



**Promoting Adequate and Accessible  
Information Services to Integrate Climate Change into  
Development Policies, Plans and Programmes  
in Africa**

**Regional Commissions' Joint Side-Event on Climate Change UNFCCC  
COP-15  
Copenhagen, Denmark, 16 December 2009**

**Abdoulie Janneh  
Under-Secretary General  
Executive Secretary  
Economic Commission for Africa**



# Impacts of Climate Change on Social and Economic Development in Africa

## North Africa

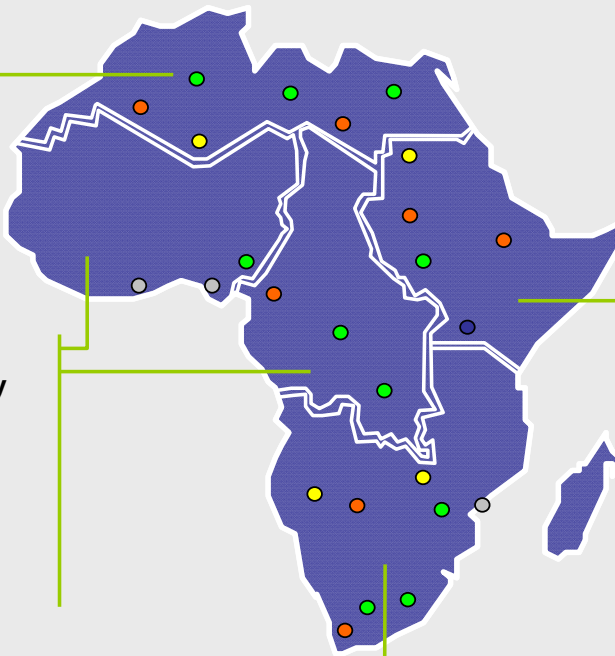
- Water stress may be worsened by increased desertification of semi-arid areas

## West and Central Africa

- Low agricultural yields may be worsened by drought
- Cities at risk from coastal flooding

## Southern Africa

- Heightened water stress in some river basins from droughts and changes in precipitation



## East Africa

- Rainfall may increase in some areas
- Expansion of vector-borne disease transmission zone
- Declines in fisheries in some major East African lakes





