



Detailed Programme of the High Level Policy Dialogue

Introduction

The main objective of the High Level Policy Dialogue is to unlock the potential of rainwater harvesting (RWH) in its broadest sense and demonstrate the importance of RWH with respect to the following:

- Climate variability and change: negative impact on smallholder farmers and possible solutions;
- Food security: the importance of RWH and small-scale irrigation; and
- WASH: Household water security through rainwater harvesting

The expected results include the sharing of tangible approaches and techniques on how to integrate rainwater into policies and increase the understanding of the relevance of water buffering. The major output of the Policy Dialogue will be a Symposium Declaration. Key messages, policy recommendations and technical options will be identified and presented at the last day of the Policy Dialogue. The policy recommendations and technical options will be further elaborated in the Write Shop on Day 3 and 4 of the Symposium.

Day 1 – Monday, June 1st

08.30 – 09.30	Registration
Opening	
<i>Chair/moderator:</i> Eline Boelee, Water Health	
<i>Rapporteurs:</i> Alex Oduor, SearNet; Elsabijn Koelman, SearNet	
09.30 – 09.45	Welcome address by Peter de Haan, Director, RAIN
09.45 – 10.00	Official Opening by His Excellence Ato, Kebede Jerba, State Minister Water Resources, Ministry for Water, Irrigation and Energy, Ethiopia
10.00 – 10.15	Official Opening by His Excellency Ato Seleshi Getahun, State Minister Natural Resource, Ministry of Agriculture, Ethiopia

10.15 – 10.30	Presentation from the field: rainwater harvesting champions from Mehoni		
10.30 – 10.45	Keynote Address: Ato Tessema Legebo for Dr. Robson Mutinda, IFAD: <i>Empowering rural women and men – what has rainwater harvesting got to do with it?</i>		
10.45 - 11.15	Coffee / Tea/ Health Break		
10.45 – 11.15	Keynote Address: Dr. Tilahun Amede, ICRISAT: <i>Rainwater management for sustainable Intensification and improved ecosystem services</i>		
11.15 - 11.45	Q&A session: questions to the speakers		
<p>Parallel Workshops</p> <p>The parallel workshops are expected to serve as platforms where knowledge exchange and discussions are facilitated. They have the following objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To enhance knowledge and understanding on the specific themes • To further define key messages that shall be fed into the overall symposium declaration • To discuss challenges, mitigation, and policies, which should be noted for presentation <p>There will be two rounds of three parallel workshops. In each there will be one or more short presentations, or a panel in which various expert speak briefly about their field, followed by Q&A and discussion. The discussion will be structured around some questions that need to be answered in the session and later reported back to plenary.</p>			
11.45 – 11.50	Introduction to first round of Parallel Workshops by Eline Boelee (Water Health) and Sean Patrick (RAIN)		
11.50 - 13.00	<i>Rainwater harvesting and climate resilience</i>	<i>Technical innovations and lessons for rainwater harvesting/irrigation</i>	<i>Rainwater harvesting for food security</i>

11.50 - 13.00	<p>Climate resilience</p> <p>What is the potential of RWH? An overarching concept here is that of ecosystem services, particularly the regulating and supporting ecosystem services. The topic includes 3R (recharge, retention, reuse), e.g. groundwater and shallow groundwater recharge, robustness to climate variability and climate change, as well as soil erosion and desertification.</p> <p><i>Panel:</i> Philip Osano, SEI, Kenya; Teklu Erkossa, IWMI; Sammy Oleku, Kenya <i>Moderator:</i> Tilahun Amede, ICRISAT <i>Rapporteur:</i> Belen Sheway, IFAD; Josep de Trincheria, AFRHINET</p>	<p>Technical innovations</p> <p>The innovations and lessons include different types of RWH (methods of water mobilization such as road catchments), but also water use and water delivery (e.g. irrigation technologies), as well as spate irrigation.</p> <p><i>Presentations:</i> Stephen Ngigi, Kenya Rainwater Association; Belay Simane, Addis Ababa University; Bernie Omodei, Measured irrigation <i>Moderator:</i> Robert Meerman, RAIN <i>Rapporteur:</i> Koen Joosten, FAO/SFE</p>	<p>Food security</p> <p>This includes the role of water harvesting in the production of food from livestock, rainfed agriculture, supplementary irrigation, agroforestry.</p> <p><i>Presentations:</i> Fethi Lebdi, Coordinator, FAO/AGWA, Addis Ababa; James Kisekka, RAIN Uganda <i>Moderator:</i> Simon Langan, IWMI <i>Rapporteur:</i> Sara Datturi, FAO/AGWA</p>
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch break		
14.00 – 15.00	Continuation of parallel workshop on climate resilience	Continuation of parallel workshop on technical innovations	Continuation of parallel workshop on food security
<p>Plenary</p> <p><i>Chair/moderator:</i> Fethi Lebdi, FAO/AGWA <i>Rapporteurs:</i> Eline Boelee, Water Health & Sean Patrick, RAIN</p>			
15.00 - 15.45	Plenary presentation of key findings by rapporteurs from each workshop (Josep de Trincheria, Robert Meerman, Sara Datturi), followed by Q&A		
15.45 – 16.00	Coffee / Tea/ Health Break		

