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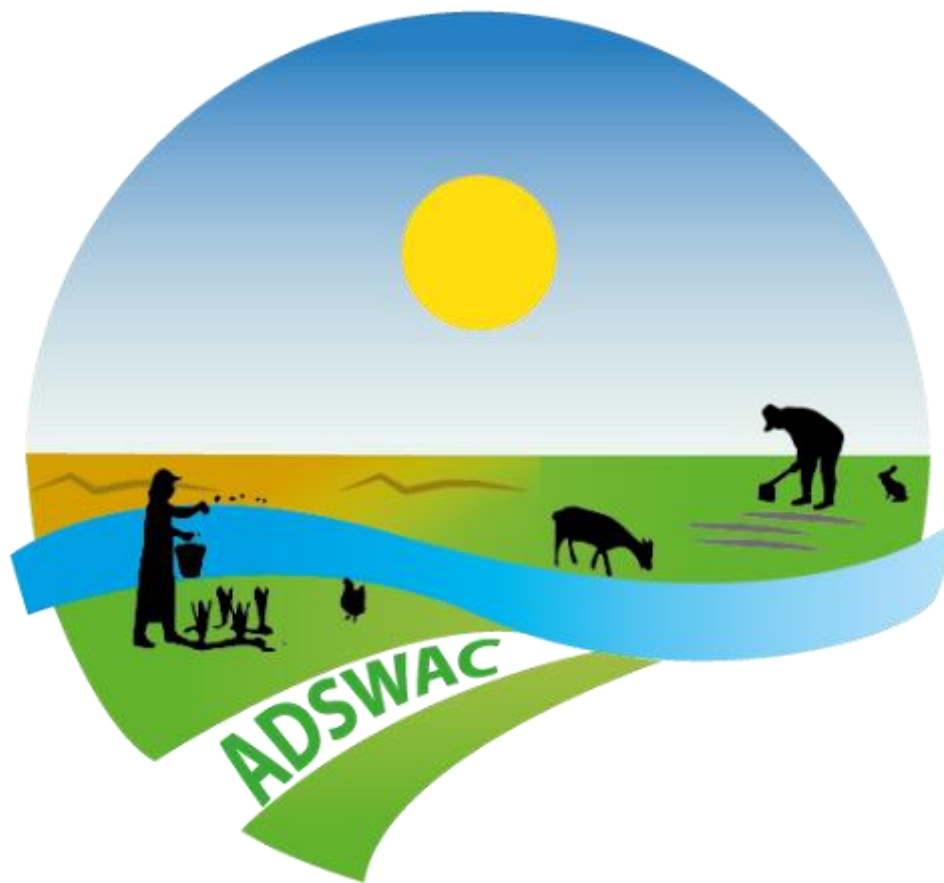
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## **ADSWAC PROJECT**

# **RESILIENCE BUILDING AS CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION IN DROUGHT-STRUCK SOUTH-WESTERN AFRICAN COMMUNITIES**

ANGOLA AND NAMIBIA

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## **PROJECT REGIONAL LAUNCH WORKSHOP REPORT**

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## ACRONYMS

<b>ADSWAC</b>	Resilience Building as Climate Change Adaptation in Drought-Struck Southwestern African Communities
<b>ADPP</b>	Ajuda de Desenvolvimento de Povo para Povo
<b>AF</b>	Adaptation Fund
<b>CC</b>	Climate Change
<b>DAPP</b>	Development Assistance from People to People
<b>DNAAC</b>	National Director for Environment and Climate Change
<b>EE</b>	Executing Entity
<b>EWS</b>	Early Warning System
<b>GCF</b>	Global Climate Fund
<b>GIS</b>	Geographical Information System
<b>GPS</b>	Global Positioning System
<b>MAP</b>	Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries of Angola
<b>MAFT</b>	Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism of Namibia
<b>MARA</b>	Ministry of Water and Land Reform of Namibia
<b>MCTA</b>	Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Environment of Angola
<b>NEE</b>	National Executing Entity
<b>NRM</b>	Natural Resources Management
<b>NPSC</b>	National Project Steering Committee
<b>OCACOM</b>	Okavango River Basin Water Commission
<b>OSS</b>	Sahara and Sahel Observatory
<b>PIM</b>	Project Implementation Manual
<b>PMU</b>	Project Management Unit
<b>REE</b>	Regional Executing Entity
<b>RIE</b>	Regional Implementing Entity
<b>RPD</b>	Regional Project Director (under MCTA of Angola)
<b>SADC</b>	Southern African Development Community

## 1. INTRODUCTION

The border between Cuando Cubango in southern Angola, and Okavango/Kavango in northern Namibia, constitutes a transboundary corridor that is dominated by hyper-arid, arid and semi-arid dry zones depending on the amount of annual precipitation and temperature. This area is characterized by conditions of aridity and drought, where increasing temperatures and rainfall variability have led to increasing occurrences of floods and droughts with resulting negative effects on the populations and ecosystems contained therein.

Similar to other locations in various countries, Angola and Namibia are experiencing significant impacts of climate change, which include changes in weather patterns, drop/rises in water levels and increased frequency of extreme weather events such as floods as well as droughts, whose socio-economic impacts make communities very vulnerable.

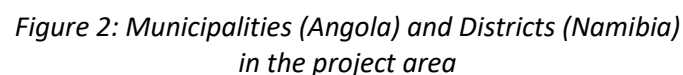
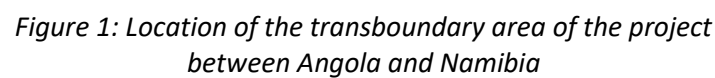
To contribute at the regional level within the framework of the Southern African Development Community (SADC) policy paper on climate change and the SADC climate change adaptation for the water sector strategy that focuses on climate resilience, food security and water management efficiency enhancement, Development Aid from People to People (ADPP) Angola and Development Aid from People to People (DAPP) Namibia, in partnership with the Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Environment (MCTA), the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries of Angola (MAP), the Ministry of Water and Energy of Angola (MINEA) and the Ministry of the Environment, Forestry and Tourism (MAFT) and the Ministry of Water and Land Reform (MARA) of Namibia, collaborated to develop a project to adapt to climate changes in communities in the transboundary area between the two countries.

The proposal submitted by The Sahara and Sahel Observatory (OSS) to the Adaptation Fund (AF) Board seeking access to the resources of the AF in support of the “Resilience Building as Climate Change Adaptation in drought-struck South-western African Communities” Project in Angola and Namibia (ADSWAC), was approved by the Board, and the Board agreed to make a grant to OSS and under the terms of an agreement signed between OSS and AFB on September 24th, 2021

## 2. ADSWAC PROJECT

The ADSWAC project is cross-border, multi-sectoral and multidisciplinary and its implementation will be conducted in a participatory and integrated manner, at community, national and regional levels. OSS as Regional Implementing Entity (RIE) will support Ajuda de Desenvolvimento de Povo para Povo (ADPP) Angola as the Regional Executing Entity (REE) and National Executing Entity (NEE) as well, and Development Aid from People to People (DAPP) Namibia as a NEE. The RIE, which will act in a coordinated manner in Angola and Namibia, to ensure that the regional and national dimensions of the project are elaborated and well structured.

The project will be implemented in different sites within the transboundary/cross-border region between Angola and Namibia.



