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Project Overview

The Intra – ACP Climate Services and Related Applications (ClimSA) Programme is four-year project funded by the European Commission through the African Union Commission. The programme aims to improve wide access and use of climate information and enable and encourage the generation and use of climate services and applications for decision making processes at all levels.

News Flash

Yaoundé, Cameroon.

The first continental workshop on User Interface Platform for Climate Services was successfully held at the Djeuga palace hotel in Yaoundé, Cameroon from 26th to 29th July 2022. The workshop was hosted by Cameroon Ministry of transport through its Department of National Meteorology (DNM) and African Centre of Meteorological Application for Development (ACMAD) and supported by ClimSA Project.



The workshop was officially opened by the Cameroonian Minister for Transport - **Hon. Jean Ernest Masséna NGALLÈ BIBÉHÈ**. He thanked all institutions and experts that assembled in Yaoundé for the workshop and highlighted that Cameroon has prioritised climate in all its strategic goals. He informed the gathering that Cameroon is the current chair of African Ministerial Conference on Meteorology (AMCOMET).

The workshop was well covered both with print and broadcast media. Use the links below to listen and read about coverage of the workshop in media:

- TV coverage of the Continental User Interface Platform for Climate Services - [Link](#)

Report on User Interface Platform

The first continental workshop on User Interface Platform for Climate Services was the inaugural meeting for developing anchor structures for User Interface Platforms for Agriculture, DRR, Health and Water sectors. ACMAD was unanimously selected to be the secretariat for the sectoral User Interface Platforms, while the chair

organisations selected were Pan African Farmers Organization (**PAFO**), African Union Commission (**AUC**), World Health Organization (WHO's) ClimHealth and African Union Commission (**AUC**) or African Ministers' Council on Water (**AMCOW**) for Agriculture, DRR, Health and Water respectively. The next phase will involve meetings between the secretariat and chair organisation to fine tune structures for operationalization of the UIPs.

Cluster updates (including overdue milestones and responsibilities)

| Forecasting cluster |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The forecasting cluster continues to generate continental synoptic forecasts and continental multi-hazard outlook twice a week – each Monday and Thursday. ▪ The forecasting cluster continues to contribute to continental watch produced by African Union Commission (AUC) twice a week. ▪ The continental synoptic forecasts and continental multi-hazard outlook are produced on Monday and Thursday while the continental watch on Tuesday and Friday. ▪ The archives of these products can be accessed online at link ▪ Staff from the forecasting cluster were involved in planning and facilitation of the first continental User Interface Platform for Climate Services. |
| Climate Monitoring cluster |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The climate monitoring cluster continues to generate continental dekadal bulletin, monthly bulletin, monthly drought bulletin, seasonal forecast bulletin. ▪ The climate cluster organised and facilitated the seventh African Continental Climate Outlook Forum (ACCOF-07) on 29th July 2022 on the sidelines of the first continental User Interface Platform for Climate Services. ACCOF-07 report can be accessed online at link |
| User Interface cluster |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The User Interface cluster took a lead role and facilitation of the continental User Interface Platform for Climate Services workshop. Workshop proceedings can be accessed online at link ▪ Four sectoral User Interface Platforms for Agriculture, DRR, Health and Water were developed and Terms of Reference (ToRs) and rules of engagement agreed upon. |

Announcements

| Item | Details and Links |
|---|---|
| The eighth African Continental Climate Outlook Forum (ACCOF-08) | Online. 2 September 2022. |
| ClimSA'22 Forum | Apia, Samoa. 26 th to 29 th September 2022. |

Library of relevant and interesting articles

| Item | Links |
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| TV coverage of the Continental User Interface Platform for Climate Services | Link |
| Service climatologique en Afrique : Yaoundé accueille l'atelier continental des plateformes des utilisateurs | Link |
| CAMEROUN :: L'ACMAD ET LA COMMISSION DE L'UNION AFRICAINE APPORTENT DES SOLUTIONS FACE AUX CHANGEMENTS CLIMATIQUES :: CAMEROON | Link |

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| Services climatologiques : Yaoundé la capitale africaine | Link |
| Changement climatique : Yaoundé accueille le 1 ^{er} atelier sur le renforcement de la plateforme continentale d'interface d'utilisateurs | Link |
| Risques et catastrophes climatiques : Les membres de la plateforme continentale outillés | Link |
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Important dates for the year

| Event | Date |
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| ClimSA'22 Forum | Apia, Samoa. 26 th to 29 th September 2022. |
| The 27 th United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP 27) | Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt. 6 th to 18 th November 2022 |
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