



ACMAD Side Event Concept Note - ACS

Title of event:

“Scaling Africa’s Climate Resilience - Strengthening Strategic Partnerships for Climate Services and Early Warning Systems”

Venue: Rockefeller Pavilion, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

Date & Time: September 09, 2025, 09:30-11:00 (GMT+3)

Organizers

Lead Partner: African Centre of Meteorological Application for Development (ACMAD)

Contributing partners: AUC, WMO-CREWS, ROCKEFELLER, AfDB, GCF, NMHS Malawi, NMHS Niger, UNDRR, VITO, NORCAP

Background and Context

Africa is one of the most vulnerable regions to climate change, facing recurrent droughts, floods, and extreme weather events that threaten food, water, health, and economic security. Limited readily available financial resources and infrastructures make Africa vulnerable to face climate hazards and its best adaptation strategy lies in being well prepared in advance. Building localized and usable climate information could offer sustainable solutions. Strengthening climate services and early warning systems is therefore critical to saving lives and reducing losses.

The **CREWS Initiative**, launched by WMO and partners, provides a strategic response through financial and technical support to some African countries to establish and strengthen risk-informed early warning services. At the continental level, the African Centre of Meteorological Applications for Development, in collaboration with the AUC, WMO, RCCs, NMHSs and humanitarian actors works to consolidate best practices, translate science into actionable information, and support member states through technical capacity building, innovation, and coordination.

During the **Second Africa Climate Summit (ACS-2)** in Addis Ababa (8–10 September 2025), **ACMAD** with the support of **AUC**, **WMO** and the **Rockefeller Foundation**, will convene a side event on “*Scaling Africa’s Climate Resilience – Strengthening Strategic Partnerships for Climate Services and Early Warning Systems.*” The event will take place on **09 September, from 09:30 to 11:00 at the Rockefeller Pavilion**. Through presentations and panel discussions, it will showcase success stories from initiatives such as CREWS, AMHEWAS, and CLIMSA,



financing mechanisms and advocate for stronger partnerships to empower African institutions and reduce climate-related losses.

Objectives of the event

The specific objectives are to:

- Share success stories from CREWS and CLIMSA implementation in Africa
- Showcase ACMAD strategic coordination role and successful multi-level partnerships that enhance climate service in the continent
- Facilitate dialogue between African climate institutions, humanitarian and development partners on scaling up collaboration for climate adaptation.
- Identify practical solutions for strengthening Regional and National Climate services institutions for an efficient implementation of the Early Warnings for all initiative.
- Highlight financing mechanisms for climate adaptation
- Catalyze strategic, long-term partnerships to expand climate services and early warning coverage across Africa.
- Present ACMAD Strategic Plan 2025–2027

Expected outcomes

The proposed side event expected outcomes include:

- Best practices and case studies from collaborating partners showcased.
- Scalable, Africa-led climate solutions presented.
- Opportunities for climate financing mechanisms shared.
- Strengthened partnerships among climate centres, policymakers, and stakeholders.

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Moderator: President Board of ACMAD, PR WMO in Niger

Panelists: AUC, WMO, AfDB, GCF, UNDRR, Malawi Met. Dep., NORCAP and VITO

Time	Activities
09:30-09:45	Opening Remarks – ACMAD, AUC, and WMO representatives
09:45-09:50	Presentation of ACMAD Coordination mechanism and 2025-2027 strategic plan
09:50-10:00	Presentation of Success Stories of CREWS implementation in Malawi
10:00-10:40	Panel discussion: strengthening long term Partnership and climate financing solutions
10:40-10:55	Q&A and Audience Contributions
10:55-11:00	Closing Remarks and Call to Action

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