

## **Summary of Key Recommendations and Next Steps: A Roadmap for CR4D Implementation 2018-2022**

SAC Strategic Plan Development Sub-committee Meeting: CR4D Five-Year Strategic Plan Development

*July 3-4 2017, Geneva Switzerland*

The **CR4D SAC sub-committee** tasked with developing the Five-Year Strategic Plan for CR4D over the period of 2018-2022 (hereafter referred to as the sub-committee), met in Geneva from July 3 to July 4, 2017. This meeting was supported by WMO and ACPC.

Sub-committee members who attended the meeting were:

- Judy Omumbo, SAC co-chair
- Richard Anyah
- Bruce Hewitson
- Arame Tall
- Yosef Amha
- Ernest Afiesimama
- Jay Wilson
- Boram Lee
- Joseph Mukabana
- Filipe Lucio

The sub-committee formulated the following urgent recommendations to advance the CR4D agenda and ensure overall implementation of its research agenda for Africa for the period of 2018-22.

**The final recommendations will be circulated back to the entire SAC, through the SAC co-chairs, for review by 17th July, and the final recommendations will be submitted to the Oversight Board for endorsement by 31st July.**

### **General Recommendations:**

As an outcome of its deliberations, and with a view to the proper implementation of the 5-year CR4D Strategic Plan, the CR4D SAC Strategic Plan sub-committee recommends to the SAC the following:

- 1) **Strongly** exhort the CR4D Oversight Board to meet by September 2017 in order to review and adopt the recommendations formulated by this sub-committee;
  - a) ***aleads for follow-up: WMO (Jay Wilson, Boram Lee, Arame Tall), CR4D Secretariat (Yosef Amha) and SAC co-chairs***
- 2) Request the Oversight Board to finalize its membership, as follows:

- a) Current Voting members of the OB: AMCOMET, Clim-Dev (represented ACPC) and ICP Chair. **Recommend to extend membership of the OB to include representatives from AfDB and AUC.**
  - b) Observing Members of the OB: WMO (WCRP, GFCS) and SAC co-chairs.
- 3) The updated Terms of Reference (ToR) for the Oversight Board, SAC and CR4D Secretariat, as per the 5-year CR4D Strategic Plan be reviewed and finally adopted by the Oversight Board;
  - a) **leads for follow-up: WMO (Jay Wilson, Boram Lee, Arame Tall), CR4D Secretariat (Yosef Amha) and SAC co-chairs**
- 4) Mandate the SAC to establish a thematic working group structure (as established in the Research Strategy 6.3) as follows: each theme will be under the elected co-chair leadership of senior researchers based in Africa. The SAC will be further mandated to define the working group's Terms of Reference to develop research activities. The Working groups will be accountable to the SAC for the implementation of the research, and operationally monitored by the secretariat. Granting agencies would be invited to support one or all thematic research areas.
- 5) Ensure recognition of CR4D as one of the structures of AUC - see Praia Ministerial Declaration ([https://www.wmo.int/amcomet/sites/default/files/field/doc/events/doc\\_17\\_praia\\_ministerial\\_declaration\\_final\\_en.pdf](https://www.wmo.int/amcomet/sites/default/files/field/doc/events/doc_17_praia_ministerial_declaration_final_en.pdf))
  - a) **leads for follow-up: CR4D Oversight Board**
- 6) Request the CR4D Secretariat to finalize the short-list of African institutions vetted to be members of the ICP (as per the ToRs of the ICP) and submit a recommended nomination list for ICP membership to OB, by end July 2017, to be reviewed and approved at the OB proposed meeting in September 2017.
  - a) **leads for follow-up: CR4D Secretariat (Yosef Amha)**
- 7) Exhort the CR4D Secretariat to organize the first meeting of the CR4D Institutional Collaboration Platform (ICP) during CCDA-2017, planned for October 2017, and Encourage the ICP to review and adopt their ToRs during the inaugural meeting; in preparation for this meeting, conduct a consultation and pro-active outreach to the short-listed institutions;
  - a) **leads for follow-up: CR4D Secretariat (Yosef Amha)**
- 8) Ensure effective and timely communication and coordination between the various governance organs of CR4D (SAC, OB and ICP), through and in-between their respective regular meetings, with the Secretariat serving as a conduit for information circulation.
  - a) **leads for follow-up: CR4D Secretariat (Yosef Ahma) in consultation with SAC co-chairs, OB chairs and ICP chairs.**

- 9) Recommend the recruitment of a **full-time CR4D Coordinator** to support the functions of the CR4D Secretariat, hosted at ACPC in Addis Ababa; and the further recruitment of **two (2) CR4D Research co-coordinators**, whose ToRs and modalities for recruitment should be defined by the SAC and Oversight Board. The sub-committee recommends that the role of the CR4D Research coordinators be to facilitate the integration of research internal and external to CR4D, and that they be hired on a **term-limit long enough to effect their work** (e.g. 5 year term ). To successfully play the role of an integrator of the African climate research community, it is further recommended that the research coordinators be embedded on a revolving basis across the various climate research universities and centers of excellence identified across Africa's sub-regions (see in Annex 1 - list of identified African climate research universities and centers of excellence)
- a) ***leads for follow-up: CR4D Secretariat, SAC and OB (as per fundraising strategy)***
- 10) The SAC should define a Grant Management Framework (GMF) for implementing the CR4D Call for Research proposals. In the near term, SAC should co-design modalities with DFID, defining the roles/contributions of the SAC and attributions delegated to an outside Grant Manager.
- a) ***leads for follow-up: CR4D SAC Co-Chairs.***