



The World Bank, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI) have been teaming up with a number of partners to prepare a report designed to contribute to the ongoing dialogue among policy makers and development practitioners about measures to reduce the vulnerability and enhance the resilience of populations living in drylands regions of sub-Saharan Africa. Based on analysis of current and projected future drivers of vulnerability and resilience, the report will identify promising interventions, quantify their likely costs and benefits, and describe the policy trade-offs that will need to be addressed when strategies are devised for the sustainable development of drylands.

Completion and launch of the report is expected at the end of 2014.

See more at: <http://www.terrafrica.org/knowledge-management/african-drylands-report/#sthash.2PiONNmS.dpuf>

Enhancing Resilience in African Drylands: Toward a Shared Development Agenda

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Date: May 15, 2014; Time: 10h30 to 12h00

The side event will showcase preliminary findings of an ongoing study entitled *The economics of resilience in the drylands of Sub-Saharan Africa*. The study is seeking to improve the understanding of the vulnerability of people living in drylands and to identify cost-effective interventions that can strengthen their resilience in the face of recurring shocks. The side event will begin with brief presentations of preliminary findings of the study, on related integrated land management in degraded drylands as promoted by the NEPAD-led partnership Terrafrica as well as on a new World Bank integrated land management flagship program, to be followed by comments from the Heads of CILSS, IGAD and NEPAD, three major regional organizations and leaders of the drylands development agenda. The session will conclude with a Q&A period during which participants will have the opportunity to react to the emerging findings and discuss their significance for policy making and program design.

Part 1: Presentations – 10h30 to 11h15

Part 2: Discussion – 11h15 to 11h30

Part 3: Q&A session – 11h30 to 12h00

Part 1: Presenters:

- Raffaello Cervigni, Lead Environmental Economist, The World Bank, USA
- Mohamed Manssouri, Senior Advisor, FAO, Italy
- Stephen Danyo, Senior Natural Resources Management Specialist, World Bank, USA

Part 2: Discussants:

- Djimé Adoum, Executive Secretary, Permanent Interstate Committee for Drought Control in the Sahel (CILSS), Burkina Faso
- Mahboub Maalim (to be confirmed), Executive Secretary, Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD), Djibouti
- Estherine Fotabong (to be confirmed), Director of Programme Implementation and Coordination, New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD), South Africa

Part 3: Q&A Facilitator:

- Karen Brooks, Director, CGIAR Research Program on Policies, Institutions and Markets, IFPRI, USA

