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Places	Geneva, Switzerland
Dates	14-16 September, 2016
Participants	Sabina Bokal
Advisory and Management Committee meeting of the IDMP & Workshop on Action and inaction for drought preparedness	
<p>Purpose of the trip IDMP technical support unit (located at the WMO in Geneva) organize annual meetings with the purpose to review annual updates, how the programmes are fitting with the objectives and discuss future plans. IDMP CEE is one of the three programmes (other two are implemented in the Horn Of Africa and in West Africa).</p> <p>Main messages from Advisory and Management meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Since the HMNDP meeting in 2013 beginning of the IDMP programme there has been an increase of the interest in drought management. - IDMP issued a Handbook on indices; publication which will help countries to choose from the list of indices for their early warning system. - External review of the IDMP is under preparation (August – end of October 2016) by Antonio Magalhaes, review will help with the preparation of the 3-year programme and provide recommendations - future directions especially in the light of the Paris Agreement, SDGs, Sendai Framework. - HelpDesk (APMF Help Desk; <i>IDMP help desk in preparation</i>): Idea is to have it together “Flood Help & Drought Help” – but this is still in the process of deciding. For now, there will be two HelpDesks. - There were few new initiatives within IDMP presented: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Cost-Benefit of drought emergency vs. drought risk management:</i> Literature review was already conducted and draft version was discussed at the expert group meeting/workshop – <i>more info below</i> • <i>Growing emphasis on insurance systems</i> - Some of the Partners presented some of their recent work: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • UNESCO – drought monitor in Africa, Latin America • Roger Stone presented new Queensland Drought mitigation center in Australia • JRC is planning to prepare state of the art on disaster risk management next year. • DMCSEE mentioned Drought User Service (new unified drought monitoring tool with using remote sensing data) which is planned to be developed within DriDanube project (developed within the IDMP CEE Follow up process) - In Journal of Climate research (available in October 2016) focus will be on drought in Central Europe: http://www.int-res.com/journals/cr/cr-specials/dce/ <p>Way forward:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Keep focus on three pillars (Drought Monitoring, Early Warning System / Vulnerability and Impact Assessment / Preparedness and Mitigation actions) 	

- Work with regional climate centers and use their capacities on monitoring and early-warning system.
- In the next years focusing more on vulnerability and impact assessment; collecting data on that.
- Importance not to add too many activities – less can be more
- Continue to plan and react on national needs
- Finalize IDM Framework document
- Develop focus on vulnerability and impacts assessment (examples how impact assessment will be done; maybe to add that impacts are not only agricultural impacts)
- HelpDesk (catalogue of services for partners; where they would like to be engaged)
- Demonstrate the usefulness of IDMP in countries; marketing and impact pathways
- Fundraising: developing project proposal with IDMP partners (getting new funds)

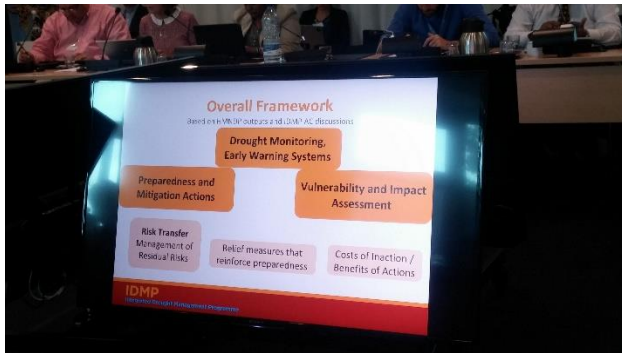
Main messages from the “Workshop on action and inaction for drought preparedness – costs and benefits”

- If we manage to present cost on inaction, we can better influence political will.
- A literature review was presented - what is the state of knowledge, where we are in addressing of this question, where are the gaps, etc.
- PASETA project - <https://ec.europa.eu/jrc/en/peseta/economic-results>
- Link with research and management have to be stronger
- What is missing is impacts chain (what is the value of the monitor results; present what droughts can do (first crop yield, then wells dried up; road can be destroyed, etc.)
- IWRM plan and drought plans needs to be connected
- Lack of understanding or denial what the risk is – education is important point
- Follow up of the workshop:
 - Update literature review as an output of this expert meeting and inputs from IDMP partners – to have a stand-alone publication
 - Organizing larger workshop next year
 - Sharing with IDMP Technical Support Unit contact details of expert from the region working on this topic

At the end (Frederik and all three programme Managers) we had **short informal meeting with Eelco van Beek from GWP Technical Committee:**

- He will bring topic of cost-benefit to the TEC meeting in three weeks and discussed with the TEC members how can they contribute to the both topics;
- IDM Framework document (in preparation) will be shared with him for his additional inputs
- Annual report and plans from all three regions (plus presentations) will be shared with him to keep him informed about the progress and plans of the IDMP in different regions
- We also discussed and agreed that in the process of preparation of the project proposal, programme managers can turn to him with the request to review the proposal and give feedback before submitting it.

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