The specific objectives of the ADSWAC project are:

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To achieve these specific objectives, the ADSWAC project will be based on three main components:

- **Component 1:** Strengthening awareness, knowledge and capacity to adapt to climate change and variability at community, district, national and regional levels (US\$1,523,365)
- **Component 2:** Organizational and technical learning for climate resilient production and water management (US\$1,737,440)
- **Component 3:** Improve ecosystem resilience and livelihoods through implementation of community adaptation actions to improve food security in response to climate change and variability (US\$6,860,050).

### 3. REGIONAL LAUNCH WORKSHOP OF THE ADSWAC PROJECT

The workshop was organized by the REE, the project coordinator within the support of OSS.

Several documents related to the project were made available to workshop participants. These included: Project information pack;

Project Fact Sheets in English and Portuguese;

The regional launch of the ADSWAC Project was held on Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 9:00 am Luanda time (10:00 am Windhoek time). The event took place in a hybrid format. It took place at the Epic Sana Hotel in Luanda, Angola. The event was attended by around 90 people and the occasion was graced by several high-profile dignitaries, including His Excellency Dr. Filipe Zau (Minister of Culture, Tourism and Environment, Angola), Dr. Luísa Grilo (Minister of Education, Angola), Dr. Elsa Bárber (Secretary of State for Social Action, Family and Women's Promotion, Angola), Mr. Nabil Ben Khadra (Executive Secretary, OSS), and other dignitaries and stakeholders from target countries. Representatives from Namibia participated in the launch of the regional project, jointly and remotely by connecting via Zoom in Windhoek, Namibia. Other participants at regional and local levels, including representatives from OKACOM, the provincial government and municipality administrations in Cuando Cubango, Angola and local government (Namibia), among others, joined individually or in groups via the Zoom platform. An English-Portuguese interpretation was provided. In total 96 participants in the Regional Launch of ADSWAC.

The movement of the participants was conditioned by several limitations of the beneficiary countries because of the exceptional situation arising from the global COVID-19 pandemic and the limited access to connectivity at the community level. However, despite the constraints and difficulties inherent in these difficult times, the workshop registered very satisfactory participation.

The workshop was an opportunity to bring together national partners from both countries, regional actors, as well as other related actors, to establish a joint reflection on the ADSWAC Project.

The main objective of the workshop was to officially launch the ADSWAC project and achieve a common understanding and adoption of the activities by the various national and regional stakeholders, which will serve for a successful implementation of the project. It was also an opportunity to review priority activities, as well as reiterate institutional arrangements and requirements in line with procedures and policies for project management and ensure adequate monitoring, technical and financial reporting.

The Launch Workshop was divided into two sessions:

**Session I:** Observations and Launch of the ADSWAC Project, which was moderated by Mr. Evaristo Waya, Regional Project Director (RPD) and Dr. Giza Gaspar Martins, Director of the Department of Environment

and Climate Action, Angola. This session included a welcome to the dignitaries and participants, the opening of the workshop. As well as serving to present the Agenda and the general objective and expected results of the event, it also included an introduction to the project, the main actors and entities of the project and other stakeholders – OSS, ADPP, DAPP, OKAKOM – and it allowed for reflection by the participants. This workshop session was crowned by the opening speeches given by the following: Rikke Viholm, ADPP, Kirsten Moeller-Jensen, DAPP, Nabil Ben Khadra, OSS Executive Secretary, Dr. Filipe Zau, Minister of Culture, Tourism and Environment of Angola and Dr. Sion Shifa, representative of the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism of Namibia.

**Session II:** This session included the sharing of experiences and recommendations. The session was moderated by Dr. Giza Gaspar Martins from the Department of Environment and Climate Action.

These sessions include:

#### **4. SESSION I: OBSERVATIONS AND OFFICIAL LAUNCH (LUANDA)**

##### **4.1. Introductory remarks, objectives and expected results**

The launch of the workshop began at 10:30 am (Luanda time) with a brief welcome reception and presentation of the agenda and participants by the Regional Director of the Project and Master of Ceremonies of the event, Mr. Evaristo Waya, Senior Partnership Officer, ADPP Angola. The Regional Director outlined the main objectives of the workshop and expected results from the launch of the ADSWAC project to the participants.

##### **4.2. Agenda presentation**

No objections to the order of the day were recorded.

##### **4.3. Objectives**

The event was an opportunity for the participants to get to know the scope of the project, the objectives and the plans for the execution of the activities.

The general objective of this workshop was to launch the ADSWAC project, to raise awareness of the Sahara and Sahel Observatory (OSS), to raise awareness of the Adaptation Fund (AF), to mobilize institutional support for the project within the Ministries and competent authorities in Angola, Namibia, at regional and local levels, to inform regional and national stakeholders about the ADSWAC project objectives, arrangements and implementation modalities, to communicate the project to a wider audience, and to inform key stakeholders of the next steps to be taken.

##### **4.4. Expected outcomes**

The expected outcomes of the ADSWAC project launch workshop include the following: a common understanding of project expectations and measures to be implemented to adapt to the impacts of climate change on the Angola-Namibia border; presentation of the project and implementation roadmap; presentation of the main actors of the project; institutional support to the project; public awareness and support for the project.

##### **4.5. Participants**

Participants at the regional workshop launch were: national authorities from Angola and Namibia; regional authorities (OKACOM); Regional Implementing Entity (OSS); representatives of the Regional and National Executing Entities (ADPP Angola and DAPP Namibia) and the Humana People to People Federation (HUMANA PEOPLE to PEOPLE); regional, national and local stakeholders; other interested



parties relevant to the execution of the project, as UNDP, FAO in Angola, NNF in Namibia. The beneficiary communities attended virtually from the region but will also will be physically present during the national launch workshops in Angola and Namibia.



*Picture 1: Participants during the ADSWAC Project launch*

## **5. PRESENTATION SESSIONS**

### **5.1. Brief overview of the ADSWAC Project**

Mr. Paulo Vicente, ADPP Angola Partnership Officer presented the overview of the Project. He pointed out that the ADSWAC project aims to increase the adaptive capacity and resilience of communities to the impacts and variability of climate change, especially drought, in the transboundary region between Angola and Namibia, indicating the main target areas of intervention for the project. It was highlighted that the ADSWAC project is financed by the Adaptation Fund and the implementation will be done through a Regional Implementing Entity – OSS. With regard to project execution, it was elaborated that the Regional Executing Entity is Development Aid from People to People (ADPP Angola) while at the national level, the target participating countries are Angola and Namibia, and these constitute the Executing Entities at the national level.

Paulo Vicente presented a chronological review, illustrating the steps taken in the preparation of the project, which started in 2019 and culminated in the formulation of the final proposal that was approved by the AF and the subsequent signing of the Agreement in 2021 between AF and OSS. He also explained that the process involved the engagement of a number of stakeholders at various levels, making the process participatory, which was very positive.



*Picture 2: ADPP Angola Partnership Officer - Mr. Paulo VICENTE*

He emphasized that climate change affects communities and adaptation is necessary – achieved through awareness-raising, capacity building, technical and institutional support and innovative solutions to challenges. He mentioned that at least 140,000 people would benefit directly from the project's integrated actions, of whom 50% would be female. He provided an overview of the three main components of the ADSWAC project. These include:

**Component 1:** Strengthening awareness, knowledge and capacity to adapt to climate change and variability at community, district, national and regional levels (US\$1,523,365)

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**Component 3:** Improve ecosystem resilience and livelihoods through implementation of community adaptation actions to improve food security in response to climate change and variability (US\$6,860,050).

