

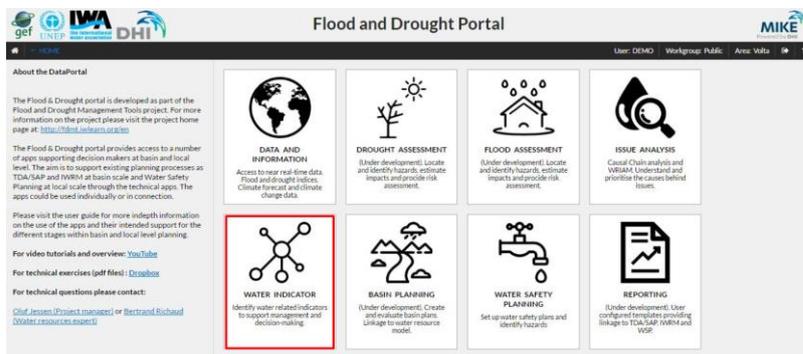
Flood and Drought Management Tools update

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Flood and Drought Management Tools (FDMT) project status

To get an overview of the tools (understood here as technical applications) provided as part of the project outputs, visit the Flood and Drought portal at www.flooddroughtmonitor.com. The technical applications will be released throughout 2017, and all registered users will be notified when a new application is available. The portal provides access to step by step video guides and a range of technical exercises, used for understanding the application at specific basin, national or local issues related to current or future flood- or drought-related hazards.

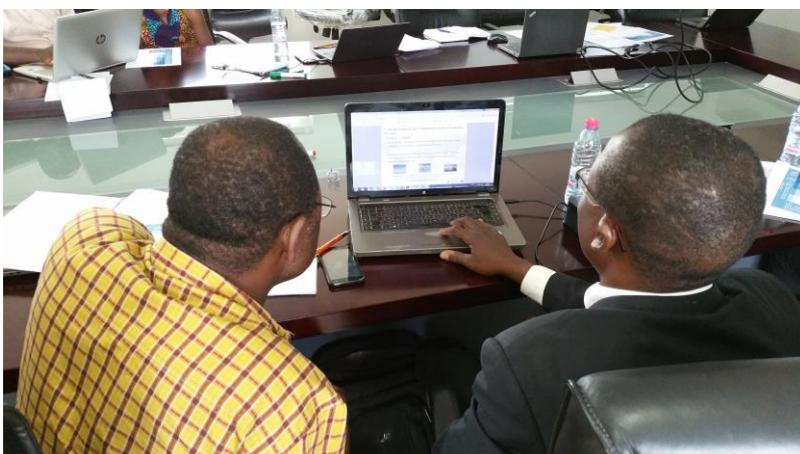
Water Indicator application released



The FDMT project is happy to announce the release of the Water Indicator application on the Flood and Drought Portal. The Water Indicator application enables users to identify water related indicators for understanding the current state of water resources in a river basin, catchment or at local level. View the release note with more information [here](#).

Log in to www.flooddroughtmonitor.com for more information.

Technical training in the Volta Basin



Throughout the FDMT project, feedback from the training sessions is used to refine and adjust the technical methods as well as the final technical applications. The most recent training took place in Accra, Ghana between March 27th and 31st. To find out more, read: [Planning for the future: collaboratively supporting decision makers to prepare and respond to floods and droughts](#).

News

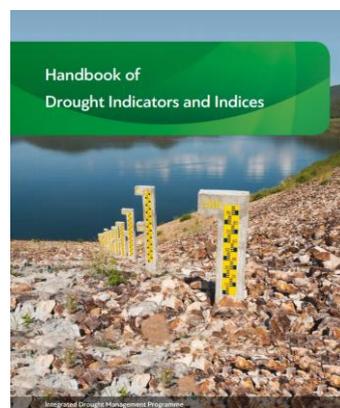


[From data and information to planning](#)



[Expert training for the water utilities in Bangkok](#)

Topic-related publications



The [Handbook on Drought Indicators and Indices](#), is now available in [English](#), [Arabic](#), [Chinese](#), [French](#), [Russian](#) and [Spanish](#) | WMO and GWP



[Benefits of action and costs of inaction: Drought mitigation and preparedness – a literature review](#) | WMO and GWP



