



CONCEPT NOTE

Continental RCC Knowledge-Sharing Workshop under ACCOF & S2S Climate Prediction Symposium

Theme: “*Strengthening Regional and Continental Climate Prediction and Co-Production Mechanisms in Africa*”

Kigali, Rwanda | 9–17 March 2026

1. Background

The African Continent, with abundant diverse ecosystems, rich cultural heritage, and relatively fast-growing populations, faces disproportionate burdens and risks arising from climate change-related weather events and patterns. These events cause massive humanitarian crises with detrimental impacts on agriculture and food security, education, energy, infrastructure, peace and security, public health, water resources, and overall socioeconomic development across the continent.

Between 1970 and 2019, Africa experienced 35% of weather, climate, and water-related deaths. Today, only 40% of the African population has access to early warning systems for weather, climate, and water extremes. Yet, the most recent IPCC report (AR6) projects that the frequency and intensity of such extremes will increase across Africa due to climate change, exacerbating the risks to livelihoods, ecosystems, and infrastructure due to high exposure and vulnerabilities across the continent. The increasing frequency and intensity of climate-related disasters have underscored the urgent need for effective early warning systems (EWS) and climate information services (CIS) to reduce disaster risks and build community resilience. Vulnerable populations often face limited access to actionable early warning information, especially at the last mile, where the impacts of disasters are most severe. Locally led, innovative approaches are essential to bridge this gap, enabling communities to better anticipate and respond to multi-hazard risks through impact-based forecasting.

Although African National Meteorological and Hydrological Services (NMHSs) provide weather and climate information, the quality, relevance, and delivery formats of this information often do not fully meet the needs of effective early warning. There is therefore a need to better define and specify user requirements for warning products and services to enhance community resilience through improved risk management. Once these needs are clearly identified, the corresponding products and services should be developed, validated, and operationalized to ensure they effectively support early warning and decision-making processes. Strengthening seamless prediction systems, from weather to sub-seasonal and seasonal timescales, is critical to improving preparedness and resilience. Seasonal climate outlooks are essential planning tools across Africa, where the climate is highly variable. Yet, despite their importance, these forecasts often fall short of their potential, particularly for those operating at the local level (e.g., small farm holder), where decisions are most sensitive to climatic variation.

Regional Climate Centers (RCCs), as well National Meteorological and Hydrological Services are facing challenges such as disconnect between science-based information and the actual decision-making process (i.e., how information is presented to users), existing gap between local climate action needs and the decision-making processes that govern the functioning of climate outlook forums and other relevant spaces for forecast generation and translation (i.e., what are the operational arrangements to ensure timely delivery). These challenges are met with limited operational capacity to downscale regional forecasts into nationally and locally relevant ones, including those variables that are most relevant to the decision maker.

Despite these limitations, substantial progress has been made across the continent. Regularly, the RCCs across the continent provides seasonal forecasts through the Regional Climate Outlook Forums (RCOFs) such as GHACOF (Greater Horn for Africa), MedCOF (North Africa), PRESAC (Central Africa), PRESAGG (Gulf of Guinea countries), PRESASS (Sahelian countries), SARCOF (Southern Africa), SWIOCOF (Southwestern Indian Ocean countries). While these forums play a critical role in delivering seasonal climate outlooks, the current systems face weaknesses including inconsistencies in methodology, uneven technical capacity, limited observational data, weak cross-regional integration and learnings, communication gaps, limited verification practices, and over dependence on external support (e.g., models, products and tools and funding resources).

Therefore, to address these gaps, this calls for the need to harmonize tools and methods for generating climate outlooks across African RCCs. As such, this would then promote consistency, interoperability and comparability of forecasts, strengthen scientific credibility, enhance collaboration, improve user communication, and support sustainable, continent-wide climate service delivery.