He further commented on the total for the three components, which came to around US\$ 12 million from AF over five years (2022 -2027).

## **5.2. Introduction to the Sahara and Sahel Observatory, Regional Implementing Entity**

The OSS Senior Project Manager, Steve Muhanji, presented the theme “*Sahara and Sahel Observatory, your climate finance partner!*” Mr. Muhanji highlighted the OSS as an International Organization that was established in 1992. The organization includes as members 26 African countries and 7 Northern countries, in addition to 8 African sub-regional organizations, two partner organizations, FAO and UNCTAD, and three Civil Society Organisations.



Picture 3: OSS Senior Project Manager - Mr. Steve MUHANJI

As for the OSS Mission, the presenter mentioned that it consists of supporting African member countries in the sustainable management of natural resources in a context of particularly unfavourable climate change.

Referring to involvement in climate finance, the official mentioned that OSS has been accredited by the Adaptation Fund (AF) since 2013 and was re-accredited in 2019. He also noted that OSS is the 4th African Regional Implementing Agency accredited by the GCF since 2017. The current portfolio of OSS is shown below:

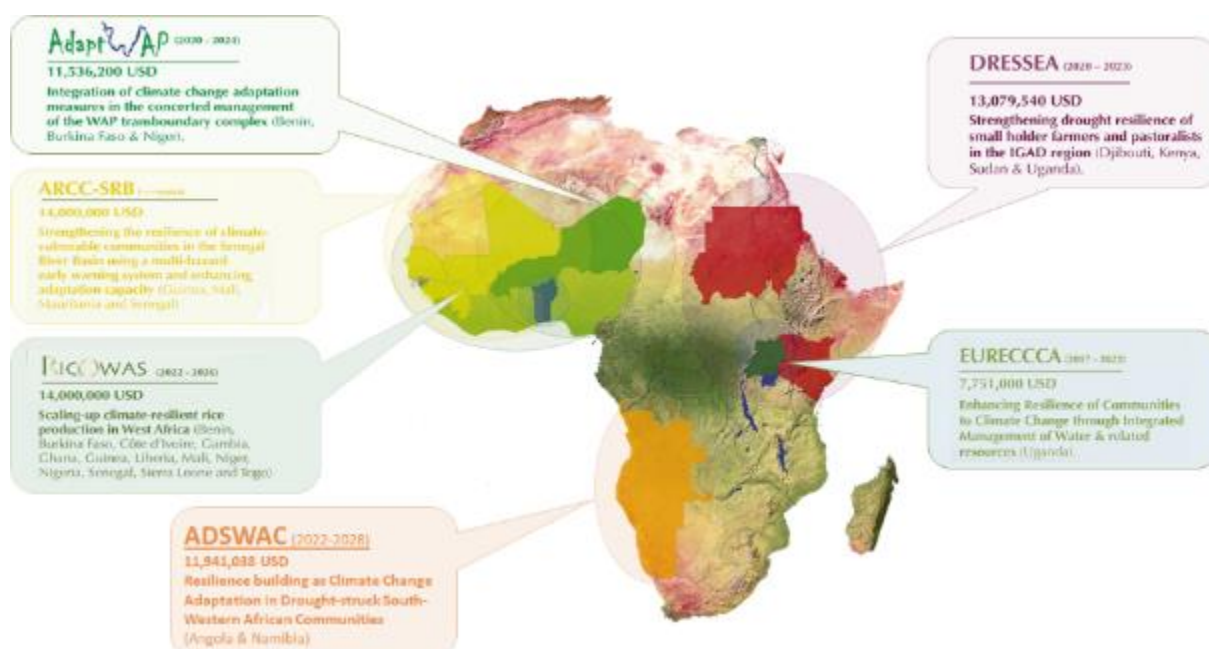


Figure 1: OSS Projects financed by the Adaptation fund

Mr. Muhanji also presented that within the scope of Climate Actions, OSS intervenes to: i) Support access to climate funds; ii) analyze the vulnerability to Climate Change (CC) of ecosystems and populations; iii) support local communities in carrying out innovative adaptation actions; iv) integrate

water resources management; v) support the development of early warning systems for extreme weather events; and vi) provide identification and analysis of climate information needs.

With reference to the role and responsibilities, Mr. Muhanji also noted that, as RIE, OSS acts as a fund manager and provides project oversight, including monitoring, evaluation and audit functions. Furthermore, he indicated that it is up to the Executing Entities (EE): to carry out the project's activities, and to assume the day-to-day execution of the project, which requires experience with development activities and adaptation on the ground.

The OSS 2030 Strategy was also presented where Mr. Muhanji highlighted its purpose and aim which is to support member countries in the implementation of their Sustainable Development Policies.

He also noted that the OSS 2030 Strategy is based on four main pillars: Land, Water, Climate and Biodiversity and that the ADSWAC project falls into all these areas.

Other elements of the Strategy presented include: Monitoring and Forecasting; Communication and Information; Capacity-building.

### **5.3. Introduction to ADPP, Regional Executing Entity (REE)**

On behalf of the Regional Executing Entity (REE), ADPP Angola, Mr. Evaristo Waya, Regional Director of the Project, made an intervention based on the Institutional Arrangements of ADSWAC.

He reiterated what had been presented earlier by Mr. Muhanji indicating that the project has a Regional Implementing Entity, which is OSS. He then indicated the two National Executing Entities, which are ADPP in Angola and DAPP in Namibia. He further indicated that each country has a National Project Steering Committee (NPSC). During the execution phase, ADPP in Angola would collaborate with the Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Environment and DAPP in Namibia with the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Tourism (MAFT).

Mr. Evaristo Waya then referred to the role of the Implementing Entity, which consists of overseeing the overall financial and monitoring aspects of the project; preparing consolidated results reports for the Adaptation Fund (AF); approval of the Annual Work Plan and Budget at the Regional level; approval of annual financial and technical reports; and provision of administrative and management support to the Regional Executing Entity (REE).

Regarding the role of the Regional Steering Committee of the Project, the following was pointed out: meeting twice a year and providing strategic guidance to the project at the regional level; facilitating cooperation between all partners and collaboration between the project and other programs, projects and initiatives in the two countries; and advising on issues and problems that arise during project implementation.

He also highlighted the roles of the National Executing Entity, the National Project Steering Committee (NPSC), and the role of ADPP and DAPP as National Executing Entities.

The ADSWAC Regional Project Director gave a historical review of ADPP Angola, an Angolan national Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) that was established in 1986. He indicated that ADPP operates practically throughout the country in the areas of Education, Community Health, Agriculture, Environment and Climate Change and Integrated Development.

In the field of Agriculture, Environment and Climate Change, ADPP works with various partners on community-led adaptation and resilience building. Through organization and training, ADPP helps communities improve food security, protect natural resources, mitigate and adapt to the effects of climate change and strengthen resilience.

Mr. Evaristo Way also introduced the NEE in Namibia: DAPP Namibia is a not-for-profit NGO, established in Namibia in 1990. It is a member of the Humana People to People Federation.

The general objective of DAPP Namibia is to work towards welfare and development of all kinds and to help the people of Namibia to improve the quality of life in the country, and to help children, youth and families in distress or need.



