





Capacity building and policy dialogues on: Community- and Ecosystem-based Climate Change Adaptation

Wetlands International <u>invites</u> climate change professionals from non-Annex I countries to participate in our 2010 capacity building programme and policy dialogues on ecosystem based adaptation to climate change. Therefore, we request your inputs and specific suggestions for this programme.

During recent climate meetings delegations of developing countries have actively called for the provision of enhanced knowledge sharing and capacity building on adaptation.



Barcelona Climate Talks 2009

## **Background**

Climate change is expected to contribute to more extreme weather events like heavy rainfall, prolonged droughts, increased water needs due to high temperatures, and severe storms. Preserving and restoring healthy functioning ecosystems and supporting the communities that live in them can help to adapt to these changes.

Maintaining ecosystems is also crucial from a mitigation perspective: the organic soils of peatlands for example store three times as much carbon as all the world forests.

## What and for whom

Senior level negotiators and policy makers: A one day event to discuss approaches and researched documents on issues surrounding the various aspects of climate change and ecosystems.

Practitioners including local governments: An intensive 4 day capacity building programme will be organised for equipping this group for putting appropriate climate change adaptation and mitigation approaches into practice.

## A joint effort

The following organisations are contributing in various ways to the development of the programme: Cooperative Programme on Water and Climate, IWA, Oxfam-America, IUCN, Conservation International, UNESCO- IHE, and Wageningen University.

All the training products will be in French and English to be provided at various locations in Africa in 2010. At a later stage also in Asia and Latin America.

To support or become involved in our training programme and policy dialogues contact:

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