



A REPORT ON THE ROUND TABLE EVENT ON ASSESSING  
THE 2022 FLOODING IN THE SOUTH EASTERN ATLANTIC  
REGION OF AFRICA: WITH MAIN FOCUS ON THE  
SUSTAINABILITY OF THE RURAL COASTAL DWELLERS.

Date: December 9, 2022.



Venue/Location: Virtual Meeting (Zoom)

**Date:** December 7, 2022

**Time:** 2:00 pm – 4:20pm Lagos Time

**Attendance:**

Dr. Mrs. Felicia Chinwe Mogo – Founder/President, AFMESI

Ms. Chiamaka Mogo – Executive Secretary, AFMESI

Prof. Magnus Chidi Onuoha

Sika Abrokwah

Desmond Rowland Eteh

Dr. Nicholas Ozor

Emeka Obidike

Chief Carolyn Ufere

Adebanke Adeniyi – Youth Corper, AFMESI

Regrets: Márquez- D’Acunti Lirio



## Event Programme

1. Log in and greet! By All Participants
2. Introduction and Calling the Meeting to Order by The Moderator
3. Welcome Address and presentation of the lead paper: “Why the Topic of the day!” by **Dr. F.C Mogo**
4. Goodwill Message from the climate strong Island Network /the Ocean foundation by **Lirio Marquez-D’Acunti**
5. A comparative look at the 2022 flooding in The UNEP Nairobi Convention Area /West Indian by **Dr. Nicholas Ozor**
6. “An Overview of the previous Years Trend and 2022 Flooding in West and Central African Region” by **Sika Abrokwah**
7. “The use of Geospatial Technology in Flood Detection /Prevention and Impact Monitoring and Control in Africa” by **Desmond Rowland Eteh**
8. The New United Nations Climate Change Conference - CoP 27 Break through Agreement on “Loss and Damage Fund” and its possible application and actions it invites from the African Block. – **Prof. Magnus Chidi Onuoha**
9. “Questions and Answer Session” – **Emeka Obidike**
10. Summary, Conclusion and Recommendation by **Ms. Chiamaka Mogo**
11. Vote of Thanks – **Banke Adeniyi**



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AFMESI is inviting you to a scheduled  
**Zoom Meeting**

*Topic:*

📅 December 7, 2022 ⌚ 02:00 PM Africa/Lagos.

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Founder, AFMESI

**SPEAKERS**



Prof. Magnus Chidi  
**ONUOHA**



Sika  
**ABROKWAH**



Desmond Rowland  
**ETEH**



Dr. Nicholas  
**OZOR**

**MODERATOR**

Ms. Chiamaka  
**MOGO**



**Q & A**

Emeka Esae  
**OBIDIKE**

**Join via ZOOM:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83384544514?pwd=OCTkRjBRZ3o3UVVdDZG1ZNXI2bVRvdz09>

**Meeting ID: 833 8454 4514**

**Passcode: 252471**

**PARTNERS:**



Márquez-D'Acunti  
**LIRIO**





**Background**

In certain African cities, flooding occurred extensively this year causing so many havocs. Floods are typically caused by rainfall that overflows from canals or perhaps skips over designated channels altogether. During periods of intense rain, groundwater levels may increase, releasing subterranean water that starts to flood typically dry valley bottoms. The majority of rural communities in wetlands along rivers or on the coast of Africa are vulnerable to floods. Numerous people in densely populated metropolitan areas are at danger of flooding because of frequent, brief but intense thunderstorm rainfall due to poor drainage. These flash floods are an unbearable risk that worsens poverty, instability, and bad health for people whose houses are affected every time it rains. The capacity to cope is directly tied to vulnerability in the face of severe flood threats. People who are less wealthy are often far more susceptible to floods and their effects than are those who are wealthier.

Floods and heavy rains continued to have visibly destructive impacts on animals, farms, livelihoods and human life in countries across Africa in the year 2022.

The African Marine Environment Sustainability Initiative (AFMESI), a non- governmental organization (NGO) working to protect, restore, and improve the quality of the marine environment all through the African continent. AFMESI expressed tremendous worry about the recent flooding in the South Eastern Atlantic Region of Africa that is why we have organized a round table meeting to discuss and share ideas on the sustainability of rural coastal dwellers.

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1.	Log In and greet!	The round table event started at exactly 2:00pm.	All Participants
2.	Introduction and calling the Meeting to Order	<p>The Executive Secretary, AFMESI Ms. Chiamaka Mogo, called the meeting to order at precisely 02:07 pm.</p> <p>She spoke about the past initiatives and partnerships of AFMESI in the year 2022 and provided a brief background of the organization.</p> <p>The ES, expressed her sincere gratitude to The Strong Islands Network and The Ocean Foundation for their donations towards the just completed coastline cleanup/chat with the residents of the Ogogoro Island Community.</p>	Ms. Chiamaka Mogo
3.	Welcome Address and Presentation of the lead paper: “Why the Topic of the day!”	<p>The President of AFMESI, Dr. Felicia Chinwe Mogo welcomed everyone to the round table discussion and expressed gratitude to The Ocean Foundation and The Strong Islands network for their assistance with the just conducted coastline cleanup/chat at Ogogoro Island Community. She spoke briefly on the purpose of today's discussion. According to her, there are many instances of illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing and there are risks to the marine ecosystem while measuring the</p>	Dr. Felicia Chinwe Mogo



