

A detailed draft agenda is outlined below:

Monday, 26 November		
Time		Activity
		Moderation: Mr Robert Agyarko (ARC) and AUC
8:30am	9:00am	Registration- Ms Memory Haripo
9:00am	9:30am	<p>Opening Ceremony:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome Remarks Mohamed Beavogui, ARC DG, UN DSG • Statement Barbara Schafer, Head of Development Cooperation with the AU, German Embassy Addis Ababa. • Statement H.E Amb. Hope Tumukunde, PRC Chairperson • Opening Remarks AUC DREA Commissioner
9:30am	10:00am	Group Photo and Tea Break – Memory Haripo and Barbara Fang
10:00am	11:00am	<p>Panel Discussion:</p> <p><i>How can countries be technically and financially supported to integrate Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) and Disaster Risk financing (DRF) policies in their development agenda in the context of the increase of frequency and intensity of extreme weather events and other disasters .</i></p> <p>Facilitator: Robert Agyarko, ARC Agency</p> <p>Session Summary:</p> <p>The African continent remains susceptible to Natural Disasters, such as climate-prone disasters and public health emergencies. The frequency and magnitude of these events are undermining development gains on the continent. This is worsened by the fact that Africa has the weakest climate Disaster Risk reduction infrastructure as well as one of the weakest health systems globally. There is growing debate that risk transfer mechanisms such as insurance and risk sharing and pooling have an important role to play, particularly in counterweighing the</p>



		<p>social and economic impacts associated with extreme events and natural disasters. What is less clear is the extent to which such instruments encourage adaptation programmes and policies that would serve to minimise future loss and damage and, hence, contribute to sustainable development. This high-level panel discussion will discuss policy reforms and institutional changes that are needed to mainstream the identified and relevant policies and strategies into existing frameworks for efficient disaster risk financing policies. Further, the high-level panel discussion will shed some light on the pros and cons of investing in risk transfer mechanisms versus climate agriculture infrastructural adaptation, and by extension health emergencies.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Beavogui Mohamed, DG of ARC and ASG • Ms Biha Giovanie, Deputy Executive Secretary of UNECA • Dr. Godfrey Bahigwa, AUC DREA • AU PRC Member State • Ms. Baraba Schafer: Counsellor and Head of development Cooperation, Germany Embassy in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia • Dr. John Nkengasong, DG Africa CDC
11:00	11:15	Q&A
11:15am	12:15am	<p>Setting the Scene:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ARC as an AU Specialized Agency: Mr Bright Mando • Rationale and Motives Underlying the Establishment of ARC: Mr Jean-Claude Bidogeza • Addressing public health emergencies through ARC offering: Mr Robert Agyarko/Mr Amadou Ba • Introduction to the ARC Programme Cycle: Ms Lucy Nyirenda
12:15am	12:30pm	Discussions
12:30pm	1:10pm	<p>Panel Discussion:</p> <p><i>Enhanced citizen accountability for Risk Financing at national and regional levels. Experiences from ARC Member States.</i></p> <p>Facilitator: Ms Amanda Archibong, ARC Agency</p> <p>Session Summary:</p> <p>As ARC increases efforts to improve product offerings to AU Member States, experiences from participating countries thus far are key to understand. The Gambia and Malawi, as countries who have participated in all four of ARC's drought risk pools will share their stories. As a REC which has collaborated with ARC thus far, the ECOWAS Commission shall bring perspectives on regional cooperation for advancing national DRF strategies of countries. In the same vein, enhancing citizen voice for accountability in Risk Financing models shall underpin the discussions.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Hermes Mauwa: Principal Secretary, Ministry of Malawi, of Agriculture, Irrigation and Water Development.