*Picture 4: ADPP Angola, ADSWAC Regional project coordinator - Mr. Evaristo Waya*

## 6. LAUNCH SPEECHES

### 6.1. Ms. Rikke Viholm - Chair of the Board of Administration, ADPP Angola

Ms. Rikke Viholm saw the moment as an important milestone for all involved in the question of how communities can adapt and continue to pursue development in the age of climate change, and how this is possible with the support of the government and other partners. She underlined that ADPP Angola is committed to helping to achieve these goals over the next five years and for as long as necessary. She greeted and thanked all partners, in particular OSS for their guidance and commitment, the Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Environment, the Adaptation Fund, the provincial government of Cuando Cubango, the administrations and communities of the four municipalities - Cuangar, Calai, Dirico and Rivungo, for all their efforts to make this a reality over the last three years. Special thanks went to DAPP Namibia, the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism of Namibia and NDA, the regional councils and the communities of Kavango East and West for their efforts.

She extended her thanks to the Humana People to People Federation and especially the European Partnership Office, as well as her Climate Action team for all the support provided in the process of developing the project proposal.



Rikke Viholm also argued that the call for climate adaptation is urgent, and action must be based on the capacities of people living with the effects of climate change. She concluded by noting that climate change has no borders, so our response must equally be borderless.



*Picture 5: ADPP Angola, Managing director - Mrs. Rikke VIHOLM*

## **6.2. Kirsten Moeller Jensen - Managing Director, DAPP Namibia**

In her speech, Ms. Kirsten Moeller considered the launch of the ADSWAC project a joyous occasion, recognizing that there is a great need for a project like ADSWAC, given that communities are already feeling the effects of climate change, and weather patterns will become increasingly unpredictable, with droughts in some years and floods in others. According to Ms. Kirsten Moeller, this situation makes it imperative that communities adapt to the situation in order to continue to improve their livelihoods.

She praised the involvement of the many stakeholders and their contribution over the last 2-3 years, from the formulation of the Pre-Concept Note, through the Concept Note and culminating in the final project proposal. For that, she thanked everyone involved and especially OSS for all the guidance received in the formation of the project.

Ms. Kirsten Moeller also pointed out that ADPP Angola and DAPP Namibia, the two national executing agencies, have a long history of collaboration in cross-border projects, referring as an example to the TCE/Total Control of the HIV/AIDS Epidemic project and the Malaria Elimination project. Both organizations are members of the Humana People to People Federation, where they share best practices with other member organizations. Working together with OSS on the ADSWAC project is, therefore, an obvious step.

Ms. Kirsten Moeller concluded by saying that DAPP Namibia will continue to work side by side with people to identify problems and find solutions. This is the people-to-people way

### **6.3. Mr. Nabil Ben Khatra - Executive Secretary, OSS**

A speech was delivered by the Executive Secretary of OSS, Mr. Nabil BEN KHATRA, during which he reiterated the commitment of OSS to consolidate the collaboration with Angola and Namibia through the different activities that we carry out in partnership, starting with ADSWAC for the regional level and progressing to the national level with Angola under the GCF project.

Mr. Ben Khatra thanked everyone for their presence at the event. He highlighted that we face a difficult situation, aggravated by the pandemic. He underlined that drought, falling oil prices and other climate changes have worsened the situation. He referred in particular to the severe drought and climate crisis in Southern Africa. He indicated that OSS, ADPP and DAPP in partnership with the ministries of Angola and Namibia are representing the project. He stated that this was the first Adaptation Fund project in Angola. He also mentioned that the project is in line with SADC's strategic visions and he concluded by reaffirming OSS's commitment to climate change in the region.



*Picture 5: OSS Executive Secretary - Mr. Nabil BEN KHATRA*

### **6.4. Dr. Filipe Zau – Minister of Culture, Tourism and Environment, Angola**

His Excellency Dr. Filipe Zau welcomed OSS. He was delighted to participate in the project focusing on the resilience of communities that are vulnerable to environmental impacts and climate change variability. He considered that the project is not only the first AF project in our country but it strengthens our capacity for climate projects and better cooperation between countries and communities. He also considered that climate change is a fundamental challenge that the country and the countries face. He stressed that southern Angola and northern Namibia are an area facing major challenges in terms of climate change and development. He pointed out that Angola's National Climate Change Strategy was approved in October 2021. He stressed that the project will depend on good cooperation between institutions at national level, communities and civil society. He underlined that ADPP has demonstrated over three

decades its commitment to the development of Angola. He considered that ADPP is very important in Angola, and is now complemented by OSS that is bringing vast experience to the country. He considered it crucial to improve the income and resilience of communities. He argued that communities should be at the centre and the need for innovations for climate action that could be relevant at the national level. He also said that the government hopes to appeal to the UNFCCC to ask for more support for the country, Angola, to face the challenges of climate change. He also said that he hoped that the project could demonstrate positive action in a small part of our territory. He concluded by saying that at the end of five years of execution, it is expected that the project will contribute to increasing awareness and ownership of the adaptation processes and reduction of climate risk among the populations.



*Picture 6: Minister of Culture, Tourism and Environment, Angola - Dr. Filipe ZAU*

#### **6.5. Dr. Zion Shifa – rep. Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism of Namibia**

He considered that Africa is the continent most affected. He referred to the effect of drought on communities and he thought that the solutions are evident, but the capacities of communities need to be built. This project came at an opportune time, as it equips the local communities residing in the Okavango River basin with the necessary skills to enable them to strengthen their capacities to adapt to climate change. He concluded by thanking AF and all partners present at the event for their continued support of Namibia's development efforts. He urged all project participants to provide their technical expertise to enable the success of the project and exchange information and knowledge for broader learning by other countries in the region. He thanked the Adaptation Fund and he concluded with thanks to all partners for their continued support.



## 7. SESSION II: EXPERIENCE SHARING AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Dr Giza Martins, National Director for Environment and Climate Action (DNAAC), moderated this session. The objective was to share experiences and lessons learned from previous projects/programs and, in this instance, related to OSS and UNDP, as follows:

### 7.1. OSS Experience

Ms. Khaoula Jaoui made the presentation, illustrating successes from a number of countries where OSS has been carrying out climate projects. She considered presented some best practice recommendations on how this process can be carried out.

She began by pointing out some of the main challenges facing our continent, namely:

- Drought – this is one of the issues that will be addressed by our project;
- Flooding – totally opposite to drought, but it is also a challenge for communities and some countries;
- Fires – is another threat that is being exacerbated by climate change;
- Animal mortality – has caused great economic losses;
- Poaching – constitutes additional pressure from natural resources;
- Erosion.

To face all these challenges, Ms. Jaoui pointed out that OSS is carrying out a series of activities and actions based on data collection in order to get to know the ecosystems, thus making it possible to take the right actions and face these challenges.

Some data collection activities include:

- Remote sensing, mapping, local observations, knowledge production of maps and issues that address a large area of the African continent.

She indicated that OSS is still carrying out some activities in some countries in different areas such as:

- Water Resources – our project will also include this aspect, which will consist of mobilizing water resources and restructuring basins to face the impact of floods;
- Improving people's living conditions – an example was cited of a project in Uganda where a Medical Post was introduced. One of the beneficiary users installed his plant nursery, while he was building his house.

