



Media Advisory Note

Interactive Workshop for Journalists on Reporting on Climate & Disaster Risk Financing

When: Saturday 30th March 2019

Who: African Risk Capacity, Rural Economy & Agriculture, Directorate of Information and Communication; and African Media Initiative

Where: Hilton Hotel, (Hara Grill) Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

TIME: 08:00 am

Background:

The aim of the workshop is to support processes to strengthen the media's awareness on climate-induced risks and natural disasters, especially in relation to the work of the African Risk Capacity, towards building media capacity to report accurately on the subject.

It will also serve as a platform for regional and global media practitioners to share their experiences; and learn from fellow journalists and disaster risk management experts from other countries. The workshop is intended to be the starting point for future training activities in disaster risk reporting at the sub-national / local levels.

The event will bring together representatives from AMI, UNEP, AAI, UNOCHA, WFP, regional offices of Rockefeller Foundation, Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, and donor community. The workshop will be organised in collaboration with the AU Department for Rural Economy and Agriculture (DREA), AUC Department for Information and Communication (DIC); and technical collaboration with the African Media Initiative (AMI) prelude to the 7th edition of its Conference of Parties (CoP7) to be held at the African Union Commission in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia from March 31 -April 1, 2019.

In 2012, the African Risk Capacity (ARC) Agency, was established as a catastrophe risk pool to assist African countries to plan, prepare and respond to natural weather events and other disasters. In 2014, the ARC Agency launched ARC Ltd, an affiliate insurance arm, to carry out commercial functions to deliver services and products to

Member States. In only four years of operations, ARC Ltd has disbursed over \$36 million as payouts to affected member states. The financial resources have gone to support response interventions to 900,000 livestock and over 2.1 million people affected by drought in 4 Member states.

Themes to be covered:

- Disaster risk financing and why African Risk Capacity
- The ARC concept and how ARC works with countries
- Country Experiences
- Building media capacity to respond to natural disasters
- Mobilizing constituencies using the media
- Creating linkages between the media and other stakeholder networks

The media are invited to participate in the workshop and also to cover the open-sessions of the ARC COP7.

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