

**INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP ON DROUGHT ASSESSMENT AND MITIGATION
IN SOUTH WEST ASIA**

Crystal Room, Taj Samudra Hotel, Colombo, Sri Lanka
7 –8 October 2004

DRAFT AGENDA

Day 1 -Thursday, October 7		
8.00-8.30 Registration		
Opening Session 8.30-10.00		
Chair : Gerard O'Donoghue (IWMI-Colombo)		
Time	Presentation	Speaker
8.30-8.40	Welcome and address	Gerard O'Donoghue- Deputy Director General- IWMI
8.40-8.50	Welcome and address	Mrs Radha Singh, Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, India
8.50-9.00	Welcome and address	Mr. Abdul Hafeez Qaiser, Chief (Water resources), Planning Commission, Pakistan
9.00-9.10	Welcome and address	Mr Sayed Sharif Shobair, FAO-Afghanistan
9.10-9.30	Introduction of Delegates	All delegates
9.30-10.00	Regional Drought Project and the Format of the Workshop	Vladimir Smakhtin, IWMI
10.00-10.30	Coffee Break	
Session I: Tools and Methods for Drought Monitoring, Assessment and Analyses		
Chair: B.R. Sharma (IWMI - India)		
10.30-10.55	Developing a regional drought monitoring system for southwest Asia	<i>Thenkabail, P.</i> , Gamage, N. and Smakhtin, V (IWMI, Colombo)
10.55-11.20	Current status and prospects for drought forecasting in South Asia	Rathore, L.S. (Centre for Medium Range Weather Forecasting, India).
11.20-11.40	Drought monitoring and early warning system in Pakistan	Khan, A.H. (Pakistan Meteorological Department)
11.40-12.05	Regional analysis of drought risks in South West Asia	<i>Weeragala, N.</i> , Smakhtin (IWMI, Colombo)
12.05-12.30	Assessment of water harvesting potential for drought mitigation –a case study in Rajasthan	Khan, M.A., Narain, P. (Central Arid Zone Research Institute, India) (to be confirmed)
12.30-13.00	General Discussion	
13.00-14.00	Lunch	

Session II: Policy, Institutional and Socio-Economic aspects of Droughts		
14.00—17.00		
Chair: A.S. Qureshi (IWMI-Pakistan/Iran)		
14.00-14.20	State level analysis of drought impacts and drought relief in Rajasthan	Rathore, M.S (Institute of Development Studies, India)
14.20-14.40	Drought declaration and management in India	<i>Sharma, B.R</i> (IWMI-India), Samra. J.S. (ICAR).
14.40-15.00	Institutional arrangement and Policies for drought mitigation in Pakistan	<i>Ahmad S.</i> , Hussain,Z, Qureshi, A.S. Majeed, R and Saleem, M. (Pakistan Agricultural Research Council -PARC)
15.00-15.20	The surveys of drought coping strategies in Pakistan	<i>Akhtar, M.</i> (IWMI-Pakistan) and Qureshi, A. (IWMI-Iran)
15.20-15.40	Coffee Break	
15.40-16.00	Drought Coping Strategies in Rajasthan	Singh, D. (Sewa Mandir), India
16.00-16.30	Current status and potential for drought mitigation in Afghanistan.	Bhattacharyya, K. (CRS- Afghanistan) Azizi, P.M. (Ministry of Irrigation, Water Resources and Environment), Shobair, S.S. (FAO-Afghanistan) and Mohsini, M.Y.(Kabul University)
16.30-17.00	General Discussion. Closure of the day	
19.00	Cocktail Reception, Taj Samudra Hotel	

Day 2 - Friday, 8 October		
Session III: Regional and International drought-related initiatives. 8.30 – 9.00		
Chair: V.U. Smakhtin (IWMI)		
8.30-8.45	Monitoring and managing droughts in Australia	Timothy Brinkley (Bureau of Rural Sciences, Australia)
8.45-9.00	FAO Global information and early warning system on food and agriculture	Fang Cheng (FAO, Rome)
9.00-9.15	Regional collaboration on drought early warning systems in Asia	Masanori Kobayashi (Institute for Global Environmental Strategies, Japan)
9.15-9.30	Regional drought preparedness network fro Asia and Pacific	Pak Sum Low (UNESCAP, Thailand).
9.30-9.45	<i>Objectives of group discussions and group formation</i>	<i>V.Smakhtin (IWMI)</i>
9.45-10.00	Coffee break	
10.00-12.30	Topical group discussions	
	<p>Reflect on presentations, identify and synthesize key drought-related issues, lessons and messages, identify priorities for research and action for the region. Each group will have a Chairperson and a Rapporteur – to be selected. Preparation of group presentations to the final plenary session.</p> <p>Three groups:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Drought monitoring and analyses 2. Institutions and policies 3. Vulnerability and coping strategies 	
12.30-13.30	Lunch	
Final Plenary Session		
13.30-14.15	Reports of group discussions	
14.15-15.20	General discussion/comments	
15.20-15.30	Closing remarks by the Chair.	
15.30-	Tea/Coffee. End of the Workshop	