



Regional Committee for Disaster Management in West Africa (GECEAO)

11th Annual Consultation

5 – 7 July 2017, Monrovia, Liberia

1. Context

In the continuous effort to improve preparedness related to disasters and to strengthen the capacity of governments to respond effectively, the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs for West and Central Africa (OCHAROWCA) and the National Disaster Management Agency (NDMA) of Liberia are organizing the 11th Regional Consultation of the Regional Committee for Disaster Management in West Africa (GECEAO). The Consultation will be held in Monrovia, Liberia from 5 to 7 July 2017.

This 11st regional consultation will focus on the following key themes:

- Revision of the Plan of Action of the ECOWAS Humanitarian policy (2012 – 2017);
- **Regional climate outlook overview and humanitarian partner's perspectives (PRESASS feedback);**
- ECOWAS' Disaster Management Agency Model;
- Emergency response and preparedness initiatives;
- Post World Humanitarian Summit and private sector initiatives in the region;
- Cash based response training and best practices at national level;
- Medical Emergency Teams and Epidemic Preparedness update;
- Civil-military Cooperation in disaster response;

Experts will exchange with participants and share various tools available for emergency preparedness, response and coordination.

2. Key Objectives of the regional consultation

- Evaluation of the plan of action of the ECOWAS Humanitarian Policy (2012 – 2017);
- Consistent implementation of the One Disaster Management Agency Model;
- Building cash response and preparedness technical capacities at national level;
- Identify key follow-up actions and commitments after the World Humanitarian Summit;
- Sharing best practices for emergency response and preparedness at national level;
- Reinforce dialogue/coordination between national disaster management agencies and private sector for disaster response;
- Feedback on the two deliverables of the Civil Military regional coordination working group.

3. Key Outcomes

- Information and best practices shared among participants.



- Feedback and follow up on implementation of regional programmes and activities achieved
- Improved coordination/collaboration among stakeholders realized
- Joint projections on annual emergency response plans discussed to enhance implementation

4. Methodology

- The Consultation will be in English and French, Englishwith interpretation services in these two languages.
- **Partner organizations, including the African Centre of Meteorological Applications for Development (ACMAD), International Federation of the Red Cross (IFRC), West Africa Health Organization (WAHO), African Development Bank (AFDB), Liberia Ministry of Gender, Children & Social Protection, will be invited to present on specific topics in their area of expertise.**
- Sessions will be participatory with specific topics for discussion. The meeting will alternate plenary sessions, general discussion and working groups.

5. Participants

- The GECEAO Network is composed of the heads of Disaster Management Agencies/Civil Protection Directors of the ECOWAS countries plus Mauritania and the country and regional Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement representatives.
- Participants should be high level officials familiar with disaster and emergency management, data collection related to disaster situations, analysis and mapping, threat and vulnerability assessments and post-crisis evaluation.
- The profile of participants should reflect that of policy makers and technical experts. The participants will need to prepare to share their respective experiences to feed working groups and plenary discussions.

6. Duration

- The meeting will last for three days