

Virtual Exchange

“Stalemate on Drought at COP16: Charting the Path Forward”

4 March 2025

Jointly Organized by the IDMP and the UNCCD

Agenda

- IDMP Updates – *Robert Stefanski, WMO*
- Introduction: What happened at COP16 concerning drought? – *Birguy Lamizana, UNCCD Secretariat*
- Discussion on Charting the Way Forward

Moderator: Valentin Aich, WMO/GWP

Panelists:

- *Birguy Lamizana, UNCCD Secretariat*
 - *Michael Brüntrup, former Chair of the Intergovernmental Working Group (IWG)*
 - *Rodrigo Andrade Ramirez, Ministry of Agriculture, Chile*
- Q&A and discussion
 - Marketplace:
 - Report “Economics of Drought” – *Mark Schauer, GIZ*
 - EOTEC DevNet – *Martyna Anna Stelmaszczuk-Górska*
 - Global Analysis of national drought plans – *Taís Carvalho, Leipzig University*
 - Closing Remarks



Did you follow the drought discussion at UNCCD COP16?

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Yes, I attended in person.



Yes, I followed online.



Yes, I read about it afterward.



No, I didn't have time.



No, it wasn't relevant to me.



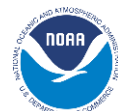
Drought Resilience +10 Conference

30 Sep – 2 Oct 2024, Geneva Switzerland

Around **1,000 participants joined from 158 countries** – 275 from 101 countries attending in person, and over 730 from 144 countries online. During the Conference, **9 workstreams** were discussed. We hosted **25 side events**, and showcased **77 posters**.

Workstreams:

1. Drought resilience and global alignment
2. Drought risk governance
3. Monitoring, assessing, and forecasting of droughts and their impacts
4. From policies to action
5. Ecosystems and drought
6. Social inclusion and climate justice
7. Drought finance
8. Public-private-civil society partnerships
9. Health and Drought



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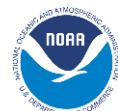
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Conference Conclusions and Recommendations:

<https://www.droughtmanagement.info/portal/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/Conclusions-and-Recommendations-1.pdf>

Key Takeaways:

- We need integrated, proactive, and perspective drought management to cope with drought.
- Cross-sectoral and whole-of-society approaches must be integrated into national drought policies.
- Strengthening data-sharing and monitoring systems is crucial.
- Drought action is central to sustainable development, climate adaptation and Early Warnings for All.
- There is a critical need to mobilize resources and strengthen political will for drought resilience.
- These messages were presented at the UNCCD COP16 in Saudi Arabia in Dec 2024.



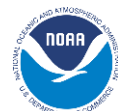
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Drought resilience demands urgent global actions and cooperation

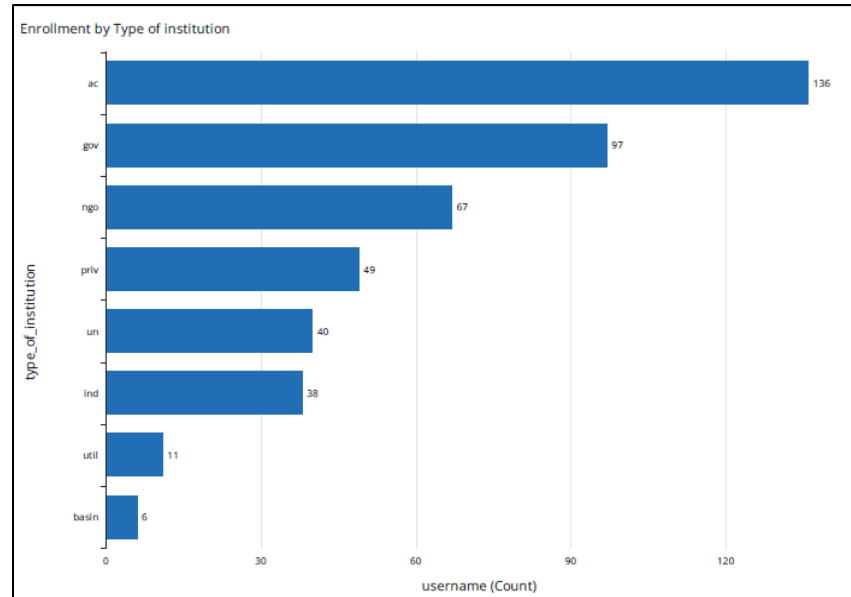
Nature Water volume 3, pages 127–130 (2025)

