

EIGHTEENTH AFRICAN CONTINENTAL CLIMATE OUTLOOK FORUM (ACCOF-18):

‘Providing Continental Climate Outlook Services through improved Coordination and Harmonization of Methods, Data, Tools, Products and Services in Africa’

THEME: “IMPROVED CLIMATE SERVICES DELIVERY FOR INFORMED DECISION MAKING IN AFRICA”

TARGET SEASON: NOVEMBER 2024 TO FEBRUARY 2025 (NDJF) 2024-25

Hybrid Mode

29th October to 1st Nov 2024, Ange-Hill Hotel, Accra, Ghana

PROGRAMME: Technical Expert Meeting

| TIME(GMT) | ACTIVITY | FACILITATOR |
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| DAY 1 : October 29, 2024 | | |
| 08:30-09 :00 | Registration of participants and virtual meeting connection logistics | ACMAD - Communication Officer |
| OPENING Session | | |
| 09:00-09:15 | • Remarks by ACMAD, AUC, OACPS, WMO, GHANA Met | Ghana Met / ACMAD |
| 09:15-09:30 | Group Photo | ACMAD - Communication Officer |
| SESSION 1: Review and Discussion of the forecast output from ACCOF 17 | | |
| 09:30- 10:30 | Review the Outcomes of ACCOF 17 | ACMAD / All |
| 10:30- 11:30 | Performance of the May-September 2024 Precipitation Forecast and Assessment of Climatic Conditions and their Impacts during MJJ, JJA, JAS 2024 | Presenter: RCCs (ICPAC, AGRHYMET, CAPC-CA, IOC, ACMAD, RCC-North Morocco) Moderator: AUC |
| 11:30-11:45 | Health break | |
| 11:45-13:00 | Discussion on the performance of the past seasons: Which drivers were involved? What was effective? Challenges. | All Moderator: ACMAD |
| 13:00-14:00 | Lunch break | |
| SESSION 2: Analysis of the Current Conditions and Climate Outlook for the Upcoming Seasons (November 2024 to February 2025), Moderator: OACPS | | |
| 14:30-14:45 | Seasonal forecast for northern Africa and impacts during the winter season | Presenter: RCCs North Africa (Morocco) |
| 14:45-15:00 | Seasonal forecast for Central Africa and impacts during the ONDJF season | Presenter: CAPC-AC |
| 15:15-15:30 | Seasonal forecast for Eastern Africa (ONDJ 2024-25) | Presenter: RCCs ICPAC |
| 15:30-15:45 | Seasonal forecast and impacts of tropical cyclone season | Presenter: RCCs Indian Ocean (La Réunion) |
| 15:45-16:00 | Health break | |
| 16:00-16:15 | Seasonal forecast for Southern Africa (NDJF 2024-25) | Presenter: SADC-CSC |
| 16:15-16:45 | Seasonal forecast for (November 2024 to February 2025) | Presenter: RCCs ACMAD |
| 16:45-17:00 | Discussion and Wrap-up of Day 1 | ACMAD |

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| DAY 2 : October 30, 2024 | | | |
| SESSION 2: (Cnt'd) | | | |
| 09:00-09:40 | Presentation of the Consensus Outlook and Discussion | Presenter: RCCs ACMAD | Moderator: Dr Faka (OACPS) |
| 09:40-10:00 | ClimSA Capacity Building Program in Africa | AUC: Dr. Diasso | |
| 10:00-10:30 | Seasonal Forecast Using Machine Learning (AI) Challenges & Opportunities | Presenter: ICPAC/Dr Hussein Seid | |
| 10:30-11:30 | Discussion on Road Map for data and methods harmonisation | All Moderator: ACMAD | |
| 11:30-11:45 | Health break | | |
| SESSION 3: Harmonization of Data, Tools and Methods for the Continental Drought Bulletin | | | |
| 11:45-12:05 | Intro / Background: Overview to the African Drought Monitoring and Advisory System (ADMA). <i>Tools, Datasets Methods/Platforms Used</i> | ACMAD | Moderator: Dr Ulrich Diasso (AUC) |
| 12:05-12:20 | East Africa Regional Drought Monitoring & Early Warning System. <i>Tools, Datasets Methods/Platforms Used</i> | Presenter: ICPAC/SitRoom | |
| 12:20-12:35 | West Africa Regional Drought Monitoring & Early Warning System. <i>Tools, Datasets Methods/Platforms Used</i> | Presenter: AGRHYMET | |
| 12:35-13:00 | Recent drought over southern Africa: <i>Detection Tools. What was done? What was effective? Challenges.</i> | Presenter: SADC/SHOC | |
| 13:00-14:00 | Lunch break | | |
| 14:00-14:20 | The African Drought Advisory Bulletin: <i>What is it? How is it produce? Challenges</i> | Presenter: AUC/SitRoom | |
| 14:20-15:20 | Discussion on presentations | | |
| 15:20-15:45 | Group Practical session: Understanding Combined Drought Indicator and underlying indicators | ACMAD/ICPAC/AUC | |
| 15:45-16:00 | Health break | | |
| 16:00-17:00 | Way forward for a co-design and co-produced Continental Drought Bulletin. | All | |
| 17:00-17:30 | Wrap up of Day 2 and Recommendations | All / ACMAD | |

