

**Selected NDMC Activities in the Near East: 2006-2011**

United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO)

- Egypt, 2007-2009: FAO Near East Drought Planning Manual. Cody Knutson made an assessment of FAO's drought-related activities within the Near East region. This assessment has led to recommendations for action for countries in the region, and resulted in a guide on drought risk management applicable to the region.  
(<http://www.fao.org/world/Regional/RNE/morelinks/climate/Drought%20Planning%20Guide%202008%20-%20FAO%20RNE.pdf>)
- Jordan, 2006-2007: National Drought Mitigation Strategy and Framework. Don Wilhite prepared a national drought mitigation strategy and framework for implementation by the Ministry of Agriculture. The NDMC hosted 4 Jordanians for training on drought monitoring, mitigation, planning, and policy in November 2006.
- Turkey, 2010-2011: International Drought Training Workshop and Drought Monitoring Workshop. Cody Knutson was a lecturer for the international drought training workshop in July 2010. Brian Wardlow, Mark Svoboda, and Cody Knutson will conduct a drought monitoring workshop for FAO in April 2011.

USAID

- Morocco, 2000-2008: National Drought Observatory. The NDMC has participated in several assessments of drought management activities in Morocco, leading to a report outlining the next steps in the country's efforts for proactive drought risk management.

European Commission, MEDROPLAN

- Don Wilhite served as external advisor to the MEDROPLAN project funded by the European Commission, 2003-2007. The purpose of this project was to develop drought preparedness guidelines for the countries in the Mediterranean region, including southern Europe and North Africa. Participating countries included Morocco, Tunisia, Italy, Spain, Greece, and Cyprus. These guidelines are available to all countries in the region.

Additional Activities

- Mahazat as-Sayd Wildlife Protected Area Drought Management Plan (Taif, Saudi Arabia), 2008: To develop a drought mitigation strategy for the wildlife reserve. Cody Knutson co-wrote the plan.
- Water Resources Management Training Workshop (Midreshet Ben-Gurion, Israel), 2009: To discuss the potential effects of global change on the region's hydrology. Cody Knutson served as an instructor for participants from Israel, the Palestinian Territories, and Jordan. Sponsor: USDA Foreign Agricultural Service.
- National Drought Planning Workshop (Iraq), 2010: Cody Knutson collaborated with UNESCO and UNICEF to facilitate the creation of a national drought framework.