

AURAN PERSPECTIVES IN WEST AFRICA

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Introduction

- AURAN program has begin 2003 after Nairobi meeting. Our work was titled : « Governance on natural disaster : Floods in Saint Louis »
- The research action was our main approach and for this, we have work closely with the University of Dakar for technical aspects and the others actors like the local authorities, the communities based organizations etc...
GIS, awareness, capacities buildings, meetings etc are the main tools used during the program
- The results of the first experiences have a great impact in Senegal, but also in another countries and its is publish by IIED in Environment and Urbanization. It's also presented during the WUF 3 in Vancouver in 2006.
- We also developed some experiences in a regional level and the result are use by actors for information and exchange experiences.

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First phase of AURAN activities

- Our first programme was tittled : « Governance on natural disaster : Floods in Saint Louis” financed by ProVention
- After this step, Enda and ProVention have develop another program in West Africa region in order to identify, and to document some experiences in 8 countries in disaster risk reduction : local perspectives
- In November 2006, a regional meeting in Senegal which each country have work in a specific aspect

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Second phase : Experiences in west and central Africa

- **Benin** : floods In Malanville
 - The process and manifestations of coastal erosion in the Gulf of Guinée
- **Burkina Faso** : floods
- **Cameroon** : public information in and management of the risks
 - associate with volcanic eruption in the Mont Cameroon
- **Ivory Coast** : Floods risk mapping for the semi-mountainous area in the west : the use of digital elevation models and satellite imagery

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Second phase : Experiences in west and central Africa

- Experiences in Mali : floods
- Experiences in Niger : desertification
- Experiences in Democratic Republic of the Congo : disaster occurrence in communities in Goma and the surrounding area eruption volcanic
- Experiences in Senegal : floods in Dakar
Coastal erosion in Rufisque

All these experiences all capitalized in these publication : “disaster risk reduction in West and Central Africa : local perspectives”

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Ongoing work

- For the third phase, identification 2 countries (Mali and Niger)

The main objective of the Project is to reduce the vulnerability of the communities and to work in research-action issues

- - the main actors are the district of Sanakoroba in Mali and a NGO in Niger.
- Sept 2008, beginning of the programme, elaboration of a participatory action plan with all the actors, identification of all stakeholders

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Ongoing work

- Identification in each country a steering committee which role is to implement the project according to the action plan
- Identification of those who are going to organize training sessions for the communities and the local authorities
- Launching of the programme in their countries
- We have already sent the first report to Cape Town University which coordinates this project,
- The work continues in Mali and Niger until September 2009

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Perspectives

- To continue the activities in the 2 countries
- To implement some other countries
- To increase AURAN members in each countries : AURAN must be growth
- What do you must to do when someone want to be AURAN membership (is it free, some form to fill out ????)
- To define clearly our vision, our mission, our role, our principle,
- To participate at national, regional and international meeting in order to influence some government policies and some leaders:

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Perspectives

- to establish disaster reduction like a priority,
- Strengthen community capacities by training and raising the awareness of the actors involved, develop partnerships with the main actors

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