## The Need for Climate Information and Analysis in Policy Development

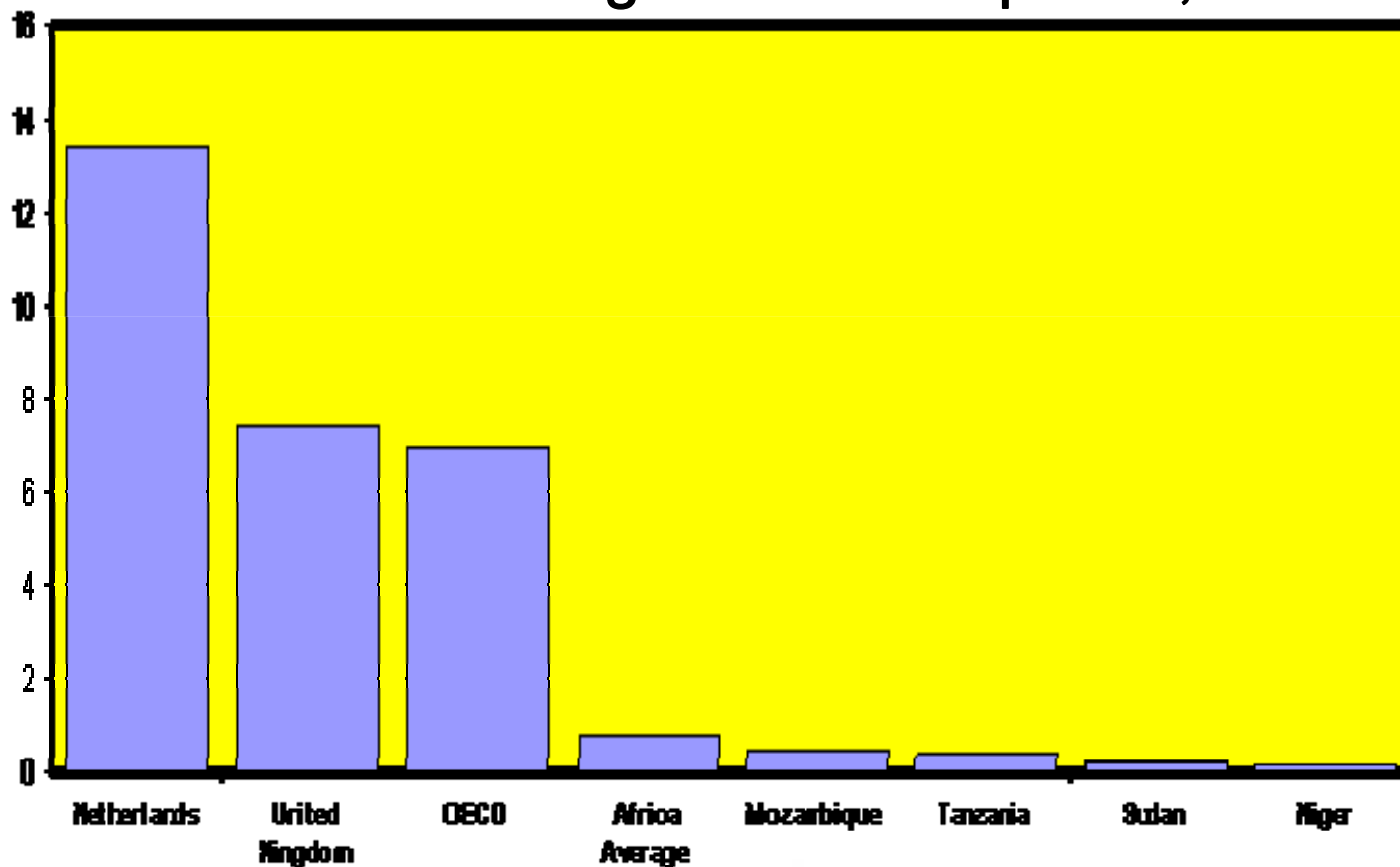
- Integrating climate change into development frameworks and policies is a critical to managing climate change
- Yet, little use is made of climate information to guide decisions in climate sensitive sectors in Africa
- Climate risk assessment processes and management practices are inadequate
- NAPAs have not well incorporated climate science and are not closely linked with core development frameworks
- Need to generate/analyse regional and national data and information for climate-sensitive policies and practices





## Challenges of Integrating Climate Information into Development Processes

Number of Meteorological Stations per 10,000 Km<sup>2</sup>





## Regional Response – ClimDev-Africa

- Climate information for Development in Africa (Climdev-Africa) Programme is:
- A joint regional initiative of AUC, ECA and AfDB
- Endorsed at the highest political level
- Aimed at:
  - Increasing the resilience of Africa's population to climate change by enabling effective adaptation activities
  - Addressing the need for improved climate information for development in Africa
  - Enhancing the use of such information in decision-making by improving knowledge management, dissemination activities and capacity building