Considering these challenges, within the framework of the Climate Services and Related Applications (ClimSA) Programme, the African Centre of Meteorological Applications for Development (ACMAD), African RCCs and their partners gears to establish the African Continental Climate Outlook Forum (ACCOF). The ACCOF is an initiative that ensures that there is continental climate services and improved capacity amongst WMO designated and developing RCCs to regionalize products from WMO Global Producing Centers (GPCs). It also facilitates the coordination, integration, and harmonization of methods, tools, and products to deliver more accurate continental and regional climate forecasts. Additionally, it serves as a platform for technical discussions, knowledge exchange on the latest advances in climate science and technology, and the strengthening of interregional collaboration across Africa.

In line of strengthening this mechanism, the African Centre of Meteorological Applications for Development (ACMAD) and IGAD Climate Prediction and Applications Centre (ICPAC), in partnership with the UK Met Office, are implementing activities under the Pan-African Seasonal Strengthening (PASS) Project of the WISER Africa Programme, funded by the United Kingdom's Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO). The WISER program aims to deliver transformation in the generation and use of co-produced weather and climate services to support decision making at local, national, and regional levels, building resilience on the impacts of climate change. The WISER-PASS project aims to strengthen the ability to produce and communicate seasonal information at regional, national and sub-national levels. The project seeks to work with designated WMO RCCs across Africa to improve the production, communication and delivery of the seasonal climate information. For ACMAD and ICPAC, the project will significantly enhance the existing system, by strengthening coordination, introducing shared digital infrastructure, and deepening collaboration across RCCs as well as NMHSs. It also aims to deliver improved and usable weather and climate products and services on various timescales (i.e. sub-seasonal to seasonal) anchored on principles of co-production and user engagement.

In line with the project objectives and synergizing their resources for broad outreach, ACMAD and ICPAC is planning to convene two back-to-back continental events in Kigali, Rwanda from 9 to 17 March 2026.

- **Continental RCC Knowledge-Sharing Workshop under the ACCOF Framework (9-13 March 2026):** The Knowledge-Sharing Workshop will bring together representatives from RCCs across Africa, National Meteorological and Hydrological Services (NMHSs), and regional and continental climate information users and stakeholders. It will focus on harmonizing RCC methodologies and strengthening collaboration, including the exchange of best practices in forecast calibration, bias correction, and downscaling, co-production and the establishment of an Inter-RCC Community of Practice to sustain peer learning and technical exchange.
- **Sub-seasonal to Seasonal (S2S) Climate Prediction Symposium (14-17 March 2026):** The S2S Symposium will focus on strengthening operational S2S prediction capacity by enhancing the skills, methodologies, and tools of forecasters and climate scientists from African RCCs and NMHSs to improve the accuracy, interpretation and application of S2S forecasts in decision making. The symposium will also promote awareness of S2S forecasting capabilities, available resources, impacts-based forecast development, and foster discussions on priorities, best practices, and harmonized implementation approaches.

These two events are further aimed at supporting harmonized continental seasonal outlook production under the ACCOF framework and aim to address gaps in methodological harmonization, S2S integration, co-production mechanisms, and sustained peer learning.

2. Aim and Objectives

The overall objective of the workshop is to enhance knowledge sharing platform and provide strategic direction for the adoption and implementation of sub-seasonal forecasting standards across Africa's RCC. The workshop and the symposium aim to enhance regional and continental collaboration, promote co-production of climate services, and strengthen operational capacity across sub-seasonal to seasonal timescales among African RCCs, NMHSs, and sectoral partners. The workshop will also provide a platform for the official launch of the Africa Climate and Health Desk at ACMAD.