		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Mawdo Amadou Jallow: Government Coordinator, African Risk Capacity Programme, Gambia • Mr Essa Khan- Disaster Risk Reduction Division, ECOWAS Commission • Bethule Nyamambi- Project Director, Trust Africa • Ms Christiana George - ARC Gender Advisor
1:10pm	2:10pm	Lunch
2:10pm	3:10pm	<p><i>Presentations on ARC Programme Cycle components</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Risk Modelling. By ARC Agency • Contingency Planning. By ARC Agency • Risk Transfer. By ARC Limited
3:10pm	3:20pm	Discussion
3:25pm	3:40pm	Tea Break
3:45pm	4:10pm	<p><i>Boosting Climate Risk Financing and Insurance for African Countries through Sustaining Premium Financing: The Africa Disaster Risk Financing Programme (ADRFi).</i></p> <p>Presenter: Ms Ruvimbo Muchenje, ARC Agency</p> <p>Session Summary: The African Disaster Risk Financing (ADRFi) programme compliments the efforts of ARC Member States towards embedding disaster risk insurance into national systems. Member States have embraced ARC as an African-owned solution to disaster risk management with an emphasis on early response. The challenge however, has been in the sustainable incorporation of Member States into the ARC risk pool owing to the need for a premium payment support during a country's initial years in the ARC programme. Applying lessons learnt from other successful risk pools, the AfDB and ARC have developed ADRFi, a premium financing support facility. This presentation will provide an overview of the mechanics of the financing facility and prerequisites for country participation in the programme.</p>
4:10pm	4:25pm	Discussions
4:25pm	5:00pm	Feedback and End of Day 1

Tuesday, 27 November



		Moderation: Mr Chinedu Moghalu (ARC) and AUC
9:30am	10:00am	Recap from Day One
10:00am	10:55am	<p>Panel Discussion:</p> <p><i>Climate insurance; opportunities/challenges for African insurance/reinsurance and regulatory players.</i></p> <p>Facilitator: Mr. Kipkori Koskei, ARC Agency</p> <p>Session Summary:</p> <p>There is growing consensus in the global debate on mitigation and adaptation to climate change that insurance, risk transfer, and risk sharing and pooling mechanisms have an important and growing role to play, particularly in offsetting the economic impacts associated with extreme events to encourage adaptation programmes and policies that should minimise future loss and damage and, hence, contribute to sustainable development. In contrast to developed economies where there are various forms of insurance cover available and penetration levels are high, African countries do not enjoy such benefits. Munich Re (2017) estimates that 99% of the losses from disasters in Africa are uninsured. Under such conditions, the ability of governments to invest in increasingly needed adaptations, which are designed to lessen the consequences on social well-being, infrastructure, and economic activity, is often severely curtailed – contributing to continuing vulnerability. In the global donor and international development community, climate risk insurance and risk pooling are rising as innovative ways to address loss and damage and finance disaster responses to climate-related events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Habtamu Debela Country Representative-Addis Ababa Contact Office AFRICA-RE (African Reinsurance Corporation) • Mr. Opeoluwa Ogundipe, Senior Manager, Agricultural Value Chain, The Nigeria Incentive-Based Risk Sharing System for Agricultural lending (NIRSAL) • Mr. Malvern Chirume, Chief Underwriting Officer at ARC Limited • Adama Ndiaye, Deputy General Manager at Senegalese Reinsurance Corporation (SENRE) and President of the Federation of Societies of African National Insurance Law (FANAF) (TBC) • Mr. Boubakar Sangare, Secrétaire General Adjoint, Conférence Interafricaine des Marchés d'Assurances (CIMA) (TBC)
11:00am	11:15am	Q&A
11:15am	11:30am	Tea & Coffee Break



11:35am	12:35 noon	<p>Panel Discussion: <i>Managing Loss and Damage induced by Climate Change to reduce impact on Food Security through Climate Infrastructural Adaptation</i></p> <p>Facilitator: Jean-Claude Bidogeza, ARC Agency/AU DREA</p> <p>Session Summary: Climate change is one of the most urgent threats for the African continent. Its negative impacts are already being felt across Africa and the landscape is changing as a result. Reduced agricultural production and food security, increase in rise of sea levels, frequent droughts, and floods are some of the pressing issues affecting already vulnerable communities in Africa. Considering the fact that a significant portion of the continent's population remains dependent on rain-fed agriculture and subsistence farming coupled with widespread poverty, there is a critical need to enhance the adaptive capacity of vulnerable populations to the impact of climate change. Despite this need and the growing economic losses as a result of climate change in the past decade, the current levels of adaptation finance continue to be low. An additional challenge is that high levels of government indebtedness in most developing countries no longer allows public debt-driven delivery to build urgently needed climate adaptation infrastructure. The session will seek to address these issues.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr Abdishakur Othowai - IGAD Climate Predictions Application Centre • Blessing Butaumocho - SADC Regional Vulnerability Assessment and Analysis • Mr Mathewos Hunde- UNISDR AU Liaison Office • Dr Evan Girvetz, CIAT • AUC DREA
12:35pm	12:45pm	Q & A
12:45pm	12:55pm	General feedback
12:55pm	1:20pm	Closing remarks
1:20pm	2:30pm	Lunch