Marc Châtaigner Deputy Director-General of IRD
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch break	
Day 1 – Monday, June 1st 2015 – Afternoon		
Session 1. Climate change in sub-Saharan Africa. The Physical basis and challenges Convenors: Arona Diedhiou (IRD/LTHE, Grenoble) & Serge Janicot (IRD/LOCEAN, Paris)		
14:00 – 15:45	Climate change in sub-Saharan Africa. The Physical basis and challenges Moderation: Arona Diedhiou Research Director, IRD, LTHE	14:00 – Welcome and Introduction (A. Diedhiou) 14:05 – Keynote 1 Georges Kouadio, Professor, Cocody University <i>Climate change in Africa: what is at stake?</i> 14:20 – Keynote 2 Andreas Fink, Professor, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT), Institute of Meteorology and Climate Research <i>Observed drying and projected wetting in the Greater Horn of Africa area</i> 14:35 – Keynote 3 Serge Janicot, Research Director, IRD, LOCEAN <i>Overview of the West African monsoon system and how it might be impacted by global warming</i> 14:50 – Discussion on Keynote presentations 15:10 – Focus 1 Thierry Lebel, Research Director, IRD, Head of LTHE <i>Observatories and LMIs, key tools for climate research in West Africa</i> 15:20 – Focus 2 Patrice Brehmer, Researcher, IRD, LEMAR <i>The AWA project 'Ecosystem Approach to the management of fisheries and the marine environment in West African waters'</i> 15:30 – Final Discussion
15:45 – 16:15	Coffee break	

Session 2. Climate change and water resources**Convenors: Christophe Peugeot (IRD/HSM) & Thierry Lebel (IRD/LTHE, Grenoble)**

16:15 – 18:15	<p>Climate change and water resources</p> <p>Moderation: Thierry Lebel Research Director IRD, Head of LTHE</p>	<p>16:15 – Welcome and Introduction (C. Peugeot) 16:20 – Keynote 1 Abou Amani, Regional Hydrologist for Africa, UNESCO <i>Addressing water security challenges in Africa</i> 16:35 – Keynote 2 Christophe Peugeot, Research Scientist, IRD, HSM <i>Surface Water</i> 16:50 – Keynote 3 Sara Vassolo, Researcher, BGR Hannover <i>The importance of groundwater for the African population</i></p> <p>17:05 – Discussion on Keynote presentations</p> <p>17:25 – Focus 1: Euloge Agbossou, Professor, UAC, Head of the Benin National Water Institute Luc Olivier Sintondji, Professor, UAC/Benin National Water Institute <i>Water resources assessment and impacts of climate change in Benin: case of Ouémé basin</i> 17:40 – Focus 2: Thomas Himmelsbach, Head of Sub-Department Groundwater Resources, BGR Hannover <i>Deep lying semi-fossil aquifers – from occasional findings towards a groundwater exploration strategy</i></p> <p>17:55 – Final Discussion</p>
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Day 2 – Tuesday, June 2nd 2015 – Morning**Session 3. Climate change and food security****Convenor: Jean-Luc Chotte (IRD/Eco&Sols, Montpellier)**

08:30 – 10:15	<p>Climate change and food security</p> <p>Moderation: to be announced</p>	<p>8:35 – Keynote 1 Robert Zougmore, CCAFS Coordinator West Africa <i>Climate-smart agriculture as the solution to food security in Africa</i> 8:50 – Keynote 2 Jean-Luc Chotte, Head of research, IRD, ECOSOL <i>Integrated and Multidisciplinary researches for the resilience of rural communities and natural resources in West Africa, and promote Adaptations to climate change</i> 9:05 – Keynote 3 Dr. Khalid Siddig, Professor, Faculty of Agricultural Sciences, University of Hohenheim <i>Climate Change and Rangeland Degradation in Eastern Sudan: Which Adaptation Strategy Works Well?</i></p> <p>9:20 – Discussion on Keynote presentations</p> <p>9:40 – Focus 1 Dr. Jörg Helmschrot, Senior Scientist, University of Hamburg, SASSCAL Scientific coordination <i>Integrated water research to assess & secure current and future water resources for food production in Subsaharan Africa</i> 9:55 – Focus 2 Jean-Yves Jamin, CIRAD, UMR G-EAU <i>Different pathways towards sustainable intensification of Agrifood systems in Africa: Application to irrigated systems</i></p> <p>10:10 – Final Discussion</p>
10:25 – 10:45	Coffee break	

ROUNDTABLE #1**Convenor: Benoit Martimort-Asso (IRD) & Sebastien Treyer (IDDRI)**

10:45 – 11:45	Climate change and adaptation – Which climate policies for Africa?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Dr. Fatima Danton, African Climate Policy Centre (<i>to be confirmed</i>)- Khatim KHERRAZ, Executive secretary of OSS- Sebastien Treyer, IDDRI
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ROUNDTABLE #2**Convenors: Thierry Lebel (IRD/LTHE, Grenoble) & Jolanta Lewandowska (Embassy of France in Germany)**

11:45 – 12:45	What prospects for common initiatives?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Convenors and Keynote Speakers of Sessions 1; 2; 3- Amadou Gaye, Professor, LPA, Senegal- Fred Hattermann, Co-head of the Research Area "Regional Impacts and Adaptation", PIK Potsdam- Representatives from BMBF and MENESR (<i>to be confirmed</i>)- A representative from ANR (<i>to be confirmed</i>)
12:45 – 13:00	Conference closure	