

JOINT SIDE EVENT WITH AUC, OACPS AND IOC

Concept Note

Advanced Climate Services for Knowledge-Driven Decision-Making Process for sustainable development in the African Regions

1. Organizers

This event will be organized by the Organization of the ACP States, the African Union Commission, the Indian Ocean Commission, the National Observatory of Athens, and African regional climate centers: IGAD Climate Prediction and Applications Center (ICPAC), AGRHYMET, African Center for meteorology Applications for Development (ACMAD), the SADC Climate Service Center (SADC-CSC) and the Climate and Application Center for Central Africa (CAPC-AC).

2. Background and context

The OACPS Secretariat in partnership with EU has initiated the intra-ACP Climate services and related applications programme (ClimSA) to address the climate change impacts in socio-economic sectors. One of the ClimSA's outputs is to enhance in ACP regions the capacity of decision makers at all level, to bridge the gap between climate science and policy for improved mainstreaming of climate services into policy processes at regional and national levels. Efforts have been done by scientists to accumulate evidence for anthropogenic climate change, but policy-makers have been slow to react. In the other hand, policy-makers, too, are vexed by scientists' ability to identify problems, yet frequent inability to place their work in the context of timely and feasible policy solutions. Despite ongoing efforts, the climate services uptake and users' outcome evaluation are still inadequate to underpin the adaptation to climate change impacts. To fill in this gap, there is a need to build an interface platform between (climate) science and policy. Therefore, OACPS Secretariat in association with OACPS Regional Climate Centres (RCCs) and technical implementing partners are working together to develop tools for mainstreaming climate in policy and strategies. A critical part of climate mainstreaming is evidence-based decision-making, where decision makers should have the best available information to make knowledgeable decisions. Mainstreaming Climate Services into policy process is the underline factor of successful adaptation action for sustainable development and building a resilient society. Changing weather and climatic conditions can affect the supply of raw materials, interrupt transport and logistics, damage infrastructure and physical assets, reduce revenues, and create other direct and indirect impacts. A changing climate will also provide new and enhanced market opportunities by influencing demand for products and services. Already, some of these risks and opportunities are being felt worldwide, particularly in sectors such as Food, Beverage, and Agriculture; Water and Energy Utilities; and General Manufacturing.

The side event aims at raising the awareness of decision makers at all level on enhancing climate-informed decision-making, and bridging the gap between climate science and policy for improved mainstreaming of climate services into policy processes in ACP regions. Existing climate services for energy systems as well as other sectors will be the case studies to showcase the usefulness and efficiency of the application of climate services for the transition of energy systems to underpinning the sustainable development.

3. The specific objectives:

- demonstrate and promote the usefulness of the production and access to climate services for intelligent energy management and other sustainable

- showcase the flexibility of adapting to different regions the climate services available for the climate sensitive sectors
- promote the real-time solutions for decision-makers and producers in the use of climate services for renewable energy
- Discuss on the barriers and weaknesses of policy makers and scientists' linkage in building "science - practices - policy interface" for climate and environmental governance

4. Expected Outcome

- Increased awareness of the effectiveness of climate services for sensitive socio-economic sectors
- Improved knowledge of the importance of timely and accessible climate information for sustainable development
- Promote sharing of best practices among Regional Climate Centres
- New alliances and partnerships for sustainability of the programme are secured

5. DRAFT AGENDA

Date 06 December 2023		
Time	Session	Speaker
14:30 -14:03	Official opening by moderator	AUC Dr Jolly Wasambo
14:03 -14:08	Opening session: Welcome remarks	Ms. Cristelle Pratt , Assistant Secretary-General (ASG) Secretariat of the OACPS Dir. Nyambe , AUC
14:08 -14:18	Presentation of OACPS ClimSA Programme objectives	Dr. Nsadisa Faka , ClimSA Team Leader
14:18 -14:48	<p>Advanced Climate Services for Knowledge-Driven Decision-Making and Building Resilience in the African Regions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Agriculture ICPAC ○ Agriculture AGRHYMET ○ Disaster Risk Reduction 	<p>Dr Hussen Seid ICPAC</p> <p>Dr Seydou Traore (AGRHYMET)</p> <p>Dr Andre Kamga (ACMAD)</p>
PAUSE		
14:55- 15:25	Prototype of climate services for renewable energy	OACPS ClimSA partner Dr Panagiotis

15:25 – 15:45	E-learning platform for capacity building	OACPS ClimSA partner Dr Panagiotis
15:45- 15:55	Discussion	
15:55-16:00	Wrap-up and Conclusions	Dr. Jolly Wasambo

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