Still on the subject of supporting communities, she referred to the introduction of improved stoves, replacing the traditional three-stone stoves, to help women reduce the distance to find firewood, and to improve health and well-being.



*Picture 7: OSS Climate Department Coordinator - Mrs. Khaoula JAOUI*

## **7.2. OSS recommendations and Good Practices**

Mrs. Jaoui also presented propositions on recommendations and good practices based on OSS experiences as seen below:

- Ensure the involvement of national authorities and communities throughout the different phases of implementation in order to ensure ownership of project results;
- Need to maintain perfect communication and coordination between all the actors involved in the project;
- Good understanding of donor procedures and requirements to ensure good project management;
- Take into account safety and health issues related to COVID -19;
- Considering the potential difficulties in accessing the intervention areas (physical, geographical, natural), during planning it is important to take into account the assets that allow the project activities to be carried out;
- Put in place all necessary measures to ensure the involvement of communities;
- Take into account the agricultural calendars of the communities, as we have to adapt to the communities and not the other way around;
- Consider carrying out Baseline Studies to obtain different indicators of the areas where we will work;

- Ensure the quality of reports as a way of monitoring projects

### 7.3. UNDP experience sharing and recommendations for a successful project

The UNDP representative from UNDP Climate Change unit in Angola, Mr. Janeiro, gave experiences from the GEF funded Sustainable Charcoal Project in Angola and addressed aspects related to improved systems, emphasizing the charcoal value chains and the investigation of honey as a possible means of income generation;

Mr. Janeiro gave the following recommendations:

Concerning cross-border fishing, he recommended the standardization of the fishing season for both countries (Angola and Namibia).

The establishment of a strong project activity team in the local project area is key to make the project activities happen at the local community level.



Picture 8: UNDP Climate Change unit in Angola - Mr. Janeiro AVELINO

### 7.4. Plenary discussion

#### a) Governor of Kavango East –Mr. Wakadumo

The Governor of Kavango East –Mr. Wakadumo, expressed words of appreciation. He mentioned that since the conception of this program there has been broader participation from the grassroots level at the village level in the Namibian context. When one talks about grassroots levels that involves village development communities, it also involves the authorities, the regional councils, and the governors' office up to the national level. Therefore, for us it was a long journey from 2019 to today, but at least with the realization of the project, which means that the project will start at the regional levels. For us it is just valuing and

appreciating the efforts of the team from Namibia and Angola, as well as from other countries that played a significant role in the development of this project. Thank you all for your cooperation. At the Regional level, in both Kavango East and Kavango West, we reiterate our continued support for cooperation to continue in accordance with the principles outlined in the project.

**b) Mr. Jesper Wohler (HUMANA PEOPLE TO PEOPLE):**

Mr. Wohler noted that there is a lot of talk about the different results that are coming out of all the activities that are very broad and effective. It is very broad what needs to be done. We should remember all of that, but the result of this is not just getting these things done, but building the resilience of the communities that we care for. Giving an example of an experience of colleagues from Mozambique, he mentioned that where they were working, in that corridor that was hit by Hurricane 'Idai'. Before Idai, work was done in groups of producers for 5-6 years in different techniques of climatic friendly agriculture, model fields and improved techniques. This all got better little by little. But the big change that we saw was that, as a consequence of Idai, farmers lost everything. Analysis discovered that in those communities that had been working together to improve aspects of the production of the communities, they were 30% faster returning to regular production than those communities where these same activities did not exist. He brought this up to show that it is necessary to look both at the concrete intangible results of what we can measure when we do it, but also to remember the intangible results that can be the biggest that we intend to obtain with this project.



*Picture 9: Humana People to People - Mr. Jesper WOHLERT*

**c) Representatives of the Province of Cuando Cubango**

It was communicated that the administration of the Province of Cuando Cubango is mobilized, as it has always been around the project. This has been demonstrated by the presence, in the launch session in the virtual room of Cuando Cubango, namely the Provincial Director of

Agriculture, a team from the Municipal Administration of Rivungo, the Polytechnic Institute of the Environment, the Environmental Representative of the Province. The participants from the municipalities of Calai and Canguar, due to the geographical situation, participated from their respective areas. Calai is motivated to be the center of the project. The ACADIR Association was represented by its Director. ACADIR is a leading association working on gender, environment, agriculture and sustainable development.

## 8. OFFICIAL LAUNCH AND CLOSING REMARKS

Mr. Giza Martins expressed his appreciation to the participants for attending the successful launch of the ADSWAC Project. He appreciated all for the support provided in the various capacities by the participants and partners where several teams were involved in putting together the pieces that made the event a reality.

Lastly Mrs. Khaoula Jaoui of OSS declared the ADSWAC Project officially launched and reiterated the following “I believe that we can officially state that the project has hit the ground running as of now. We count on the support of all partners and beneficiaries. OSS is your partner and you can count on our support at any time and we are very happy to be here in the SADC region and in Angola for the first time bringing this important project that is cognizant of the communities’ needs to address the impacts of climate change and improve their livelihoods with women and youth at the centre of it all.”



*Picture 10: OSS Climate Department Coordinator - Mrs. Khaoula Jaoui  
officially start the project launch*

She also noted in her remarks that the inclusion of the local communities shall be further undertaken during the consecutive two national launch workshops within the project areas in

Namibia and Angola. This will ensure maximum engagement and involvement of the beneficiary communities as well as other actors with the project areas and promote ownership at all levels to make the project a success.



## 9. ANNEXES

### Annex 1: Agenda launch ADSWAC

#### Regional launch agenda

Date: 15th March 2022

Location: Hybrid - Epic Sana, Luanda; Windhoek and online.

HOUR	AGENDA ITEM	RESPONSABLE
08:00 - 09:00	Arrival and registration + Covid-19 vaccination check	ADPP
<b>Session 1: Remarks and Launch</b> <b>Moderated by the Environment and Climate Action Department – Dr Giza Martins and ADPP Angola – Mr. Evaristo Waya</b>		
09:00 - 09:15	Welcome Remarks and opening of the workshop	ADPP
09:15 - 09:25	Presentation of the Agenda	ADPP
09:25 - 09:40	Objectives and Expected Outcomes of the Project Launch	OSS and ADPP
09:40 - 09:55	Introduction to the Sahara and Sahel Observatory, the Regional Implementing Entity	OSS
09:55 - 10:10	Introduction to ADPP the Regional Executing Entity	ADPP
10:10 - 11:00	Launching Speeches: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ADPP Angola</li> <li>• DAPP Namibia</li> <li>• OKACOM Secretariat</li> <li>• OSS – Executive Secretary</li> <li>• Minister of Environment, Forestry and Tourism, Namibia</li> <li>• Minister of Culture, Tourism and Environment, Angola</li> </ul>	ALL
11:00 - 11:15	Coffee-break & Group Photo	ALL
<b>Session 2: Experience sharing and Recommendations</b> <b>Moderated by the Environment and Climate Action Department - Dr. Giza Martins</b>		
11:15 - 12:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Experience sharing and lessons learned from previous projects/programs</li> <li>• Recommendations for a successful project implementation</li> </ul>	OSS - /PNUD
12:00 - 12:45	Plenary Discussion	ALL
12:45 - 13:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wrap up and closure</li> </ul>	ALL
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch	

## **Annex 2: ADSWAC Project Overview**



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## **Annex 3: OSS Presentation**



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## **Annex 4: Regional Executing Entity ADPP**



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## **Annex 5: Remarks ADPP Angola**

ADSWAC Launch remarks from ADPP Angola

Your Excellencies.....