[Mapping natural disaster risks to guide responsible urbanization in Brazil](#) | Ministério das Cidades

Topic-related projects



Improved Management of Extreme Events through Ecosystem-based Adaption in Watersheds

[EbA Road Map: The implementation of Ecosystem based Adaptation for Flood and Drought Management \(brochure\)](#) | GIZ-ECOSwat

The Volta Basin Authority (VBA) hosted the 3rd Project Steering Committee Meeting for the Flood and Drought Management Tools project with attention focusing on project sustainability from 5-7 April, 2017 in Akosombo, Ghana. To find our more read: [VBA hosts 3rd Project Steering Committee in Akosombo, Ghana.](#)

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Events

The FDMT project has been engaging with stakeholders in a number of workshops, trainings and meetings including workshops with stakeholders from Myanmar interested in the project (5-6 September 2016; Myanmar and 6-9 December 2016; Bangkok, Thailand), expert training with HAIL (8-9 December 2016; Bangkok, Thailand) followed by a training with MWA and PWA in Thailand (13-15 December 2016), a technical training in Accra, Ghana (27 -31 March 2017), and the annual Project Steering Committee from 5-7 April 2017 in Akosombo, Ghana. These events have been useful in receiving valuable feedback from stakeholders on further development of the methodology and technical content of various tools

Upcoming events:

- Lake Victoria Basin Technical Training | 12-14 June 2017 | Kisumu, Kenya
- [14th Specialist Conference on Watershed and River Basin Management](#) | 9-11 October 2017 | Kruger National Park, South Africa
- [5th Nile Basin Development Forum](#) | 23-24/25 October 2017 | Kigali, Rwanda
- [IWA Water and Development Congress](#) | 13-16 November 2017 | Buenos Aires, Argentina

If you are aware of any relevant events, please let us know!

Flood and Drought Management Tools (FDMT) webinar series

A webinar series has been initiated giving insight to the role that innovative approaches can play in supporting floods and droughts management at all scales – from basin to catchment, water utility and industry levels. The webinars cover a broad range of technical tools, emerging technology advances, as well as practical experiences in applying these tools and technologies on ground.

Past webinar(s)

- | Use of satellite data for drought and flood management (Technical presentation)
- | Drought management today - cases from Asia
- | Drought early warning and assessment, experiences from Africa
- | Water Safety Plans – a risk management approach from catchment to consumer

Upcoming webinar(s)

- The challenges and experiences in developing multi-objective basin plans | May 17, 2017; 13:00 CET (duration 60 min.) – register [here](#)

For more information about the upcoming webinar(s) in in the series, please click [here](#).

Promote the Flood and Drought Management Tools (FDMT) on social media

The FDMT project highly encourages the dissemination of information within your networks and through various social media channels; e.g. Twitter, to engage widely and provide useful and relevant content, share news, pictures, workshops, trainings and more! To facilitate this process, the project has develop a quick guide to Twitter. Download the [guide](#) and please do not hesitate to contact us.

Contribute to the Flood and Drought Management Tools (FDMT) newsletter



The screenshot shows the top part of the newsletter with logos for gef, UN environment, DHI, and IWA. The main heading is "Writing a blog related to flood and drought events". Below it, there are sections for "Why should I write a blog?", "Suggested content", and "Tips for a successful blog". The "Suggested content" section lists recent events and achievements related to water management, relevant outcomes of events, and issues around flood and droughts in your area. The "Tips for a successful blog" section provides examples of blog titles and advice on how to write an effective blog post, including making sure you reach a conclusion or key message, writing in the first person, and including videos and infographics.

The FDMT project welcomes the contribution of blog posts to be published via the project website, newsletter and other channels. Blogs provide an opportunity to showcase your work or that of your organisation and engage with a wider audience. The focus is on personal perspectives and sharing your thoughts on water-related issues, especially around climate change impacts including floods and droughts. Download the [guide](#) and please do not hesitate to contact us.

Other business

The FDMT project kindly requests any relevant news items or blog postings as well as additional communication material for the project to communicate. These do not need to be linked to the FDMT project.

Please feel free to distribute this newsletter to your wider network and if you have any questions for the project, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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