

International Conference on Climate Risk Management

Dates: 5 - 7 April 2017.

Venue: Boma Hotel, Bellevue, Off Mombasa Road, Red Cross Road, Nairobi, Kenya P.O box 00200-60705 GPO

Background:

Increasingly, the audience for information on vulnerability, impacts and adaptation has broadened from just UNFCCC policy makers. There are opportunities to better organize the next IPCC assessment to respond to their needs, and while doing so also better serve the UNFCCC. A particular user community is the international community dealing with climate and disaster risk management, particularly in vulnerable contexts.

In order to inform the AR6 scoping process with this community's needs and insights, the Red Cross Red Crescent Climate Centre is convening an international scientific conference co-organized with partners working on the interface of climate science, policy and practice, and co-sponsored by IPCC.

Using innovative participatory methods, this conference will convene dialogue between humanitarians, development actors, scientists, and adaptation practitioners about the information and communication needs to translate scientific information into policy and practice, with a particular focus on managing risks facing the most vulnerable groups.

Objectives:

The outcomes of the 2017 Conference on Climate Risk Management will be to focus on those who are most vulnerable to climate change. It will (1) identify key metrics and formats in which researchers can present existing research and other types of climate risk information in a way that will better inform climate risk management for the most vulnerable, (2) identify key areas of research that are needed to inform climate risk management for the most vulnerable, and (3) inspire commitments to new research projects that will address these needs.

The conference will:

1. Bring together researchers and practitioners in a participatory dialogue on information needs for climate risk management that specifically address the needs of the most vulnerable

2. Identify key successes in climate risk management for the most vulnerable that have been influenced by previous IPCC assessment reports and other scientific literature
3. Compile information on stakeholder needs for climate risk information, both content and format
4. Identify areas of research needed to further promote and expand such successes to new regions, sectors, and stakeholders, in line with the priorities from COP22, the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction
5. Develop key metrics and formats in which research can be presented to inform climate risk management for the most vulnerable
6. Encourage humanitarian and development sectors to implement evidence-based policies and programmes and participate in the co-design of research programmes
7. Establish a collaboration that will continue dialogue on the translation of scientific information into policy and practice.

The below is a guide to the International Conference on Climate Risk Management including the schedule of events, details of travel and accommodation, visa applications, health and safety and how to participate. We will continue to update this guide as new information is confirmed, and if you have any questions please contact Zoe Vokes at zoe@amygibsonevents.com.

Programme

Please note that this is a near-final draft of the programme and may be subject to small changes.

Day 1: April 5, 2017

<i>Session Name</i>		
1	8.30	<i>Registration</i>
2	9.00	Opening and welcome
3	9.30	Getting to know each other
4	10.15	<i>Break</i>
5	10.45	The IPCC journey: AR1 to AR6
6	11.00	The climate risk management narrative
7	12.00	<i>Lunch</i>
8	13.00	The great risk framing debate
9	14.30	Sector breakout groups & gallery walk
10	15.30	<i>Break</i>
11	16.00	Synthesizing risk framing building blocks
12	16.30	Closing plenary (<i>remote participation</i>)
13	17.00	Close of day 1
14	19.00	<i>Cultural evening</i>

Day 2: April 6, 2017

Session Name		
15	8.00	Archetypes for decision makers and most vulnerable people
16	10.00	<i>Break</i>
17	10.30	Examining changing risks for decisionmaking
18	11.45	Formulating and sharing recommendations for AR6
19	13.00	<i>Lunch</i>
20	14.00	<i>Travel to University of Nairobi</i>
21	15.00	High Level Event at University of Nairobi
22	16.30	Networking event
23	18.30	<i>Conference Dinner</i>

Day 3: April 7, 2017

Session Name		
24	8.00	Day 2 Recap
25	8.30	The importance of metrics in the IPCC
26	9.00	Exploring IPCC metrics
27	10.30	<i>Break</i>
28	11.00	Interfacing with decisionmakers
29	12.00	<i>Lunch</i>
30	13.00	Identifying research priorities

31	14.00	<i>Break</i>
32	14.30	Next step commitments
33	16.30	Reflection on the meeting (<i>remote participation</i>)
34	17.00	Closing remarks
35	17.30	End of meeting

Travel and accommodation

Flights:

Once you have booked your flight please ensure that your flight information is sent to zoe@amygibsonevents.com. If you are being fully funded, you should liaise directly with the assigned travel agent in order to book your flight. Please contact Raptim Travel at travelteam3.nl@raptim.org as soon as possible with your date of departure and return, country/city of origin, and any special requirements (dietary requirements, seat preference etc.). Please also state that you are attending the International Conference on Climate Risk Management meeting.