PROGRAMME: Users Communities and Technical Expert Meeting

| TIME(GMT) | ACTIVITY | FACILITATOR | |
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| DAY 3 : October 31, 2024 | | | |
| 08:30-09:00 | Registration of participants and virtual meeting connection logistics | ACMAD - Communication Officer | |
| OPENING SESSION | | | |
| 09:00-09:15 | Remarks by ACMAD, AUC, OACPS, WMO, ANBO, GHANA Met | GMET / ACMAD Communication Officers | |
| 09:15-09:30 | GROUP PHOTO | | |
| SESSION 4 : User Engagement Session | | | |
| 09:30-10:00 | Experience Sharing on User-Based Participation and Socio-Economic benefit of Climate Services at National Level | ACMAD/ Prof Matazu AGRHYMET/ Dr Tinni | Moderator: Dr Ulrich Diasso (AUC) |
| 10:00-10:30 | Presentation Socio-Economic Benefit Tool | OACPS - Dr. Faka | |
| 10:30-10:45 | Health break | | |
| 10:45-11:55 | Impact Based Forecasting in AMHEWAS | CIMA Foundation | |
| 10:55-11:15 | Overview of the Continental User interface Platforms and Available climate services | ACMAD / Dr Kamsu Tamo, Mr Hubert Kabengela Mr Nshimirimana Prof Matazu | |
| 11:15-11:35 | Presentation of ACCOF-17 Outcome and Verification | | |
| 11:35-12:35 | Joint Climate/User Group Session to assess/verify the Performance of the ACCOF-17 Products in the Agriculture, DRR, Health and Water sector | | |
| 12:35-13:00 | Presentation of ACCOF-18 Consensus Forecast | ICPAC / AGRHYMET | |
| 13:00-14:00 | Lunch break | | |
| 14:00-15:30 | Joint Climate/User Group Session to analyze the implications of the NDJF ACCOF-18 Products and proffer adaptation/mitigation measures and advisories | AII / ACMAD | Moderator: Dr Emmanuel Poan (Red Cross Climate Center) |
| 15:30-15:45 | Health break | | |
| 15:45-16:45 | Joint Climate/User Group Report Presentation and integration of recommendations in the final ACCOF-18 Statement | AII / ACMAD | |
| 16:45-17:00 | Discussions and Wrap-up of Day 3 | ACMAD | |
| DAY 4 : November 01, 2024 | | | |
| SESSION 4 : User Engagement Session (Cnt'd) and Public Presentation of ACCOF-18 Outcome | | | |
| 09:00-09:10 | Presentation on best practices for communication channels, user engagement and feedback mechanisms for climate services | ACMAD/ Mrs Kanazoe | Moderator: Dr Eric Asuman - Director General GMET |
| 09:10-09:25 | The African Drought Advisory Bulletin: Users Perspectives and opportunities | AUC / ACMAD | |
| 09:25-09:40 | Presentation on UNDRR activities in EAW4ALL: | UNDRR / Mashauri Muliro | |
| 09:40-09:55 | The advantage of use of Climate/Weather information in Preparedness and response activities: Challenges and Opportunities | OCHA - Benedetta Di Cinto | |

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| 09:55-10:10 | Presentation on Anticipatory Action Activities Using the Climate/Weather Information | IFRC- Noor Pwani | |
| 10:10-10:25 | Q&A | | |
| 10:25-10:40 | Health Break | | |
| 10:40-10:55 | Presentation on Use Climate Information for Smart Agriculture | PAFO | |
| 10:55-11:10 | Africa Risk Capacity (ARC) Presentation on use of Climate Information and Collaboration with ACMAD: | ARC – Dr Michel Kouadio | |
| 11:10-11:25 | Experience sharing on ClimSA Knowledge Management System | OACPS – Dr Faka | |
| 11:25-11:20 | Q&A | | |
| 12:00-12:30 | Wrap-up and Presentation of the final Statement of ACCOF-18 K | ACMAD | GMET / ACMAD Communication Officers |
| 12:30-13:00 | Closing Remarks: ACMAD, AUC, OACPS, WMO, ANBO, GHANA Met | | |
| | Media Interactions | | |
| 13:00-14:00 | Lunch break - End of ACCOF-18 | | |