

The MWAR-LAC Coordination Meeting and Meeting on Addressing Water Security: Climate Impacts and Adaptation Responses in LAC

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Introduction

The MWAR-LAC project ('Managing WATER Resources in Arid and Semiarid zones of Latin America') was initiated in 2012 to enhance the capacity of dryland countries to deal with climatic variability, drought and floods, and to build capacities on different levels (professionals, governmental agencies, general public and dryland communities) to tackle water management challenges in the Latin American and Caribbean drylands.

During its first year of implementation, the project achieved multiple milestones and deliverables, as foreseen in the project programme. During its last year of implementation, its focus will be oriented towards the development of capacities and supporting the required tools for the follow-up project 'Addressing Water Security: Climate Impacts and Adaptation Responses in Africa, Asia and LAC'.

Therefore, a two day meeting will be held in Montevideo, Uruguay, to present ongoing activities of the MWAR-LAC project, as well as to discuss follow-up activities and to identify possible linkages with other regional activities on climate change adaptation strategies.

Venue

Oficina Regional de Ciencia de la UNESCO para América Latina y el Caribe

Luis Piera 1992, Edificio Mercosur
Montevideo 11200
Uruguay

Programme

Sunday 2 February	Arrival of participants in Montevideo, Uruguay
Monday 3 February	
8:30 – 9:00	Registration of participants
9:00 – 10:00	Opening Session Chair: Director of Montevideo Office Opening remarks Zelmira May (UNESCO) Rudy Herman (Flemish Government) Anil Mishra (UNESCO)
10:00 – 10:30	Coffee Break
10:30 – 13:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- An overview of activities of The Flanders UNESCO Science Trust Fund (FUST): Rudy Herman (Flemish Government) Advances of the MWAR-LAC Project <ul style="list-style-type: none">- General Overview of the project: Koen Verbist (UNESCO)- The G-WADI Dryland Expert Database: Gabriel Mancilla (CAZALAC) / Koen Verbist

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 5' hands-on training how to use the G-WADI Dryland Expert Database: Koen Verbist (UNESCO) - Capacity building of young professionals (ELAFIS) and farmer communities (COSWAND) : Donald Gabriels (UGent) - Deficit irrigation strategies for Quinoa production systems: Magalí Garcia (UMSA)
13:00 - 14:30	Lunch
14:30 – 16:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Latin American and Caribbean Drought Atlas: Jorge Nuñez/Gabriel Mancilla (CAZALAC) / Will Logan (ICIWaRm)/ Cesar Carmona (JRC) / Koen Verbist (UNESCO) - The Chilean Drought Observatory: Walter Baethgen (IRI) / Koen Verbist (UNESCO) - The Peruvian Drought Observatory: Bram Willems (UNMSM) <p>Linkages with Regional Projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Water Resources Management activities supported by the Chilean Ministry of Foreign Affairs: Mercedes Meneses (MinRelExt)
16:00 - 16:30	Coffee Break
16:30 - 18:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Climate Risk Management in LAC: Walter Baetghen (IRI) - Integrated Water Resources Management in LAC: Will Logan (ICIWaRM) - Water Management Capacity Building of professionals in MWAR-LAC and the Lloyd's Register Foundation-International Water Security Network: Chris Scott/Rob Varady (UDAL/Aquasec) – <i>Remote Contribution</i> - The Regional Programme 'Áridas-LAC': Guillermo Dascal (CEPAL)
20:00	Dinner
Tuesday 4 February	
09:00 –10:00	<p>Linkages with Regional Projects (Cont'd)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Euroclima-Desertification, Land Degradation and Drought: Paulo Barbosa (JRC) – <i>Remote Contribution</i> - Euroclima-Agua/RALCEA: Cesar Carmona (JRC) – <i>Remote Contribution</i>
10:00 – 10:30	Coffee Break
10:30 – 11:00	Presentation of MWAR-LAC activities foreseen in 2014
11:00 – 12:00	Round table discussion on possible collaboration between regional programs
12:00 – 13:00	Presentation of the Project “Addressing Water Security: Climate Impacts and Adaptation Responses in LAC”
13:00 - 14:30	Lunch
14:30 – 16:00	Round table discussion on Strategies of Climate Change Adaptation for Latin America
16:00 - 16:30	Coffee Break
16:30	Travel of participants

List of participants

Name	Institute	Country
Anil Mishra	UNESCO-IHP	Paris, France
Zelmira May	UNESCO-IHP	Montevideo, Uruguay
Soledad Benitez	UNESCO-IHP	Montevideo, Uruguay
Koen Verbist	UNESCO-IHP	Santiago, Chile
Rudy Herman	Flanders UNESCO Trust Fund	Flanders, Belgium
Gabriel Mancilla	CAZALAC	La Serena, Chile
Bram Willems	UNMSM	Lima, Peru
Magalí Garcia	UMSS	La Paz, Bolivia
Donald Gabriels	Ghent University	Ghent, Belgium
Walter Baethgen	IRI	Montevideo, Uruguay
Will Logan	ICIWaRM/USACE	Washington, USA
Paulo Barbosa (*)	JRC/EUROCLIMA	Isprah, Italy
Cesar Carmona (*)	JRC/EUROCLIMA/RALCEA	Isprah, Italy
Chris Scott (*)	Aquasec/UDALL	Arizona, USA
Guillermo Dascal	CEPAL	Santiago, Chile
Mercedes Meneses	Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Santiago, Chile

(*) Participation via videoconferencing