- ❖ The specific objectives for the Continental RCC Knowledge-Sharing Workshop (09-13 March 2026) include the following:
 - Promote systematic knowledge sharing and harmonisation across African RCCs on seasonal forecasting methodologies (objective vs. consensus-based), NWP and AI-enabled weather forecasting approaches, climate monitoring and dissemination platforms, data governance, sharing, management systems, and user engagement, communication, and best dissemination practices.
 - Strengthen technical capacity through demonstration of operational seasonal forecasting workflows, including calibration, bias correction, downscaling approaches, probabilistic forecasting, and visualisation techniques.
 - Advance co-production of CIS by actively engaging regional and continental users and stakeholders to ensure services are user-centric, equitable, and directly supporting anticipatory action (AA).
 - Co-produce a draft Common Framework for harmonised forecasting and establish an inclusive Inter-RCC CoP with clear Terms of Reference (ToR), governance, and gender-balanced, youth/early-career membership.
 - Strengthen coordination under ACCOF through:
 - Review the Outcomes of ACCOFs 18 & 19
 - Analyze the current evolution of the key climate drivers evolution and their impacts at the continental level
 - Consensus Continental Climate Outlook Developed for AMJ-MJJ 2026 season.
 - Strengthen climate information co-production mechanisms across RCCs/ACCOF
 - Launch the African climate and health Desk

❖ The Specific Objectives for the S2S Climate Prediction Symposium (14-17 March 2026) include:

- Deepen collective understanding of sub-seasonal climate variability, sources of predictability, and their specific relevance to African climates and sectoral decision needs.
- Advance operational S2S forecasting capabilities by sharing best practice and promoting emerging tools, particularly AI/ML post-processing and bias correction techniques to improve forecast skill and local relevance.
- Improve understanding of sub-seasonal prediction capabilities and limitations, available global model outputs and forecast products
- Facilitate peer-to-peer learning and exchange of best practices among African Climate Informations producing centers
- Strengthen technical capacity for downscaling, calibration, and tailoring of sub-seasonal forecasts
- Strengthen integration of S2S products into seasonal forecasting workflows
- Discuss and identify the priorities, challenges, and next steps for operational implementation of sub-seasonal forecasts products

3. Expected Outputs/outcomes

The users of the climate information and their specific needs will be identified, leading to the following key outputs:

- Synthesised Continental Knowledge Base: Systematically identify and document best practices and technical strengths across RCCs to create a practical, shared resource.
- Enhanced Technical Capacity: Significantly improve the skills of RCC and NMHS experts in seasonal forecasting methodologies, AI-enabled approaches, calibration, downscaling, verification, data governance, and user-centric communication tailored to local contexts.
- Institutionalised South-South Cooperation: Strengthen peer-to-peer learning among African RCCs and NMHSs, laying a firm foundation for sustained institutional collaboration and an inclusive Inter-RCC Community of Practice (CoP).
- Tailored S2S Workflows and Awareness: Advance collective understanding of sub-seasonal (S2S) variability, predictability sources, capabilities, and limitations to drive the development of operational S2S workflows tailored to regional and continental climates and sectoral needs.
- Enhanced the technical capacity to generate, interpret, and apply sub-seasonal forecasts at regional, national, and sub-national levels.
- Collaboration and Uptake: Strengthen collaboration between RCCs, NMHSs, to accelerate the translation of S2S information into actionable products for improved climate risk management, early warning, and anticipatory action.
- African Climate and health desk launched
- Harmonised Climate Services: Achieve improved consistency, comparability, and equity of climate services continent-wide through the establishment of a draft Common Framework and an open repository of tools.
- Sustained S2S Innovation: Accelerate the operationalisation of S2S guidance through an active Inter-RCC CoP, sustained by continuous engagement such as bi-monthly exchanges, joint webinars, and shared products.
- Identified priority actions and next steps for operational implementation of sub-seasonal forecasting in Africa.

