

HOW WILL THE CLIMATE CHANGE AFFECT THE AFRICAN CONTINENT?

The change will not be linear; it will not affect all the countries in the same way and will be initially characterized by instability of the climate.

The countries of the Sahel will undergo a strong pressure in North. A part of the populations most exposed to the reheatings of planet will move towards the South and will seek to obtain a share of the limited resources like water and the arable lands. It will be a social shock for the populations already installed and the political authorities will have to show a great capacity of leadership to limit the conflicts

Under the social aspects, the reduction of the volume of precipitations and the displacement of the seasons are likely to impoverish all the vulnerable populations of the countries in the process of developpement. These populations will wait of the assistance, an increasingly requested help, which will not be able to be adjusted in the short run. The weak States of the area, especially those with the catch with rebels, will be all the more weakened. The irresponsible rebels and opponents will use the popular dissatisfaction to propose new governments (de facto O of swears) or even new States.

For all the countries, the variability of harvests will affect not only the populations, but also the operational capacity of the States. All over Africa, the pressure on the portion of the GDP (produced interior rough) coming from the agricultural production, the breeding and fishing will be with the fall: what will involve the fall of the revenues from taxes of the States. This situation will also have an impact on inflation and the real income and the standard of living of the inhabitants. It will deteriorate the current distribution of the richness. This will appear by a dissatisfaction expressed downtown, often by young people.

In addition, the investments actually made near the zones at risks without environmental studies of quality (considering the next changes) are likely to be unsuited. New investments will be necessary and these sums will be taken on the Assistance with the victims of the climatic changes.

New investments will be also necessary to maintain certain urban centres, the monuments and to maintain the standard of living of the populations in spite of the cost of the gasoline which tightened more and more to raise. I overlook the medical risks like the increase in the cases of malaria, cholera, etc.

The Ministries of Environment and the Nature conservancy could be found suddenly in face of the Assistance and the public expenditure. The rise of the sea's level will add salt partly to the ground water which waters the coastal cities of Africa, the variability of the incomes due to the fluctuations of the agricultural production will be accentuated, extreme phenomena as floods will be repeated and the turning into a desert will increase. The hour of the prevention passed; we are in the management of the climatic crisis.

By the way, the Documents of strategy of growth and reduction of poverty, if considerable in this moment for the attribution of the Assistance, will have to be supplanted by the national Action plans of Adaptation (NAPA).

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