		effects of the floods in 2022. Dr. Mogo continued by stating that it is time to start having rational discussions on how to solve the issues and that suggestions are welcome.	
4.	Goodwill Message from the climate strong Island Network /the Ocean foundation	As Lirio Márquez-D'Acunti was physically absent at the round meeting, Mr. Emeka Obidike delivered goodwill remarks in her place.  Lirio Márquez-D'Acunti expressed her gratitude to AFMESI for inviting her to deliver this message of goodwill on behalf of the strong Islands Network. She sent sincere condolences to everyone who lost their lives and possessions as a result of the flooding in 2022. Lirio Márquez-D'Acunti stated that by effectively utilizing nature, we will collectively tackle the issues of climate change.	Emeka Obidike
5.	A comparative look at the 2022 flooding in The UNEP Nairobi Convention Area/West Indian	Dr. Nicholas Ozor gave a brief introduction on floods and their several forms. He said that extreme weather occurrences affected every region of the continent in 2022, and he highlighted urbanization, deforestation, inadequate drainage systems, and a lack of dams and banks as causes of the catastrophes.	Dr. Nicholas Ozor



		<p>Dr. Ozor provided a thorough description of his subject, emphasizing that the Western Indian Ocean is an important ecosystem that is being significantly damaged by actions that negatively impact both human health and marine life. He also stated that the amended Nairobi Convention focuses on pollution from ships, pollution caused by dumping and pollution from land-based sources among others.</p>	
<p>6.</p>	<p>An Overview of the previous Years Trend and 2022 Flooding in West and Central African Region</p>	<p>Sika Abrokwah gave an introduction to her topic and the causes of flood. She stated that flooding has been really devastating in 2022 due to climate change and weather pattern. Sika Abrokwah listed some of the countries affected by flooding in 2022, Countries like Ghana, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, Cameroon and the Democratic Republic of Congo were among the countries listed. She stated that weather patterns have changed across Africa with intense rainfall in some in some regions and severe droughts in others. Sika Abrokwah made mention of human triggers of flooding such as improper disposal of waste.</p>	<p>Sika Abrokwah</p>



7.	<p>The use of Geospatial Technology in Flood Detection /Prevention and Impact Monitoring and Control in Africa</p>	<p>Desmond Rowland Eteh stated how flooding affected the entire world such as African countries like Nigeria, South Africa and Cameroon. He explained how Geospatial technology has significantly improved flood studies, especially in flood risks assessment and management, flood detection and flood monitoring. He gave a detailed explanation of Geospatial technology using a flow chart. He mentioned how heavy rainfall and poor maintenance of the dams (Kanji/Jebba) in Nigeria are some of the causes of flooding. He emphasized that Geospatial technology can help with flood risk prevention and management planning, as well as the development of flood risk control mechanism.</p>	Desmond Rowland Eteh
8.	<p>The New United Nations Climate Change Conference - CoP 27 Break through Agreement on “Loss and Damage Fund” and its possible application and actions it invites from the African Block.</p>	<p>According to Prof Onuoha, in understanding loss and damage, the current system of application and action of African block is maintained by the destructive impacts of certain developed nations' inactivity, which has a greater impact on other developing countries. Such actions have irreversibly degraded the world. He stated that given the</p>	Prof Magnus Onuoha



		<p>unresponsiveness and reluctance of the Global North in addressing our concerns, Therefore, it is obvious that climate funding is necessary for development.</p> <p>He stated that there are opportunities to look inward, develop a progressive practical framework that supports impact investment, and also create a conducive political, social, and environmental capital inflows for Nigeria and Africa. In conclusion, Prof. Onuoha stated that transition of..... will not occur without appropriate climate funding, and loss and harm will be increased.</p>	
<p>9.</p>	<p>Questions and Answer Session</p>	<p>Mr. Emeka Obidike was the moderator of the Q&amp;A session. Carolyn Ufere asked if there was anything the communities affected by the flooding could do to stop it from happening again. In response, Siko Abrokwah said that while certain small-scale measures may be taken, much more would need to be done in order to prevent more flooding. According to Dr. Felicia Chinwe Mogo, we should continue promoting awareness of the need for sustainability. According to Dr. Nicholas, nations should assess their</p>	<p>Mr. Emeka Obidike Carolyn Ufere Siko Abrokwah Dr. Felicia Chinwe Mogo Dr. Nicholas Ozor.</p>



		resources and figure out how to adapt to and mitigate the effects of floods.	
10.	Summary, Conclusion and Recommendation	The AFMESI Executive Secretary summarized the round table event in a succinct and well-detailed manner, by highlighting a few key topics from each speaker. She expressed her gratitude to everyone for attending and giving their time.	Ms. Chiamaka Mogo
11.	Vote of Thanks	The privilege of presenting the vote of thanks was assigned to the Youth Corper, Banke Adeniyi serving under AFMESI. She expressed her gratitude to have been invited to the round table discussion. On behalf of AFMESI, she thanked the Speakers and everyone for their attendance which made the roundtable event a success. She stated that all the Speakers had contributed worthwhile and significant viewpoints.	Banke Adeniyi

Sincerely,

**Chiamaka Mogo, MPPGA**

Executive Secretary,

*On behalf of the President/Founder, African Marine Environment Sustainability Initiative (AFMESI)*