4. Target Participants

- i) **RCCs Representatives:** technical experts and selected officials representing ACMAD, ICPAC, AGRHYMET, CAPC-AC, IOC, RCC North Africa, SADC-CSC.
- ii) **NMHSs Representatives:** One per RCCs. *Participants are requested to bring a personal laptop, with administrative rights, to fully participate in the practical sessions.*
- iii) **Regional UN Organizations and other Technical Partners:** Representatives of the relevant UN Organizations in Africa: (WFP, WHO-AFRO, WMO-RoA, WFP, IFRC, ARC, NORCAP, CLIM-HEALTH AFRICA, AUC, GHHIN, MSF, UK Met Office, Universities Representatives).
- iv) **Other Regional Stakeholders:** Representatives of the following critical organizations: (ANBO, NBI, PAFO, AUC, ECCAS, SADC & IGAD Sit Rooms).
- v) **Selected National Stakeholders (End Users):** Representatives from key sectors: agriculture and disaster risk management, water resources management, health etc. from host country-Rwanda.

5. Date and Venue

These events will be held between March 09th to 17th, 2026 at Hotel Des Milles Collines in Kigali, Rwanda. The event will be hosted by the Rwanda Meteorological Agency (RMA).

6. Organizational Arrangement

The organization of these series of events and the related logistical arrangements will be coordinated ACMAD and ICPAC, with the kind assistance of RMA, and it is financial supports by the Pan-African Seasonal Strengthening (PASS) Project of the WISER Africa Programme, funded by the United Kingdom's Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO).

7. Draft Agenda

CONTINENTAL RCC KNOWLEDGE-SHARING WORKSHOP

09 – 13 March 2026 | Kigali, Rwanda

Time (CAT)	Session Title	Presenter / Facilitator	Moderator
DAY 1 Monday, 09 March 2026			
<i>Opening Session</i>			
08:30 – 09:00	Registration and Welcome Coffee	Meteo Rwanda	ICPAC/ACMAD
09:00 – 09:30	Official Opening Ceremony and Welcome Remarks	DG, ICPAC ACMAD Meteo Rwanda	ICPAC/ACMAD
09:30 – 9:50	Overview of Workshop Objectives, Expected Outputs, and Agenda	ICPAC and ACMAD Workshop Coordinators	ICPAC/ACMAD
09:50 – 10:10	Project Overview, WISER PASS-EA, WISER PASS-ACMAD, and AGRA	ICPAC and ACMAD	ICPAC/ACMAD
10:00 – 10:30	Keynote: State of African RCC Network and Vision for Harmonised Climate Services	DG ACMAD WMO	ICPAC/ACMAD
<i>Coffee Break 10:30 – 11:00</i>			

Time (CAT)	Session Title	Presenter / Facilitator	Moderator
<i>Thematic Block 1: Knowledge Sharing: Seasonal Forecasting Methodologies</i>			
11:00 – 11:25	ACMAD Seasonal Forecasting Methodologies: Objective vs. Consensus-Based Approaches	ACMAD	AGRHYMET
11:25 – 11:50	CAPC-AC Medium-Range to Seasonal Forecasting and Forecast Harmonization	Central Africa RCC (CAPC-AC)	
11:50 – 12:15	SADC-CSC Seasonal Forecasting Methodologies: Objective vs. Consensus-Based Approaches	South Africa RCC (SADC-CSC)	
12:15 – 12:45	SWIO Seasonal Forecasting Methodologies: Objective vs. Consensus-Based Approaches	South-West Indian Ocean RCC	
12:45 – 13:00	ACMAD, CAPC-AC, SADC-CSC, and SWIO	Q & A	
<i>Lunch Break 13:00 – 14:00</i>			
14:00 – 14:25	ICPAC Objective Seasonal Forecasting Methodologies: Regression, PyCPT, and Logistic Regression based Calibration.	East Africa RCC (ICPAC)	ACMAD
14:25 – 14:50	North Africa RCC Seasonal Forecasting Methodologies: Objective vs. Consensus-Based Approaches	North Africa RCC (NorthernRCC)	
14:50 – 15:15	AGRHYMET Seasonal Forecasting Methodologies: Objective vs. Consensus-Based Approaches	West Africa RCC (AGRHYMET)	