If you are being funded by IDRC please communicate with [Ahmed](#) in order to book your flights.

If you are self funded please book your flights through your own means as soon as possible and ensure that your flight information is sent to both zoe@amygibsonevents.com and [Masha](#) at the Boma Hotel to ensure that your airport transfers are booked.

We ask you to arrive on Tuesday 4th April and depart on either the evening of 7th April or any time on 8th April. Flights should be confirmed by 20th March.

Accommodation and airport pick-ups:

If you are being funded by the organisers your accommodation and airport pick up will be covered. Once you have confirmed your flights and sent the details to us, we will book your room and airport transfer. If you are self funded you will need to cover the cost of your accommodation and airport transfers, both of which can be booked directly with the hotel. Please send your travel details to [Masha](#) in order to do this.

Visas:

You need a visa to enter Kenya which you will need to obtain before you travel. You can apply for single entry and transit visas on the [evisas website](#), where you can also find your eligibility. Please note that it takes approximately 1 week for a visa to be processed, and usually costs \$51. If you have been told that your costs will be covered by the organisers, please bring your visa receipt to the event in order to be reimbursed in cash.

In order to receive the necessary invitation letter, please [FILL IN THE FORM HERE](#) so we can create your letter and return it to you for your visa application.

Please note: your passport should be valid for a minimum period of 6 months from the date of entry into Kenya. Make sure you have two blank pages in your passport on arrival.

Dinners and other expenses:

If you are being fully covered by the organisers the cost of your meals will be covered (breakfast, lunch and dinner at the hotel as well as conference tea and snacks). If you are being funded by IDRC please communicate with [Ahmed](#) on your expenses.

If you are self-funding then your breakfast will be covered in the cost of your accommodation, and your lunch and conference tea and snacks will be covered by the organisers. However you will be expected to pay for your own dinners.

We advise that you arrange travel/health insurance for your trip, but this will not be covered by the organisers.

Venue:

The conference will be taking place, and attendees will be accommodated at The Boma Hotel. The address, contact details and a map for the venue can be found below.

Venue Address and Contact Details:

The Boma Hotel
Red Cross Rd,
Nairobi City,
Kenya
P.O Box 00200-60705 GPO
Phone: +254 719 050000



Travel health and safety

Vaccinations

We recommend you consult your GP or travel nurse 4-6 weeks prior to travelling to Nairobi.

Please [see here for a list of necessary vaccinations](#).

Yellow fever: There is risk of yellow fever transmission in parts of Kenya. The government of Kenya requires proof of yellow fever vaccination only if you are arriving from a country with risk of yellow fever transmission.

[Countries with risk of yellow fever virus \(YFV\) transmission](#).

Travel insurance

Please make sure that you have travel insurance provided by your employer.

Stay healthy

We recommend you consult your GP before travelling to ensure you are in good health and to enquire about any over-the-counter medication you may need.

April is a fairly hot month for Kenya with maximum temperatures ranging from 25 - 30 degrees celsius. Make sure you stay protected and hydrated at all times, and follow these simple steps to stay healthy on your trip.

1. Stay hydrated, drink water at regular intervals throughout the day
2. Drink only boiled or bottled water and avoid ice in drinks
3. Don't eat food prepared by unlicensed vendors
4. Carry high UV protection sunscreen, sunglasses and a hat
5. Wash your hands often, particularly before eating
6. Eat cooked, hot food. Avoid raw, undercooked or soft meat, fish or eggs
7. Cover exposed skin and wear insect repellent to avoid mosquito bites

Stay safe

Please find the latest travel advice from the Kenyan Red Cross [here](#).

Please find the security report from the Boma Hotel [here](#).

Tourist information:

Should you wish to stay in Nairobi we have compiled a list of relevant tourist activities in and around the city:

1. Giraffe Centre
2. Elephant Orphanage (Mornings from 11am - 12midday only)
3. Nairobi National Park (Safari)
4. The Bomas of Kenya (Traditional Dance)
5. Masai Market (Rotates to different locations, local crafts, be prepared to bargain)
6. Spinners Web (Nicer local crafts, a bit pricey, no bargaining)
7. Karua Forest (Nice park near town for walking/jogging, very safe)
8. Kilimani art galleries (Shift Eye Studios and Kuona trust - check websites to confirm shows are on)

There are a also number of environmentally friendly tour providers operating in Kenya. A list can be found [here](#).
Finally, <http://narikutravel.com/> offer authentic tours and experiences around Nairobi and Kenya.