<https://www.nature.com/articles/s44221-024-00373-9>

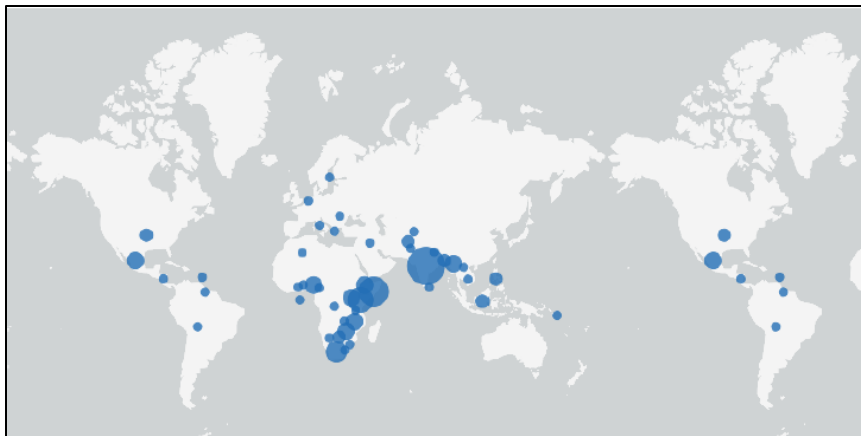


IDMP online course: Monitoring and Early Warning (After two successful rounds)

	Total outreach	Course started	Certificates
English	769	440	210
IDR French	67	34	14



Enrolment map



CAP-NET UNDP VIRTUAL CAMPUS
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Logos: Cap-Net, UN in Drought, UNDP-DM CENTRE, WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION, Global Water Partnership

- The course will be re-opened.
- New course on Pillar 2 in collaboration with UNCCD – Launch planned for June 2025.



World Drought Legislation Repository and Tools for the Assessment and Drafting of Drought Legislation

Objectives:

- Database of drought legislation from a variety of sectors, including water, agriculture, environment, finance, etc.
- Definitions of different types of drought legislation, e.g. drought law, regulation, plan, policy, strategy, etc.
- Rapid legal assessment tool to guide the policy process for drought legislation.
- Template terms of reference for developing drought legislation.

Currently finalizing, will be shared for community review soon.

The collage features several key documents:

- Kenya Gazette Supplement**: 'The Drought (Governance) Law, 1978' (JOURNALISED 1977).
- Nigeria Official Gazette**: 'The Drought (Governance) Law, 1978' (JOURNALISED 1977).
- Paraguay**: 'EL CONGRESO DE LA NACION PARAGUAYA SANCIONA CON FUERZA DE LEY' (Law No. 5901).
- Catalonia**: 'Llei 19/2022, del 19 de maig, de mesures extraordinàries i urgents per a afrontar la sequera excepcional a Catalunya'.
- Other documents**: 'THE WATER SUPPLY (PREVENTION OF WASTE) REGULATIONS, 1968', 'TARIMNAL KURAKKILA HÜCCAREVI VE KURAKLIK YÖNETİMİ CİSMİNAMELERİ HAKKINDA KANUN', 'Ley 114/2022', 'Décrets, arrêtés, circulaires', 'BOLETÍN OFICIAL DEL ESTADO', 'Ley 114/2022', 'Ley 114/2022', 'Ley 114/2022'.



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INTEGRATED DROUGHT MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME



United Nations
Convention to Combat Desertification

Analysing Gender Equality and Social Inclusion in National Drought Plans

Analysis of National Drought Plans (NDPs), National Action Plans/Programmes (NAPs) and Policies concerning their Gender Equality and Social Inclusion (GESI) mainstreaming

Content:

- GESI as an essential Tool for Drought Resilience
- Methods to Review Drought Plans with a GESI Perspective
- GESI Aspects in Drought Plans and their Impact on Plan's effectiveness
- Interaction between National Drought Plans, National Action Plans and Drought Policies in the context of GESI

Currently being edited, will be published soon.

Quality Categories	Criteria	Guiding Questions	Rating 0 – 1
Gendering of the policy/plan	i.	Does the background or situation analysis section explore or make mention of the drought or climate issues affecting women, men, and other social groups in the country?	0.6
	ii.	Was the policy/ plan informed by data and information from a social analysis or gender assessment? Did the vulnerability assessment include a separate social vulnerability assessment or gender analysis?	0.2
	iii.	Does the policy/plan examine the differentiated effects of drought on men, women and other social groups such as the elderly, persons with disability?	0.3
	iv.	Can the language used in the policy / plan be defined as gender transformative?	0.1



Baseline Assessment of Drought Impact Collection/Monitoring Efforts

Organized by the U.S. National Drought Mitigation Center, University of
Nebraska-Lincoln

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Thanks for all contributions and review!



