

JOINT SIDE EVENT WITH OACPS, IOC and Seychelles Government

Concept Note

Building domestic capacity for an effective resilience in OACPs' SIDS

6 November 2023

09:00 – 12:00

1. Organizers

This event will be organized by the Organization of the ACP States, the African Union Commission, the Indian Ocean Commission, African Union Commission, and the Seychelles Government.

2. Background and context

The Organisation of the African, Caribbean and Pacific States (OACPS) comprises 79 countries from sub-Saharan Africa (48 countries); the Caribbean (16 countries) and the Pacific (15 countries). 39 of these countries belong to the group of Least Developed Countries (LDCs), 15 Land-locked Developing Countries and 37 are classified as Small Island Developing States (SIDS). They are therefore considered to be amongst the most vulnerable countries in the world to the impacts of climate change because of multiple existing stresses, from low adaptive capacity to intrinsic exposure to climate change, due to geographical conditions.

The OACPS Secretariat has developed the intra-ACP Climate Services and related applications programme (ClimSA) to address this threatening of climate change. The overall objective of ClimSA is to strengthen the climate service value chain through building the capacities of decision-makers at all levels to make effective use of climate information and services. Despite ongoing efforts, the climate services uptake and users' outcome evaluation are still inadequate to underpin the adaptation to climate change impacts. Therefore, OACPS Secretariat in association with OACPS Regional Climate Centres (RCCs) has proposed a strategy framework to build the domestic capacity of regional and national experts to develop and apply science based-climate services for fostering the transformation of the society and business in sustainable development.

The purpose of this capacity building strategy is to increase the capability of the national and regional experts to design, formulate, develop and tailor the climate services to meet the needs and requirements of the users on the ground in various climate sensitive sectors. This will lead to provide useful climate knowledge and services for regional and national climate strategies and plans and contribute to the UNFCCC and the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

For this COP28 side events, the objective is raising the awareness of decision makers for prioritizing the development of the domestic competency which is world class competitive and become self-sufficient in the new endeavour of climate service market development within the SIDS.

3. The specific objectives:

- Demonstrate the common climate change threatening's facing all the SIDS
- Identify and promote the indigenous solutions available in the context of SIDS

- Discuss the innovative solutions to build domestic capacity in the context of geographic remote islands location
- Promote the South – South cooperation and synergy for exchange of experiences
- Discuss on the barriers and weaknesses of policy makers and scientific expert linkage in building “science - practices - policy interface” for climate and environmental governance

4. Expected Outcome

- Increased awareness of the stakeholders in domestic solutions for facing climate change impacts
- Adopted strategy for building capacity in the context of SIDS geographically remote entities
- Agreed on regular meeting for science - policy dialogue for enhancing climate mainstreaming in policy, strategy, programme and project.
- Exchange of experts for sharing of best practices among SIDS, discussed.

5. Requested time and duration

- Duration: One half (01.30) hour
- Date/Period: 06 November 2023
- Requested time: 10:00 – 11:30

6. Speakers

- Seychelles academic representative
- OACPS, ClimSA Programme
- AUC ClimSA Programme
- RCCs, representatives
- WMO Regional Training Centre representative

7. Contact event organisers:

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8. DRAFT AGENDA

Date 06 December 2023		
Time	Session	Speaker
10:30 -10:33	Official opening by moderator	IOC TBC
10:33 -10:43	Opening session: Welcome remarks	Ms. Cristelle Pratt , Assistant Secretary-General (ASG) Secretariat of the OACPS Dir. Seychelles SMA
10:45 -11:30	Building domestic capacity for Knowledge-Driven Decision-Making and an effective resilient society: OACPS ClimSA Capacity Building Strategy AUC Training programme ACMAD Secondment strategy WMO Training and Education strategy	Seychelles Academic representative Dr. Nsadisa Faka, OACPS/ClimSA Dr Ulrich Diasso, AUC/ClimSA Dr André Kamga, ACMAD WMO RTC (TBC)
11:30- 11:55	Discussion	
11:55-12:00	Wrap-up and Conclusions	Dr. Jolly Wasambo