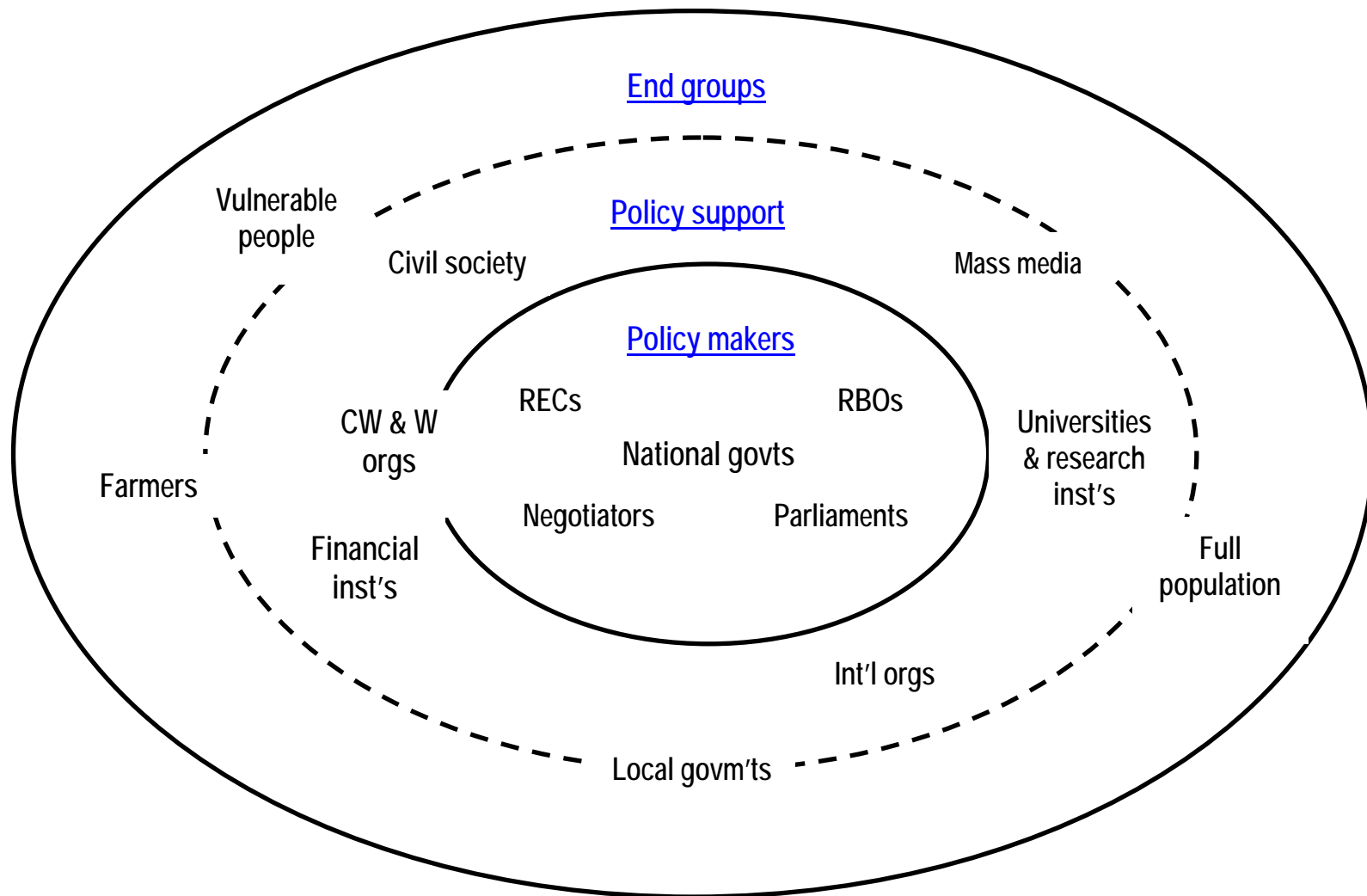
## ClimDev-Africa Areas of Focus

ClimDev-Africa focuses on:

- Filling gaps in information, analysis and options required by policy/decision-makers at all levels
- Building a solid foundation for science-based response to climate change
- Strengthening climate and development institutions at regional, sub-regional and national levels
- Providing a framework for coordinated and increased level of activities for adaptation to climate change
- Assisting in sound, well-informed policy-making



# ClimDev-Africa Stakeholders and Beneficiaries





## ClimDev-Africa Results Areas

1. Widely available climate information for policymakers, policy support organisations and climate-sensitive population at large
2. Quality analysis for policy decision support and climate risk management best practices at different levels, from regional to local
3. Informed decision-making, awareness and advocacy through improved dialogue and support to policy processes at regional, national and local levels
4. Evidence-based value of mainstreaming climate information into development through implementation of pilot adaptation practices





## CimDev-Africa Partnership Arrangements

Institutional implementation of ClimDev-Africa rests on:

- Political leadership in coordinating regional policy response and global negotiations provided by AUC -- **CC and Desertification Programmes Coordination Unit**
- ECA-based **African Climate Policy Centre (ACPC)** for knowledge-management and Policy/project-facilitation
- AfDB-based **ClimDev-Africa Special Fund (CDSF)** for demand-led funding of field-level operations by regional/sub-regional/national implementing institutions





**Thank you**



United Nations  
**Economic Commission for Africa**