

West Africa Water Supply, Sanitation and Hygiene Program (USAID WA-WASH)

USAID WA-WASH BUILDS CAPACITIES IN THE FIELD OF CLIMATE VULNERABILITY AND CAPACITY ANALYSIS IN NIAMEY, NIGER

On December 10-14 2012, the USAID West Africa Water Supply, Sanitation and Hygiene Program (USAID WA-WASH) organized its second workshop on Climate Vulnerability and Capacity Analysis (CVCA). The workshop took place in Niamey, Niger, and was conducted by CARE International, an implementing partner of the USAID WA-WASH Program, with the collaboration of Florida International University. This workshop gathered USAID WA-WASH international and local partners, representatives of local and international NGOs, Governmental Agencies working in the field of water and environment, agriculture, urban planning, housing and sanitation and municipalities.



A view of participants in the CVCA training

The training in Niamey, Niger involved 19 participants representing USAID WA-WASH local and international partners' organizations, municipalities, and agents from technical services of the Ministry of Hydraulics and Environment, the Ministry of Agriculture and the Ministry of Planning, Housing and Sanitation.

The main aim of the workshop was to strengthen the capacity of partners involved in the implementation of the USAID WA-WASH Program by enabling them to master concepts and tools of participatory analysis of vulnerability and climate change adaptation. More specifically, the workshop sought to: (1) enhance

knowledge and promote a common understanding of the WA WASH Project among all participants; (2) provide knowledge and skills to use CVCA methodology and tools for developing adaptation strategies, (3) facilitate learning and sharing of experience on CC and livelihoods enhancement strategies.

During the training the participants defined their expectations and also did an inventory of their knowledge of the CVCA concepts. A day was chosen to allow participants to use within a community the tools they have learnt during the workshop. This real life case study was done to draw lessons for future applications.

The first outcomes of the CVCA training were: (1) replication/restitution: in-house training to other members of partners' staff and field staff, (2) replication/restitution/Adaptation to partners' programs: local communities and nine farmers who are leaders in their villages were trained on agriculture conservation; (3) other farmers will be trained by these farmers in each of the nine villages; (4) local NGOs have developed/written proposal for climate change adaptation capacity building.



A trainee receiving his attendance certificate at the completion of the training

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