

# URAdapt

Managing Water at the **Urban-Rural** Interface: The key to climate change resilient cities

## BRIEF REPORT

Round Table Discussions on Monitoring Adaptation and Building Capacity to Address Climate Change.

&

Discussion on URAdapt Project with CCAA Advisory. Board Members



**Brief Report on Round Table Discussions on Monitoring Adaptation and Building Capacity to Address Climate Change**  
**held on**  
**November 09/10 at Harmony Hotel**  
**and**  
**Discussion on URAdapt Project with CCAA Advisory Board Members on Nov. 10/10 at Addis Ababa Institute of Technology (AAiT)/ Addis Ababa University (AAU)**

**Day 01**

***Participants***

1. CCAA Advisory Board Members
2. Fatima Denton (Dr), IDRC – Program Leader of CCAA Regional Office for West and Central Africa
3. Evans Kituyi(Dr.), IDRC – Senior Program Specialist, CCAA Regional Office for East and Southern Africa
4. Donors Representative – IDRC/DFID
5. Ongoing Project Representatives

***Activities***

- Introductory remarks on activities of CCAA by Mbareck Diop, Chair of CCAA Advisory Board and further insight on project activities and expectation by Fatima Denton
- Presentations by Project Leaders of four projects
- Panel Discussion on Key Challenges of Monitoring Adaptation and Building Capacity.

***Discussions***

The major discussion was held during a panel discussion where Dr. Semu was a member of a panel. The question posed was “Do we need monitoring on adaptation of climate change?”

- Of course the answer was yes but the why, what, when and how were the critical aspect of the discussion
- It was mentioned that the monitoring is actually process monitoring and the details of monitoring mechanism depends on the project type
- The fact that it might differ from conventional monitoring is also stressed

## **Day 02**

### ***Participants***

1. Mbareck Diop, Chair of CCAA Advisory Board
2. Fatima Denton (Dr), IDRC – Program Leader of CCAA Regional Office for West and Central Africa
3. Evans Kituyi(Dr.), IDRC – Senior Program Specialist, CCAA Regional Office for East and Southern Africa
4. Donors Representative – IDRC/DFID
5. Solomon Seyoum (Dr) – IWMI/ Water Resources Systems Specialist
6. Yilma Seleshi (Dr) – AAiT/AAU – Civil Engineering Department Head
7. URAdapt Project Team

### ***Activities***

- Introductory and guiding remarks by Board Chairman and Program leader
- Two presentations on Vision and activities carried out to realize the vision by project team
- Discussions and
- Closing Remarks

### ***Discussions:***

Based on the presentations some questions were raised by advisory board member and other participants

- Is the vision top bottom or bottom up?
- Do you have community based organizations and vulnerable groups included as stakeholders?
- What is the role of women in the project? How are they incorporated in the project?
- Do you have any linkage North Universities to get tools for data collections and treatment?
- What is the format of the research output? Do you have different format for various stakeholders like researchers, policy makers and the wider population?
- How are stakeholders gathered?
- Most of stakeholders platform members are heavy weight how is the asymmetry of power?
- How do you plan to influence/impact policy?
- What is the institutional set up?...

The project team explained the issues raised and some of the salient points are as follows?

- Initially the project proposal is prepared by the research team and since the acceptance of the proposal project team members are working with stakeholders so that the project is owned by them.
- Boundary partners diagram show vulnerability communities as part of the project and study on vulnerability is underway to identify vulnerable communities such as urban farmers and women... But the project considers the city as a whole and institutions and policy makers as vulnerable and try to address institutional and policy issues
- One way of impacting policy is for example to advocate issuance of new design manuals for water supply, storm water drainage systems .... that considers climate change effect
- Stakeholders are gathered in Research Strategic Action Platform divided into core and general platform. Issues are raised in group discussions where every stakeholder has the chance to express its view and no pressure on others by influential platform members
- Addis Ababa Women affairs bureau is represented in the platform to address gender issues

Some of the following points are important inputs to our project

- The need to have the research output in different formats and where applicable to use mass media.
- Involvement of heavy weight stakeholders might create difficulty of accessing them as required but in order to influence policy there is a need to involve them when necessary