



# Security implications of climate change in the Sahel

Monday, 14 December 2009, 18.00 – 20.00, Room Schuman - European Pavilion

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**How is climate change and variability affecting one of Africa's most vulnerable areas?  
Does climate impact security and if yes, under what conditions and which interactions?**

The presentation will feature the first results of multidisciplinary research that looked at the impact of climate variables on security events in the 12 countries of the Sahel between 1969 – 2007. This is introduced by an analysis of the Sahel's climate characteristics and long-term trends as well as some key socio-economic evolutions.

18.00 – 18.10

## Introduction: Climate security and the Sahel region

Rear Admiral Neil Morisetti, *Climate and energy security envoy*, UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office and Brice Lalonde, *Climate Ambassador for France*

18.10 – 19.00

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- 18.10 – 18.35
  - **Observed climate evolutions in the Sahel: Trends and main characteristics**  
Carlo Buontempo, Senior Climate Change Consultant, UK Met Office Hadley Centre
- 18.35 – 19.00
  - **Towards a "hotspot" mapping: Analytical components - environment, socio-economics, climate, security - an attempt to identify, characterise and localise zones of increased sensitivity and risk exposure**  
Laurent Bossard, *Director a. i.* and Philipp Heinrigs, *Programme Officer*, Sahel and West Africa Club Secretariat (SWAC/OECD)

19.00 – 19.10

## Policy implications and next steps

Laurent Bossard

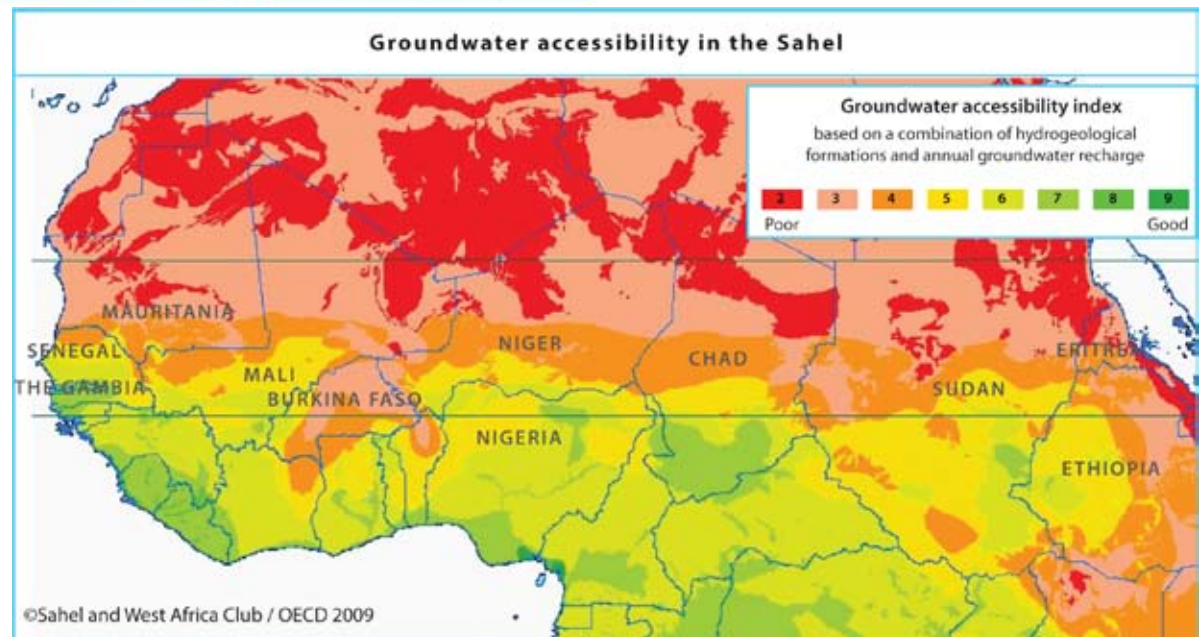
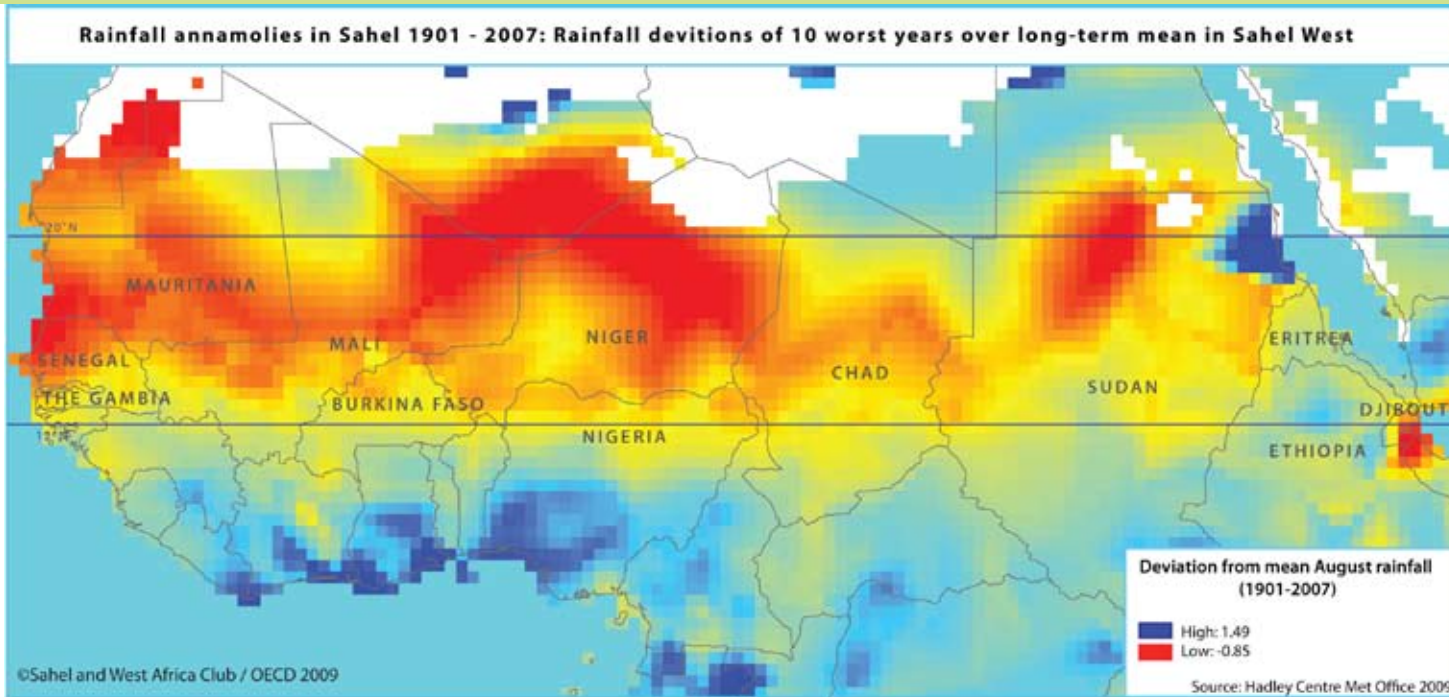
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## Discussions

with African institutions (AU, ECOWAS, IGAD, ICPAC and CEWARN, etc.)



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