

**COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AT THE END OF NATIONAL
STAKEHOLDERS' WORKSHOP AND THE PUBLIC PRESENTATION
OF THE 2021 ANNUAL FLOOD OUTLOOK (AFO) FOR NIGERIA BY
THE NIGERIA HYDROLOGICAL SERVICES AGENCY (NIHSA) AT
AJUJI HOTEL, ABUJA, 06TH MAY, 2021**

The National Stakeholders' Workshop and the Public Presentation of 2021 Annual Flood Outlook (AFO) for Nigeria was held at the Ajuji Hotel, Abuja on 06th May, 2021. The Workshop was organised by the Nigeria Hydrological Services Agency (NIHSA) to present to the public the 2021 Annual Flood Outlook for the country. This is with the view to ensuring early preparedness, mitigation and adaptation measures for sustainable development.

The Workshop was attended by a total of one hundred and ninety (190) Stakeholders drawn from Government Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) at the Federal and State levels, Academia, Professional bodies (NAHS, NAH, NMGS, UNESCO-IHP, WMO), online virtual participants and the Private sectors.

The 9th edition of the Annual Flood Outlook (AFO 2012) was presented to the public by the Honourable Minister of Water Resources, Engr. Suleiman H. Adamu, FNSE, FAEng, FNAH supported by Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Water Resources Mrs. Esther Didi Walson-Jack mni, including other dignitaries such as Mr. Andrew David Adejo, Permanent Secretary Political & Economic Affairs, Office of the Secretary to the Government of the Federation, who represented the Secretary to the Government of the Federation: The Governor of Katsina State, RT. Hon, Aminu Bello Masari represented by Mal. Musa Adamu; The Governor of Niger State, Dr. Abubarka Sani Bello represented by Alh. Yusuf Sulaiman; Hon. Minister of Humanitarian Affair, Disaster Management and Social Development, Hajiya Sadiya Umar Farouq represented by Mr. Musa Bungudu; Hon. Minister of Aviation, Senator Hadi Sirika, ably represented by the Permanent Secretary, Engr. Hassan Musa; Engr. Atiku A. Dungurawa, Chairman, Governing Board of NIHSA; Director General Nigeria Hydrological Services Agency, Engr. Clement Onyeaso Nze; Director General, National Space Research and Development Agency (NARSDA), Dr. Halilu Shahba represented by Dr. Asmau Ibrahim; Director General Nigeria Meteorological Agency, Professor Mansur Bako Matazu; Director General, National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), AVM (Rtd) Mohammed Mohammed; Director General National Orientation Agency (NOA), Dr. Garba Abari represented by Samuel Sougoul, Director PRS among others.

The Permanent Secretary, Federal Ministry of Water Resources Mrs. Esther Didi Walson-Jack, mni, presented the welcome address which was followed by the Goodwill Messages from the Hon. Minister of Humanitarian Affair,

Disaster Management and Social Development; Prof. Mansur Bako Matazu, Director-General NiMet; Director General, National Space Research and Development Agency represented by Dr. Asmau Ibrahim; Vice Chancellor, Federal University Kashere, Gombe State represented by Prof. U.M. Bibi; Executive Director, Integrated Water Resources Management represented by Engr. Obi Orjiakor; Alh. Yusuf Sulaiman, Comm. of Water Resources and Dams Development Niger State.

The Director-General of NIHSA, represented by Mr S.M. Jabo presented an overview of the 2021 AFO Publication. This was followed by a technical paper titled "**Managing Flood for Sustainable Development in Covid 19 Era**" by Prof. O. D. Jimoh

At the end of the technical session, participants noted and resolved as follows:

- Lack of adherence to preventive measures professed by the Annual Flood Outlook (AFO) by citizens.
- Encourage data – driven flood management of watersheds.
- Incorporation of local knowledge in watershed management.
- Adoption of the interactive flood App model approach in the real-time monitoring of flood effect after the preparation and presentation of Annual Flood Outlook (AFO) should be intensified.
- Need for States to scale up flood appropriate mitigation measures so as provide flood resilience for their citizens in response to NIHSA's AFO and not completely relying on the Federal government.
- Capacity building in River-training should be vigorously pursued to assist in flood control or mitigation knowledge.
- Federal, States and Local governments should ensure compliance to Land use and Land cover / master plans regulations across the country for proper utilization of land resources in a sustainable manner.
- The need for synergy between NIHSA and other relevant stakeholders such as NOA, NEMA, SEMA and the Media on the dissemination of flood information.

Prof. L. S. Mustapha
Chairman


Engr. Clement Onyeaso Nze
Director General