Today is a very important milestone for all involved in the question on how communities can adapt and continue to strive for development in times of climate change, and how this can happen with support from their government and other partners.

ADPP Angola is committed to helping make this happen over the next 5 years and as long as it takes.

We would like to especially thank OSS for their guidance and commitment, our NDA the Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Environment, the Adaptation Fund, the provincial government of CC, the Administrations and communities of the 4 municipalities – Cuangar, Calai, Dirico and Rivungo, for all done to make this happen throughout the last 3 years. A particular thank you to DAPP Namibia, the Namibian Ministry of Environment, Forestry & Tourism and NDA, regional councils and communities in Kavango East and West for their efforts too.

We would also like to say thank you to the Federation Humana People to People and especially to the Partnership Office in Europe and their Climate Action Team for all support given in the proposal development process.

The call for Climate adaptation is urgent and action must build on the capacities of people living with the effects of climate change.

The project will take place in an area of enormous importance to the entire Okavango delta region and at the same time, one of the regions in the world which according to climate specialists will be hardest hit by the consequences of climate change.



The ADSWAC project focusses on communities and supporting them in adapting to Climate Change, for the benefit of the whole region.

We will work in and with communities in their efforts to build resilience through improved agricultural practices, water management, and livelihood diversification.

We will work with the younger generation in local schools and from the Climate Change Adaptation Centers to build knowledge and understanding about protecting the planet, and to take action to tackle present and future challenges.

Climate Change has no borders, so neither should our response have. This is why a regional project and regional action is a must.

And this is why family farmers on both side of the border in Angola and Namibia will be the focus of ADSWAC.

Our five-year action for climate change adaptation is aligned with the national and regional strategies and we will work with regional entities and build on experiences from OKACOM, SADC, and other actors for the benefit of the communities.

Climate change knows no borders and this is why we see so many partners coming together in this project.

OSS based in Tunis and working throughout Africa in the true spirit of sharing experience and making Climate Action a pan-African issue.

Namibia and Angola have a proud history of cooperation from the time of independence of Namibia 32 years ago and before.

Our border area between Southern Angola and Northern Namibia has enjoyed 20 years of peace, since 2002.

This gives all of us and especially the communities in some of the most difficult to access parts of Angola the chance to fight climate change through adaptation.

ADPP Angola is committed to do our part for the successful implementation of ADSWAC – communities for adaptation to Climate Change.

We will use our 36 years of experience and cooperation with the Angolan government and ministries, local administration and communities and we are committed to make this happen together with the communities who are in most need of our action.

Thank you very much.

#### **Annex 6: Remarks DAPP Namibia**

ADSWAC Launch remarks from DAPP Namibia

Your Excellencies in Angola.....

Representatives from the OSS

Representatives from partners and stakeholder in Namibia

- All protocol observed

This launch of the ADSWAC project or in full “Strengthening Resilience as a means of adaptation to drought and climate change in communities in South-West Africa” Angola and Namibia is a happy occasion.

The needs are there for a project like the ADSWAC project. Communities can feel that the climate is changing, with the weather patterns becoming more unpredictable with drought some years and floods in others to mention some of the extremes. Communities therefore need to adapt to this situation so they can continue to improve their livelihoods.

This ADSWAC project will seek to

- improve the capacities of communities to respond to climate change
- build the organizational and technical capacity for climate- resilient production and water management
- improve food security of communities in response to climate change impact

Since the climate is not dependent on borders, the projects will work with communities living on both sides of the Kavango river where the river forms the border between Angola and Namibia.

Many stakeholders have been engaged in the formulation of first the pre-concept note, then the concept note and finally the full proposal and without going into detail we want to thank all that were involved in the process over the past 2-3 years for your valuable contributions to creating this project. However, we especially appreciate the guidance of the OSS in forming the project.

The two executing entities: ADPP Angola and DAPP Namibia have a long history of collaboration on other cross border projects such as the TCE/Total Control of the HIV/AIDS Epidemic project and the Elimination of Malaria project. Both organizations are members of the Federation Humana People to People where we share best practices with other member organizations. It was therefore an obvious step to take to work jointly with OSS on this project.

In the TCE project, our motto has been and still is that “Only the people can liberate themselves from HIV/AIDS the epidemic”. Likewise, with the climate change problems DAPP Namibia will continue to work shoulder to shoulder with the people to identify the problems and find the solutions. That is the people-to-people way.

We in DAPP Namibia are looking very much forward to the collaboration with all of you, the stakeholders from government entities, from other organizations, the communities around the Kavango river in further planning and execution of the activities as laid out in the proposal. We expect to achieve meaningful results in relation to building the resilience of communities to climate change.

Thank you very much!

#### **Annex 7: Remarks OSS**

Excellencies,  
Colleagues,  
Ladies and gentlemen,

I want to take this opportunity to thank each one of you for being here with us today in this ADSWAC Project Regional launch. I am very pleased to be able to welcome those of you that have been with us for a long time now as well as those who are new.

Before we get started and as we prepare for the forthcoming future, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to all of you who generously helped us make this project come true. We couldn't have done it without you!

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Yes, we all experienced and continue experiencing an unprecedented situation with the global COVID-19 pandemic. It has compounded existing development challenges.

For all to see, it has laid bare the lags and utter fragility of Climate Change impacts and sustainable development. Confinement measures have aggravated the already desolate situations of women, youth, people living with disabilities not to mention but a few.

Ladies and gentlemen

In 2021 moving into 2022, more than 11 million people are experiencing crisis or emergency levels of food insecurity in nine Southern African countries due to deepening drought and climate crisis yet the recent rains experienced have led to abundance as well as flooding.

Distinguished guests,

The Sahara and Sahel Observatory as the Regional Implementing Entity of the Adaptation Fund, with the executing entities represented by ADPP Angola and DAPP Namibia in partnership with the Angola and Namibia Ministries of Environment, Agriculture, Water and Energy are executing the regional Project dubbed *"Resilience Building as Climate Change Adaptation in Drought-Struck South-Western African Communities – ADSWAC"* in the transboundary region between these two states.

As you may be aware, the project was approved by the Adaptation Fund to support the most vulnerable communities in dry and arid areas to cope with these threats and Hazards.

One of the main outcomes of the project is to enhance resilience of ecosystems and livelihoods through the implementation of community adaptation actions to improve food security in response to climate change and variability. Key among the instruments are the Regional Indicative Strategic Development Plan 2030 and the SADC Vision 2050, to which ADSWAC adheres to.

I want to highlight that while the project is climate oriented and special attention will be given to women who are vulnerable to climate change and disasters and they are also an untapped resource in our collective efforts. This is why we endeavor to have this crosscutting dimension incorporated through the project in the region.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

With the ADSWAC Project, we hope to work together to enhance our understanding of the risks and opportunities and find innovative and effective ways to address the climate change challenge in a manner that will result in a climate resilient and a secured future for the SADC Region.

Distinguished guests,

I would like to seize this opportunity to reiterate the OSS commitment to consolidate our collaboration through the different activities we conduct in partnership, starting from ADSWAC.

