

AFRICAN CLIMATE CHANGE FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

The African Climate Change Fellowship Program (ACCFP) program promotes innovative adaptation research in Africa. Alumni of the program represent a cadre of climate change specialists who are promoting and facilitating adaptation research, education, and decision making across Africa. Since the program's inception in 2008, nearly 100 ACCFP Fellows have been matched with universities, research centers, and other host institutions across Africa where they collaborate with mentors to implement individually designed projects that, for example, assess and prioritize climate risks, investigate current practices for designing and implementing adaptation actions, and consider approaches for integrating adaptation with planning and practice.

During 2012–2013, two rounds of ACCFP Fellowships were awarded. By design, the 2012/2013 ACCFP Fellowships supported projects that directly responded to and advanced knowledge on one or more critical questions identified with input from experts across Africa. The 2012/2013 questions follow:

Q1: What **institutional innovations** are required to advance development goals and improve the resilience of vulnerable communities in Africa so that they are more able to cope with current and future climate variability and change?



- Q2:** What **economic, political, cultural, and/or social incentives** are needed in the short and longer term to motivate collections action on climate change?
- Q3:** To what extent does the **integration of knowledge systems** through **co-generation** of knowledge and **co-learning** provide an opportunity for understanding climate variability and change and related actions?
- Q4:** What **approaches to policy development** are needed to generate policies that are well grounded in relevant priorities and needs, address current risks and vulnerabilities, and are supported by strong governance systems that ensure implementation and accountability?
- Q5:** How can climate change science and adaptation planning help to address other **development challenges**, including poverty, hunger, conflict, justice, illiteracy, and human security?

By requiring that every Fellowship project somehow respond to one or more of the questions, the ACCFP also aims to link Fellowship projects that address critical issues and contribute in meaningful and innovative ways to local, national, regional, and international climate change adaptation discourses.

“The time is here for everyone to collaborate in developing effective and efficient climate change adaptation strategies, including through more sustainable approaches in the educational sector such as curriculum reforms.”

—Nicholas Ozor, *ACCFP Alumnus, Nigeria*



The ACCFP is unique in that it offers Fellowships to not only researchers, scientists, and academics but also to professionals directly responsible for decision making and management of climate-sensitive resources. The rich mix of perspectives, interests, and responsibilities that characterize ACCFP Fellows and the institutions that support them engenders an engaged community dedicated to building scientific capacity in Africa to manage climate change risks. ACCFP projects are directly supporting adaptation decision making, and many program participants collaborate even after their initial ACCFP engagements.

The next phase of the ACCFP, expected to kick off in late 2013, will include additional rounds of 6-to-12-month Fellowship awards as well as intensive adaptation short courses for practitioners and graduate students. Day-to-day management of the ACCFP is now led by the ACCFP Secretariat based at the Institute of Resource Assessment at the University of Dar es Salaam.

ACCFP ROUND II FELLOWS

ADAPTATION SCIENCE

Amidu Owolabi Ayeni, Nigeria	University of Lagos	Georges Djohy, Benin	University of Parakou
Koulou Jeremie Fontodji, Togo	Université de Lomé	Martial Gapia, Centrafrican Republic	Université de Bangui
Bernard Kibet Kirui, Kenya	Kenya Marine and Fisheries Research Institute	Yao Etienne Kouakou, Ivory Coast	Centre suisse de recherche scientifique
Adnew Mekonnen, Ethiopia	Addis Ababa University	Grace Mudombi, Zimbabwe	University of Zimbabwe
Tolo Casim Umba, Uganda	Mbarara University of Science and Technology	Francis Opiyo Omondi, Kenya	University of Nairobi
Hodabalo Pereki, Togo	University of Lomé	Armél Sambo, Cameroon	Institut Supérieur du Sahel
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ADAPTATION POLICY

Happison Chikova, Zimbabwe	Help Initiatives for People Organisation	Charlotte Enjoh Fonocho, Cameroon	Consultants and Intermediaries in Mining, Energy and Environment
Seth Kayomba, Uganda	Biodiversity Conservation for Rural Development	Bessie Madziwa, Zimbabwe	Zvishavane Water Project
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ACCFP ROUND III FELLOWS

ADAPTATION SCIENCE			
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Aichata Sako, Mali	University of Bamako, Mali	Emmanuel Zziwa, Uganda	Makerere University, Uganda
ADAPTATION POLICY			
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ADAPTATION TEACHING			
Emiru Birhane Hizikias, Ethiopia	Mekelle University, Ethiopia	Dalitso Richard Kafumbata, Malawi	Chancellor College, Malawi
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