



CARBOAFRICA 1st Annual Meeting

Kruger National Park (South Africa), 25-26 August 2007

SHORT REPORT

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During the first annual meeting of CarboAfrica the activities of the first year were presented and the next steps were planned.

Each partner (through the presentation of WP leader and intervention of people directly involved in the activities) presented a communication showing the progress in the practical effectiveness of the activities under his/her responsibility and the first data and results obtained.

The compliance with the milestones and the deliverables was showed and the next steps presented and planned.

The project achievements and the respect of the work plan for the first year were evaluated, and any problem and the related possible solutions were discussed.

The future new partner (CESBIO, France) was presented. It will act (together with the participant N.6 CEH, UK) as representative of the AMMA EU project. The collaboration between CarboAfrica and AMMA was presented and the field stations (in Benin, Mali, and Niger) belonging to the AMMA project that will provide data to CarboAfrica were listed. An agreement between the 2 projects was signed.

The instructions for the preparation of the periodic reports requested by the European Commission by the end of the first year were presented.

The advisory board was presented and the chair and the third and last member were appointed. The advisory board will produce a report on project evaluation with comments and suggestions on the project development.

External people representing initiatives relevant to CarboAfrica were invited in a specific session to discuss possible cooperation. The foundations for concrete cooperation were laid.

The work was divided into 2 working groups according the 2 main cross cutting topics of the project: Eddy, Leaf and Soil (WG1), and Models and fires (WG2). Details on the next activities to be carried out and the respective deadlines were defined in the Working Groups (e.g. final list of field site and the deadline for data submission; guidelines for soil and GHG measurements; ancillary data and soil parameters to be measured; vegetation types and land cover to be used; variables needed to drive and evaluate models). Details about how to organize the training activities (workshop, seminars, training course) were also discussed.