Time (CAT)	Session Title	Presenter / Facilitator	Moderator
15:15 – 15:30	ICPAC, North Africa RCC, and AGRHYMET	Q & A	
<i>Coffee Break 15:30 – 16:00</i>			
16:00 – 16:45	Panel Discussion: Harmonising Operational Seasonal Forecasting Methodologies Across African RCCs	All RCC Representatives	ICPAC
16:45 – 17:00	Key Takeaways – Thematic Block 1 Day 1 Wrap-up, Action Points and Logistics	ICPAC and ACMAD Workshop Coordinators	
DAY 2 Tuesday, 10 March 2026			
<i>Thematic Block 2: Knowledge Sharing: Short to Medium-Range Forecasting Approaches</i>			
09:00 – 10:30	NWP and GCM based weather and Climate Products and Services (e.g., onset, weekly, HW, TC, and ... forecasts)	ICPAC, ACMAD, NorthernRCC Q & A	CAPC-AC
<i>Coffee Break 10:30 – 11:00</i>			
11:00 – 12:30	NWP and GCM based weather and Climate Products and Services (e.g., onset, weekly, HW, TC, and ... forecasts)	AGRHYMET, SADC-CSC, CAPC-AC, SWIO Q & A	NorthernRCC
12:30 – 13:00	Panel Discussion: Harmonising Operational NWP based weather Forecasting Methodologies Across African RCCs	All RCC Representatives	AGRHYMET

Time (CAT)	Session Title	Presenter / Facilitator	Moderator
<i>Lunch Break 13:00 – 14:00</i>			
14:00 – 15:00	AI/ML Applications in Post-Processing and Forecast Skill Enhancement	NMHSs, ICPAC, ACMAD, Northern RCC, Q & A	SWIO
15:00 – 16:00	AI/ML Applications in Post-Processing and Forecast Skill Enhancement	NMHSs, AGRHYMET, SADC-CSC, CAPC-AC, SWIO, Q & A	SADC-CSC
<i>Coffee Break 16:00 – 16:30</i>			
16:30 – 17:00	Panel Discussion: Harmonising AI/ML Applications Across African RCCs, and Day 2 Wrap-up	All RCC and NMHSs Representatives	ACMAD
DAY 3 Wednesday, 11 March 2026			
<i>Thematic Block 3: Knowledge Sharing: Monitoring Platforms, Data Sharing, Operational Seasonal Forecasting Workflow and Procedures</i>			
09:00 – 10:30	Climate Monitoring Forecasting Platforms and Dissemination Systems	All RCC (10 Minutes each) Q & A	ICPAC
<i>Coffee Break 10:30 – 11:00</i>			

Time (CAT)	Session Title	Presenter / Facilitator	Moderator
11:00 – 12:30	Data Sharing, Governance Framework, and management systems: Standards, Equity and Best Practices	All RCC (10 Minutes each) Q & A	SADC-CSC
12:30– 13:00	Panel Discussion Climate Monitoring and Dissemination Platforms and Data Sharing Across African RCCs	All RCC Representatives	AGRHYMET
Lunch Break 13:00 – 14:00			
14:00 – 14:45	Demonstration: Operational Seasonal Forecasting Workflows – Downloading data form data store	All RCC (10 Minutes each) Q & A	CAPC-AC
Coffee Break 15:30 – 16:00			
14:45 – 15:30	Demonstration: Operational Seasonal Forecasting Workflows – Calibration, Bias Correction and Downscaling, Probabilistic Seasonal Forecasting and Visualisation Techniques	All RCC (10 Minutes each) Q & A	SWIO
15:30 – 16:15	Panel Discussion: Harmonising Seasonal Forecasting Bias Correction and Downscaling Across African RCCs	All RCC Representatives	ACMAD
16:15 – 17:00	Panel Discussion: Establishing the Inter-RCC Community of Practice (CoP): Rationale, Structure and Governance	All RCC Representatives	AGRHYMET
17:00 – 18:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - CoP TOR, Action Points, and Commitments; - Roadmap for Inter-RCC CoP: Bi-Monthly Exchanges, Joint - Webinars and Shared Products, and Day 3 Wrap-up - Summary documents, the best practices in producing operational practices, Building synergy, 	All RCC Representatives Rapporteur Team	ACMAD and ICPAC