16.00 – 17.00	Panel discussions with experts from parallel sessions on key issues that will feed into the Symposium Declaration: Teklu Erkossa, James Kisekka, Fethi Lebdi, Stephen Ngigi, Sammy Oleku, Bernie Omodei, Philip Osana
17:00	Closure of Day 1

Day 2 – Tuesday, June 2nd

Opening			
<i>Chair/moderator:</i> Nicolas Oguge (University of Nairobi/AFRHINET)			
<i>Rapporteurs:</i> Alex Oduor, SearNet			
09.15 - 09:30	Opening and Rapporteur's Summary of day I by Eline Boelee, Water Health		
09.30 – 09.45	Keynote Address: Dr. Dennis Garrity, Drylands Ambassador UNCCD: <i>The frontiers of scaling-up rainwater harvesting: the billion dollar business plan</i>		
09.45 – 10.00	Keynote address: Ato Olani Wirtu, Program Director, IDE Ethiopia: <i>The potential of the private sector in creating income and livelihood opportunities for poor rural households</i>		
10.00 - 10.15	Q&A		
Parallel Workshops			
10.15 - 10.20	Introduction to second round of Parallel Workshops by Eline Boelee (Water Health) and Sean Patrick (RAIN)		
10.20 – 11.00	<i>Rainwater harvesting for WASH</i>	<i>Key opportunities, challenges and mitigation measures for private/public sector involvement in RWH</i>	<i>Challenges and opportunities for scaling up RWH</i>

10.20 – 11.00	<p>WASH</p> <p>This not only includes the link between rainwater harvesting and health, but also the wider dimension of water security: water supply for drinking and domestic purposes, as well as issues around self-supply.</p> <p><i>Presentations:</i> Tobias Omufwoko, Kenya Wash Alliance; Alemayehu Haddis, Jimma University; Samwel Jakinda, Neighbours Initiative Alliance, Kenya; Silvio Orrico, Brazil</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> Tamene Chaka, Ethiopia Wash Alliance</p> <p><i>Rapporteur:</i> Elsabijn Koelman, SearNet</p>	<p>Private sector</p> <p>Which role can the private sector play in terms of value chain, but also at the community and individual level for income generation; entrepreneurship. What is the role of policies?</p> <p><i>Panel:</i> Elijah Mugah, G-North, Kenya; Olani Wirtu, IDE Ethiopia; Samwel Gitau, MIS Co.</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> Alex Oduor, SearNet</p> <p><i>Rapporteur:</i> Anteneh Girma, IFAD</p>	<p>Up-scaling</p> <p>What are the main challenges and opportunities for upscaling rainwater harvesting? How can upscaling be supported by policies, institutional and technical support?</p> <p><i>Presentation:</i> Johann Gnadlinger, IRPAA / ABCMAC</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> Dennis Garrity, UNCCD</p> <p><i>Rapporteur:</i> Robert Meerman, RAIN</p>
11.00 – 11.15	Coffee / Tea/ Health Break		
11.15 - 13.00	Continuation of parallel workshop on WASH	Continuation of parallel workshop on private sector	Continuation of parallel workshop on up-scaling
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch Break		
<p>Plenary</p> <p><i>Chair/moderator:</i> Henrie Njoloma, Green Belt Initiative - OPC</p> <p><i>Rapporteurs:</i> Eline Boelee, Water Health & Sean Patrick, RAIN</p>			
14.00 - 15.00	Plenary presentation of key findings by rapporteurs from each workshop (Elsabijn Koelman, Anteneh Girma, Arto Suominen)		

15.00 – 15.30	Questions to the experts on key issues that will feed into the Symposium Declaration.
15.30 - 16.15	Coffee / Tea/ Health Break
Closure	
<i>Chair/moderator:</i> Alex Oduor, SearNet	
<i>Rapporteurs:</i> Elsabijn Koelman, SearNet	
16.15 – 17.00	Plenary presentation of the Symposium Declaration by Eline Boelee Panel reactions: Fethi Lebdi (FAO/AGWA), Tilahun Amede (ICRISAT), Olani Wirtu (IDE), Peter de Haan (RAIN), Stephen Ngigi (KRA), Nicolas Oguge (University of Nairobi/AFRHINET), Bouwe-Jan Smeding (Netherlands Embassy)
17.00 - 17.15	Closing remarks by Peter de Haan (RAIN)
17.30 - 19.00	Cocktail