

## **Key Points from SACCNET Meeting, Thursday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, Department of Geography and Geology, University of Copenhagen**

### General points:

- The purposes of SACCNET are:
  - Knowledge sharing
  - A platform for creating new projects and developing joint proposals in order to generate new knowledge and informing policy and decision-makers
  - To participate in events as a voice for Southern African researchers, knowledge, and concern in an interdisciplinary manner
  - To organize events (a at later stage)
- SACCNET is an open network, so members are encouraged to recommend other researchers to join
- There are a number of funding opportunities to consider for SACCNET and members, e.g. EU calls. SACCNET specific proposals can be made, but SACCNET could also be a part of larger proposals, e.g. as a means to form partnerships with South institutions or as a communication/dissemination vehicle
- SACCNET has responded to a call by ENRECA Health on new activities relevant to communication of research results. More specifically SACCNET has applied for some seed funds to develop a network website
- DDRN will represent the Danish networks in the next ISC meeting in Entebbe
- Danish SACCNET members are interested in taking active part in Working Groups and events like the Water Symposium in Entebbe

### Sharepoint:

- All interested should apply for formal membership by signing up on the SACCNET sharepoint facility
- Sharepoint is the communication platform for SACCNET, and messages should be sent through Sharepoint – members ticked off will receive email notifications
- Sharepoint is an open space for members, and contributions are NOT being edited by the sharepoint moderators

### Suggestions:

- Email notifications when there are news on sharepoint would be useful
- A lot of emails are circulated when issues are discussed, e.g. the logo. To reduce the amount of emails, it is one email should instead be sent out via Sharepoint to inform members about a new discussion and interested members could then join the discussion on sharepoint
- Make logo sharepoint discussion group

### Working Groups (WGs):

- WGs and their activities would be the backbone of SACCNET, and members in the South and North are encouraged to apply for joining member groups
- WGs decide their own activities and establish their own work plans

- WGs can be used as a platform to form N-S and S-S partnerships to prepare applications for funding
- DK members are encouraged to sign up for WGs
- Members can suggest other WGs, the approval of these will lie with the SC
- At the first SACCNET meeting, it was decided to establish interdisciplinary WGs. However, at the following Interim Steering Committee (ISC) the suggested WGs fell within single disciplines: water, food security, health, socio-economics, and climate change science
- At this meeting it was proposed to establish 4 interdisciplinary WGs as a first step:
  1. Climate change impacts on the links between water and health
  2. Climate change impacts on the links between water and food security
  3. Socio-economic consequences of climate change related to water, health and food security
  4. Climate change science – what do we know and what are knowledge gaps in terms of climate change and its impacts in Southern Africa. Availability of data and the value of global circulation models, downscaling of them to regional level, and existence of regional climate models fall under this group
- It was further emphasized that we should be very flexible towards proposals from members for new working groups. Members at this meeting suggested the following topics for interdisciplinary WGs: a) Climate change impact assessment for Southern Africa, b) Development of climate change adaptation solutions, and c) carbon sequestration (climate change mitigation)

**Participants:**

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