Time (CAT)	Session Title	Presenter / Facilitator	Moderator
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DAY 4 Thursday, 12 March 2026			
<i>Thematic Block 4: Knowledge Sharing: Dissemination Platforms and User Engagement</i>			
09:00 – 09:30	Welcome Remarks for Users Participants	ACMAD and ICPAC	ICPAC
09:30 – 10:30	User Engagement, Communication and Dissemination Practices Across RCCs	All RCC except ICPAC (10 Minutes each) Q & A	NorthernRCC
<i>Coffee Break 10:30 – 11:00</i>			
10:30 – 11:45	User Engagement, Communication Best Practices Across RCCs	ICPAC – User Engagement Expert	ICPAC
11:45 – 13:00	Panel Discussion: Harmonising User Engagement, Communication and Dissemination Across African RCCs,	All RCC Representatives	
<i>Lunch Break 13:00 – 14:00</i>			
14:00 – 15:15	ACCOF-20 (Performance of the October 2025 to January 2026 Precipitation Forecast and Assessment of Climatic Conditions and their Impacts during OND, NDJ, DJF 2025-26)	All RCC Representatives	AGRHYMET

Time (CAT)	Session Title	Presenter / Facilitator	Moderator
15:15 – 16:00	ACCOF-20 (Presentation of the Consensus Outlook and Discussion)	All RCC Representatives	AGRHYMET
<i>Coffee Break 16:00 – 16:30</i>			
16:30 – 17:30	Discussion on ToRs and Rule of Procedure of the ACCOF	ACMAD	ICPAC
17:30 – 17:45	Day 4 Wrap-up and Logistics Informations	ACMAD	ICPAC
DAY 5 Friday, 13 March 2026			
<i>Thematic Block 5: RCC Knowledge-Sharing: Co-production of Climate Information Services with Users</i>			
09:00 – 10:30	<p>Special Focus on Climate Information Services for Health Sector / Launch of the African Climate and health Desk</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Keynote presentation: Climate Change and Health in Africa (<i>Overview of climate-sensitive health risks, continental vulnerability, and need for early warning systems</i>) by Africa CDC - Africa Climate and Health Desk (<i>mission, strategic objectives</i>) by ACMAD - Global Perspective and Partnerships (<i>GHHIN & WHO-WMO Joint Programme</i>) by WMO - Interactive Session: Q&A and Stakeholder Need Assessment by All 	ACMAD/ ICPAC	ACMAD
<i>Coffee Break 10:30 – 11:00</i>			

Time (CAT)	Session Title	Presenter / Facilitator	Moderator
11:00 – 11:30	User Needs Assessment: Regional and Continental Stakeholders (Agriculture, DRM, Health, Water, Energy)	ICPAC – User Engagement Expert (IUEE)	SADC-CSC
11:30 – 13:00	Co-production Workshop: Collaborating with users to produce relevant and actionable products.	ICPAC / ACMAD Facilitators	AGRHYMET
<i>Lunch Break 13:00 – 14:00</i>			
14:00 – 14:30	Sector Presentations and Media Plan based on co-production	ICPAC / ACMAD Facilitators	AGRHYMET
14:30 – 15:30	Working Groups: Drafting a Common Framework for Harmonised RCC Forecasting	Working Group Rapporteurs	ACMAD and ICPAC
15:30 – 16:00	Working Group Presentations and Consolidated Feedback	All Groups	IUEE
16:00 – 16:30	Open Discussion: Challenges, Innovations and Next Steps	All Participants	ACMAD and ICPAC
16:30 – 17:00	Closing Remarks RCC Knowledge-Sharing Workshop	DG, ICPAC ACMAD Meteo Rwanda	ACMAD and ICPAC