Again, a very warm welcome to each one of you. I look forward to hearing your discussions and learning from your insights.

Thank you!

*Nabil BEN KHATRA,*  
**OSS Executive Secretary**

**Annex 8: Speech of Minister of Environment of Namibia**



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**Annex 9: Speech of Minister of Culture, Tourism and Environment of Angola**



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Pictures from the event.pdf

## Annex 12: Communication material

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### Sudoeste africano com programa de combate à seca

Ambiente f t w i  
Luanda Terça, 15 Março De 2022 14h00



Filipe Nzau, Ministro da Cultura, Turismo e Ambiente  
Rosário dos Santos

Luanda - Um projecto avaliado em 11,9 milhões de dólares, para a construção de resiliência às adaptações climáticas nas comunidades do sudoeste de África (ADSWAC), afectada pela seca, foi lançado esta terça-feira, em Luanda.

Uma parceria entre a Ajuda de Desenvolvimento de Povo para Povo (ADPP) e a Ajuda ao Desenvolvimento de Povo para Povo (DAPP) da Namíbia, o projecto, financiado pelo Fundo de Adaptação e implementado pelo Observatório Sahara e Sahel (OSS), vai promover a agricultura resistente ao clima e a gestão de água, a diversificação dos meios de subsistência, o acesso à informação e a sensibilização sobre o clima.

O projecto ADSWAC, de cinco anos, visa aumentar a capacidade de adaptação e a resistência das comunidades ao impacto das alterações climáticas, especialmente a seca na região transfronteiriça entre Angola e a Namíbia.

Irá trabalhar com 160 organizações de produtores locais e igual número de associações de utilizadores de água em comunidades fronteiriças entre esses dois países vizinhos.

A coordenadora do departamento climático do OSS, Khaola Jaoui, disse que as comunidades do rio Okavango, no norte da Namíbia e sul de Angola, serão apoiadas para desenvolver e implementar os Planos de Acção de Adaptação Comunitária, que vai atingir 140 mil pessoas.

Explicou que o objectivo do projecto é aumentar a capacidade de adaptação e a resiliência das comunidades vulneráveis aos impactos ambientais e variedade das alterações climáticas, especialmente a seca na região transfronteiriça entre Angola e a Namíbia.

Disse que a OSS procura também aumentar o seu apoio aos esforços nacionais para abordar e adaptar as populações e os ecossistemas mais vulneráveis aos efeitos das alterações climáticas, através de outro projecto financiado pelo Fundo Verde para o Clima, num total de 10 milhões de dólares.

Em relação a este projecto, o objectivo é capacitar as mulheres que desempenham um papel activo na adaptação às alterações climáticas a nível local, aumentar a resistência das comunidades aos riscos das alterações climáticas e reduzir a vulnerabilidade à insegurança alimentar e nutricional.

Para o ministro da Cultura, Turismo e Ambiente de Angola, Filipe Zau, a implementação do projecto ADSWAC representa o materializar de uma parceria directa com a sociedade e assegurar a colaboração e empenho do sector.



Já a presidente do Conselho de Administração da ADPP Angola, Rikke Vihon, disse que as alterações climáticas não conhecem fronteiras, pelo que a resposta da organização não terá fronteiras.

Frisou que o apelo à adaptação climática é urgente e a acção deve basear-se nas capacidades das pessoas que vivem com os efeitos das alterações climáticas.

A fronteira entre Cuando Cubango, no sul de Angola, e Okavango/Kavango, no norte da Namíbia, é um corredor transfronteiriço dominado pelas terras secas hiperáridas, áridas e semi-áridas.



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POLÍTICA

## Lançado projecto de combate à seca na zona transfronteiriça

**João Pedro**

Jornalista

Pelo menos, 140 mil pessoas da região transfronteiriça do Cuando Cubango (Sul de Angola) e Okavango (Norte da Namíbia) vão beneficiar de um projecto destinado a aumentar a capacidade de adaptação e a resiliência das comunidades vulneráveis aos impactos ambientais e variedade das alterações climáticas, anunciou, esta terça-feira(15), em Luanda, o ministro da Cultura, Turismo e Ambiente.

16/03/2022 ÚLTIMA ATUALIZAÇÃO 09H30



Ministro Filipe Zau na cerimónia de lançamento do projecto © Fotografia por: Rafael Tati | Edições Novembro

Ao intervir na cerimónia de lançamento do projecto, denominado "Fortalecimento da Resiliência e Adaptação às Alterações Climáticas nas Comunidades do Sudeste de África Afectada pela Seca" (ADSWAC), Filipe Zau afirmou que a iniciativa se enquadra na estratégia nacional de acção climática.



"O objectivo principal é fortalecer a resiliência das populações de uma das re-giões mais visivelmente afectada pelos efeitos das alterações climáticas no território nacional, bem como o Norte da República da Namíbia", frisou o ministro da Cultura, Turismo e Ambiente.

Financiado pelo Fundo de Adaptação e implementado pelo Observatório Sahara e Sahel (OSS), o projecto é uma parceria entre a Ajuda de Desenvolvimento de Povo para Povo (ADPP) e a Ajuda ao Desenvolvimento de Povo para Povo (DAPP) da Namíbia.

O projecto ADSWAC visa fortalecer as capacidades locais e nacionais para a redução dos riscos associados às alterações climáticas, constituir capacidade organizacional e técnica para a produção resiliente ao clima e melhorar a segurança alimentar das comunidades.

De acordo com o ministro, a ADPP tem demonstrado, ao longo de mais de três décadas de serviço pelo desenvolvimento de Angola, ser o parceiro certo na criação de projectos em benefício das comunidades.

"No fim de cinco anos de execução, espera-se que o projecto contribua para o aumento da consciencialização e apropriação dos processos de adaptação e redução do risco climático por parte das populações", destacou o governante.

A presidente do Conselho de Administração da ADPP em Angola, Rikke Viholm, disse que a adaptação climática é urgente, e a acção deve basear-se nas capacidades das pessoas que vivem com os efeitos das alterações climáticas.

"Vamos trabalhar com as gerações mais novas nas escolas locais e a partir dos Centros de Adaptação às Alterações Climáticas para construir conhecimento e compreensão sobre a protecção do planeta, implementando acções a fim de enfrentar os desafios de hoje e de amanhã", destacou a responsável da ADPP.

Rikke Viholm enfatizou que as alterações climáticas não têm fronteiras e a resposta também não deve ter fronteiras.

O projecto envolverá 160 organizações de produtores locais e igual número de associações de utilizadores de água em comunidades fronteiriças entre os dois países vizinhos.

