

JOINT STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT WORKSHOP FOR DOWN2EARTH PROJECT

EL BORAN HOTEL IN ISIOLO

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The Department of Land Resource Management & Agricultural Technology (LARMAT), University of Nairobi (UoN), IGAD Centre for Climate Prediction and Application (ICPAC) and Action Aid held a Joint Stakeholder Engagement Workshop for Down2Earth Project at El Boran Hotel in Isiolo from 11-15 October, 2021.



Dr. Oliver Wasonga and Down2Earth Project Partners from ICPAC, Action Aid and Focal Points from Ethiopia, Somalia and Kenya during the Workshop

Translation of Climate Information into Multilevel Decision Support for Social Adaptation, Policy development, and Resilience to Water Scarcity in the Horn of Africa Drylands (DOWN2EARTH) project is a 4-years (2020-2024) project. It is funded by European Union under the Horizon 2020 programme. Partners include: Cardiff University (Lead institution), University of Bristol, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, University of Hohenheim, University of Nairobi, IGAD Climate Prediction and Applications Center (ICPAC), Ghent University, University of East Anglia, Food and Agriculture Organization-Somalia Water and Land Information System (FAO-SWALIM), Climate Analytics, BBC Media Action, Action Aid, Transparency Solutions, and Addis Ababa

University. At UoN, Dr. Oliver Vivian Wasonga is the lead researcher for the project. DOWN2EARTH aims to improve: existing climate services frameworks; decision support to governments and NGOs; and community-centric adaptation and resilience to climate change. University of Nairobi in partnership with University of East Anglia, Action Aid and Addis Ababa University are mainly responsible for the workpackage on social dimensions and human dynamics of climate change adaptation and resilience in the project areas in Kenya, Ethiopia and Somalia. The focus includes analysis of how dryland communities are likely to make key livelihood decisions about resource use, cropping cycles, livestock mobility, and rural-urban migration in response to forecasted and projected water scarcity. The key insights generated through the survey work will be synthesized to generate inputs for other work packages for the project.



Dr. Oliver Wasonga, Alphayo Lutta (LARMAT) and Tikike (ICPAC) at the Workshop
The objective of the joint stakeholder engagement workshop was to:

- a) Understand project partners' roles and responsibilities;
- b) Understand existing data sources of project partners and sharing policies;
- c) Understand stake-holders' activities supporting community adaptation practices;
- d) Explore possibilities and nature of partnerships in community climate change adaptation; and
- e) Identify avenues of sustainability and operationalization of project outcomes.



Dr. Oliver Wasonga giving a presentation on the Role of UoN in Down2Earth Project