



BUILDING DISASTER RESILIENCE TO NATURAL HAZARDS IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICAN REGIONS, COUNTRIES AND COMMUNITIES

OVERVIEW OF THE SAWIDRA PROJECTS

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Background of the SAWIDRA Projects

- **SAWIDRA**: Satellite and Weather Information for Disaster Resilience in Africa is
- **Results Area 3**: RCC Weather and Climate Services
- **Of larger programme**: Building Disaster Resilience to Natural Hazards in Sub-Saharan African Regions, Countries and Communities financed by the ACP/EU and Executed by the Bank through ClimDev Africa Special Fund (CDSF)
- **Objective of Result Area #3** : To Improve the Core Capacities of the Specialized National and Regional Climate Centres (RCCs), to meet the needs of DRM agencies and socio-economic sectors for effective use of weather and climate services and community-focused and real-time early warning systems.

Snapshot of SAWIDRA Constituent Projects

(1) Continental and four (4) Regional Climate Centres

N°	Program Description	Country	Institution	Approved Amount	Date of approval
1	Information Satellitaire et Météorologique pour la réduction des risques de catastrophes en Afrique de l'Ouest (SAWIDRA-AO)	NIGER	AGRHYMET	3,899,500.00	07/07/2016
2	Information météorologique par satellite au service de la résilience aux catastrophes en Afrique (SAWIDRA)	NIGER	ACMAD	5,790,000.00	14/12/2016
3	Satellite and Weather Information for Disaster Resilience in Eastern Africa (SAWIDREA)	KENYA	ICPAC	2,467,170.30	16/12/2016
4	Southern African Regional Climate Information Services for Disaster Resilience Development (SARCIS-DR)	BOTSWANA	SADC - CSC	3,198,600.00	04/06/2017
5	Information satellitaire et Météorologique pour la réduction des risques de catastrophes en Afrique Centrale (SAWIDRA-AC)	CAMEROUN	CAPC - AC	3,430,000.00	10/04/2017
TOTAL				18,785,270.30	

Progress in Implementation of SAWIDRA Projects

- **Continental Climate Centre of ACMAD**: Implementation going on well. Mid-Term Review of project conducted in August 2018. Procurement Procedures for 4 Regional Advanced Retransmission System (RARS) in progress. Second Steering Committee Meeting to be conducted in end October 2018.
- **Regional Climate Centre of AGRHYMET**: Approved in July 2016. Project launched in May 2017. Implementation of Project activities progressing well. Preparing for the purchase of equipment.

Progress in Implementation of SAWIDRA Projects

- **ICPAC/IGAD - Regional Climate Centre**: Mid-Term Review conducted in June 2018 with a view to accelerating project activities and budget alignment. The procurement of important weather equipment initiated and in progress. Disbursement rate on the rise.
- **SADC - Regional Climate Centre**: Project launched in July 2018. First Steering Committee Meeting conducted in late July 2018. First Disbursement completed. Processes The first SACRIS-SAWIDRA Climate Forum organized in end of August 2018. Procurement of equipment initiated.
- **ECCAS - Regional Climate Centre**: Project Technically launched in July 2018. Recruitment of project staff completed. First Disbursement completed. Initiation of project activities underway.

Expenditure Status as at 31/8/18

N°	Program Description	Country	Institution	Approved Amount	Disbursement	Date of approval	Date Grant agreement signature	Date End of Grant agreement
1	Information Satellitaire et Météorologique pour la réduction des risques de catastrophes en Afrique de l'Ouest (SAWIDRA-AO)	NIGER	AGRHYMET	3,899,500.00	1,282,080.00	07/07/2016	24/11/2016	31/12/2019
2	Information météorologique par satellite au service de la résilience aux catastrophes en Afrique (SAWIDRA)	NIGER	ACMAD	5,790,000.00	917,900.00	14/12/2016	23/03/2017	31/12/2019
3	Satellite and Weather Information for Disaster Resilience in Eastern Africa (SAWIDREA)	KENYA	ICPAC	2,467,170.30	417,434.00	16/12/2016	07/04/2017	31/08/2020
4	Southern African Regional Climate Information Services for Disaster Resilience Development (SARCIS-DR)	BOTSWANA	SADC - CSC	3,198,600.00	399,800.00	04/06/2017	11/08/2017	31/08/2020
5	Information satellitaire et Météorologique pour la réduction des risques de catastrophes en Afrique Centrale (SAWIDRA-AC)	CAMEROUN	CAPC - AC	3,430,000.00	274,222.36	10/04/2017	05/02/2018	31/12/2020
TOTAL				18,785,270.30	3,291,436.36			

Major challenges

- **Three principal challenges:**
 1. Time Constraint for completion of project activities before end of projects. A No-Cost extension has been submitted to the EU up to January 2020.
 2. Need to augment coordination and linkages between and among the SAWIDRA projects to harmonize and synchronize collaborative work.
 3. Procurement arrangements of specialized climate/weather equipment.
 4. Institution of sustainability modalities for continuity of activities initiated by the project.

Perspectives end 2018/early 2019

- **Review of No-Cost Extension:** A relook into the No-cost Extension Clause in the AfDB-EU Master agreement to 2020 especially for SADC and ECCAS projects.
- **Accelerate Procurement Processes:** The procurement of various climate equipment, including RARS and HPCs need to speeded up to augment the disbursement rate.

November/Dec: Organize a 2 days SAWIDRA technical session in Douala, Cameroon to discuss and agree on several issues, including procurement of equipment, coordination and exchange between projects, discuss issues around sustainability of projects, etc.

- **1ST Quarter 2019:** Undertake Mid-Term Reviews for the SADC and ECCAS SAWIDRA projects.
- **1st Quarter 2019:** Official Inauguration of the Central Africa Regional Climate Centre in Douala, Cameroon

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