## Annex 13: Published on Facebook









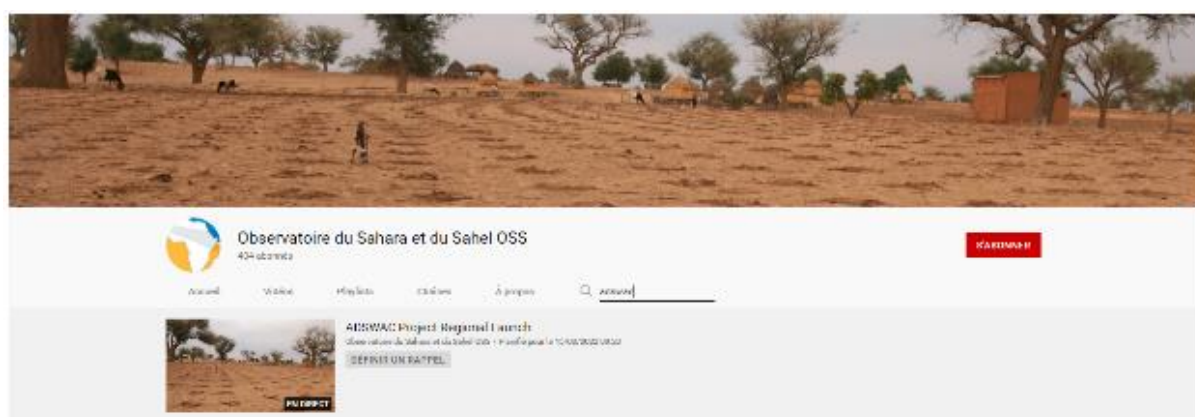
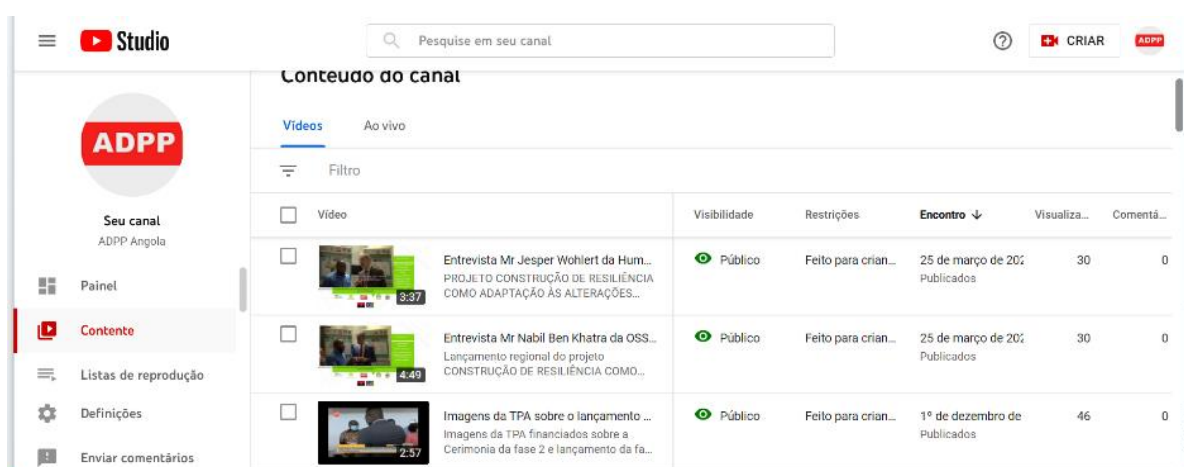
## Annex 14: Published on Twitter







## Annex 15: Published on YouTube



## Annex 16: Press release OSS ADPP DAPP ADSWAC

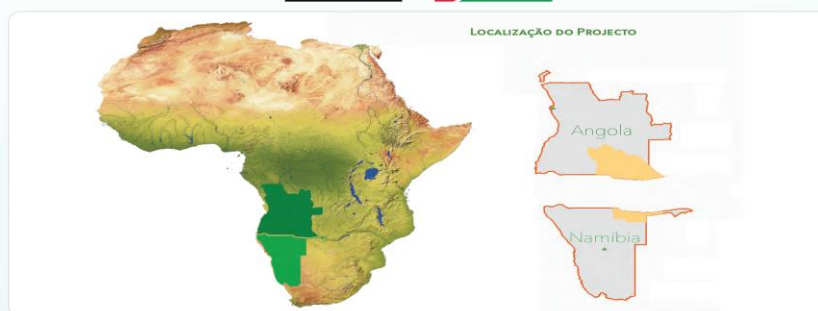


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## Annex 17: Roll-Up English



### FORTELECENDO A RESILIÊNCIA COMO MEIO DE ADAPTAÇÃO À SECA E MUDANÇAS CLIMÁTICAS NAS COMUNIDADES NO SUDOESTE DE ÁFRICA - ADSWAC



**2**

PAÍSES

**160**

COMUNIDADES

**6,500**

PARTICIPANTES

**140,000**

BENEFICIÁRIOS

#### OBJECTIVO GERAL

Aumentar a capacidade de adaptação e resiliência das comunidades aos impactos e variabilidade das mudanças climáticas na região transfronteiriça de Angola e Namíbia.

#### OBJECTIVOS ESPECÍFICOS

- Reforçar as capacidades locais, subnacionais e regionais para se adaptar e responder aos riscos das mudanças climáticas na área transfronteiriça de Angola e Namíbia,
- Construir a capacidade organizacional e técnica para a produção resiliente ao clima e gestão da água,
- Melhorar a segurança alimentar em resposta aos impactos das mudanças climáticas entre as comunidades rurais e vulneráveis na Província de Cuando Cubango e nas regiões de Kavango Leste e Kavango Oeste

#### RESULTADOS ESPERADOS

- Conscientização e apropriação dos processos de adaptação e redução de risco climático das populações-alvo aprimoradas,
- Capacidade a nível subnacional, nacional e regional para se adaptar aos riscos da mudança climática e variabilidade nos sectores de agricultura e água fortalecida,
- Aumentou a produtividade, a diversificação dos meios de subsistência e a renda dos grupos populacionais-alvo,
- Melhorou a segurança alimentar de 10.000 famílias de pequenos agricultores,
- Reduziu a exposição dos agricultores-alvo aos impactos da seca e período de seca prolongados na produção agrícola aumentada.

O PROJECTO ESTÁ A SER IMPLEMENTADO SOB OS AUSPÍCIOS DO: MINISTÉRIO DA CULTURA, TURISMO E AMBIENTE (MCTA) ANGOLA E DO MINISTÉRIO DO AMBIENTE, FLORESTAS E TURISMO (MEFT) NAMÍBIA

#### PARCEIROS

##### ENTIDADE FINANCIADORA

O Fundo de Adaptação financia projectos e programas que ajudam comunidades vulneráveis em países em desenvolvimento a se adaptarem às mudanças climáticas. As iniciativas são baseadas nas necessidades, pontos de vista e prioridades do país.

##### ENTIDADE IMPLEMENTADORA

O Observatório do Saara e do Sahel (OSS) é uma organização com alcance internacional e vocação africana. A missão da OSS é apoiar seus países membros africanos na gestão sustentável de seus recursos naturais em um contexto desfavorável de mudança climática.

##### ENTIDADE EXECUTORA REGIONAL / ENTIDADE EXECUTORA NACIONAL ANGOLA

Ajuda de Desenvolvimento de Povo para Povo (ADPP) Angola é uma organização não governamental nacional que procura apoiar as pessoas no desenvolvimento da visão e da capacidade de contribuir para o desenvolvimento, para si, para as suas comunidades e para a nação. A ADPP é membro da federação Humana People to People.

##### ENTIDADE EXECUTORA NACIONAL NAMÍBIA

Ajuda de Desenvolvimento de Povo para Povo (DAPP) Namíbia é uma organização da Namíbia. Seu objectivo é realizar trabalhos de bem-estar e desenvolvimento de qualquer natureza e ajudar o povo da Namíbia a melhorar a qualidade de vida no país. A DAPP é membro da federação Humana People to People.



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