Guidelines on Drought Impacts Data Collection

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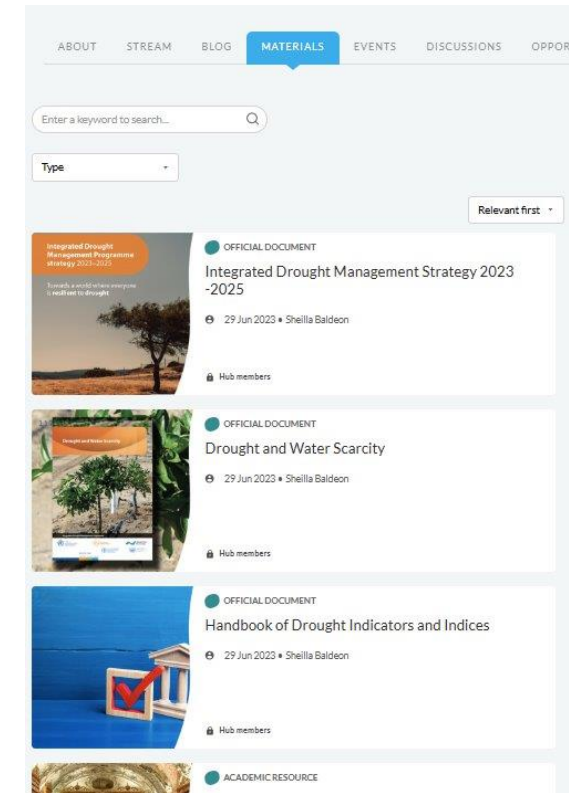
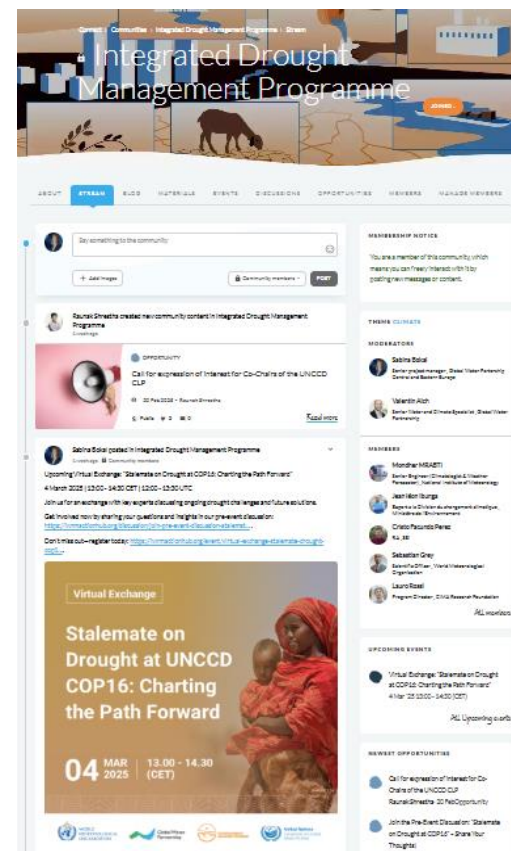
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IDMP Community of Practice

Community growth: currently 231 members

- **Promote IDM approach**
 - **Build capacities**
 - **Foster intersectoral cooperation**
 - **Implement new projects/activities**
- **Recent focus area** – after Drought Resilience +10 & COP16 – **Join our pre- and post- event discussion on "Stalemate on Drought at COP16: Charting the Path Forward."**
- **Place for discussions** – Drought in the Anthropocene
- **Active knowledge sharing and collaborations** (virtual exchanges, new materials, blogs, events, discussions)
- **Engagement opportunities**



Join our community!



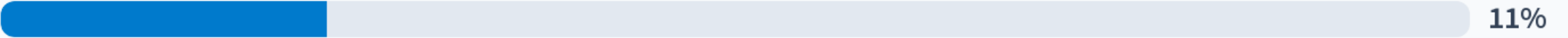
What are the main barriers preventing progress on global drought action?

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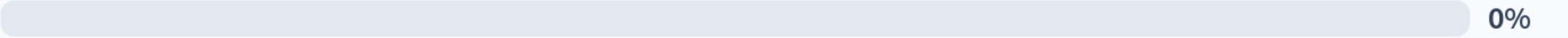
Lack of political will.



Insufficient funding.



Technical capacity gaps.



Coordination challenges between stakeholders.



Climate change impacts exacerbating drought frequency and severity.





Thank You!

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Ask for assistance on integrated drought management



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Find knowledge resources on integrated drought management



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Join our Community of Practice to CONNECT with our partners and other drought experts, practitioners and stakeholders.

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