



**TRAINING WORKSHOP
ON THE THEME :
Climate Change, Biological Diversity and Poverty Alleviation
In Central and West Africa : Status and Perspectives**

1.) Background :

According to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), “many parts of the world will become hotter ; droughts, floods and other forms of extreme meteorological phenomena shall become more frequent and will threaten food supplies ; plants and animals that will not be able to adjust will disappear ; sea levels are rising and continue to rise, forcing hundreds of thousands of people living in coastal areas to migrate”. In fact, the issue of climate change has become a major challenge for mankind as a whole. The latter is looking for lasting solutions to this rather

2.) Objective of the workshop :

The objective of the workshop is to raise awareness of IUCN-PACO members and build their capacities to foster synergy in formulating policies and strategies to fight climate change.

3.) Expected outputs :

3.1. Civil society and representatives of governments are sensitive to problems of climate change and their effects on biodiversity conservation, and on poverty in Central and West Africa ;

3.2. Participants acquire new knowledge, share lessons learned, collaboration that have been developed and communicate information that they have on climate change.

4.) Themes of the workshop :

The workshop shall cover the following themes :

International policies on mitigation and adaptation to climate change ;
Impacts, vulnerability and adaptation in the context of development in relation to poverty alleviation ;
Adapt natural resource management to climate variations in Central and West Africa ;
Methods and tools for planning and assessing the effects of climate change ;
International funding and their implementation mechanisms with regards to climate change.

The workshop will adopt a participatory approach through oral and written presentation, questions and answers and group work that will discuss relevant issues that will be raised. This approach will make it possible to answer the following two questions :

- How is information on climate change to be shared with the various actors involved in environmental issues ?
- How can collaboration on climate change be strengthened between civil society in Central and West Africa?

5.) Participants:

The workshop will be attended by IUCN members of the PACO zone. They will include: researchers, policy – makers, government agencies, national and international NGOs, etc. Their participation at this workshop will build their capacities and enable them intervene in climate change issues at local, national and regional levels in Central and West Africa.