Sub- Seasonal to Seasonal Climate Prediction WORKSHOP

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Time (CAT)	Session Title	Presenter / Facilitator	Moderator
DAY 1 Saturday, 14 March 2026			
<i>Opening Session</i>			
08:30 – 09:00	Registration and Welcome Coffee	Meteo Rwanda	ICPAC/ACMAD
09:00 – 09:30	Official Opening Ceremony and Welcome Remarks	DG, ICPAC ACMAD Meteo Rwanda	DG Meteo Rwanda
09:30 – 9:50	Overview of Workshop Objectives, Expected Outputs, and Agenda	TBD	
09:50 – 10:00	Global S2S forecasting infrastructure / WMO coordination mechanisms and data platforms	WMO	
10:00 – 10:30	Keynote: Sub-Seasonal Forecasting for Climate Information Services	Dr Simon Mason	
<i>Coffee Break 10:30 – 11:00</i>			
<i>Thematic Block 1: Scientific Foundations of Sub-Seasonal Predictability, Global Forecasting Systems and Data Access</i>			
11:00 – 11:25	Sources of predictability at sub-seasonal timescales		TBD
11:25 – 11:50	Advances in S2S research and modelling	Univ Representatives	

Time (CAT)	Session Title	Presenter / Facilitator	Moderator
11:50 – 12:15	Research gaps and opportunities for African forecasting systems	Univ Representatives	
12:15 – 12:45	S2S Global Forecasting Systems and Data Access: Extended-range forecasting system; Ensemble forecasts and products for Africa	ECMWF (Dr. Joshua Talib)	
12:45 – 13:00	Questions & Answers		
<i>Lunch Break 13:00 – 14:00</i>			
<i>Thematic Block 2: S2S experiences from African RCCs and NMHSs</i>			
14:00 – 15:30	S2S regional experiences sharing from African RCCs: <i>Current Capacities, Operational Challenges</i>	All RCC (15 Minutes each)	TBD
<i>Coffee Break 15:30 – 16:00</i>			
16:00 – 17:00	S2S regional experiences sharing from African NMHSs: <i>Current Capacities, Operational Challenges</i>	All NMHSs (10 Minutes each)	TBD
17:00 – 17:15	Day 1 Wrap-up	All Participants	
DAY 2 Monday, 16 March 2026			
<i>Thematic Block 3: Tools, Methods and Capacity Development (Day Dedicated to Dr Mason)</i>			
09:00 – 10:30			
<i>Coffee Break 10:30 – 11:00</i>			
11:00 – 12:30			

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12:30 – 13:00			
<i>Lunch Break 13:00 – 14:00</i>			
14:00 – 15:00			
15:00 – 16:00			
<i>Coffee Break 16:00 – 16:30</i>			
16:30 – 17:00			
DAY 3 Tuesday, 17 March 2026			
<i>Thematic Block 4: Innovations, Collaboration, Implementation and Action planning</i>			
09:00 – 09:20	Recap of Day 02		
09:00 – 10:30	AI/ML Applications in S2S Forecasting System: Global and RCCs Perspectives	ECMWF (Dr. Joshua) RCCs (ACMAD, ICPAC, ...)	WMO
<i>Coffee Break 10:30 – 11:00</i>			
11:00 – 12:00	Breakout Groups: Challenges and Priorities for S2S Implementation		
12:00 – 13:00	Breakout Groups: Developing a Roadmap for Operational S2S Forecasting in Africa		

Time (CAT)	Session Title	Presenter / Facilitator	Moderator
<i>Lunch Break 13:00 - 14:00</i>			
14:00 - 15:30	Presentation of Group Outcomes		
<i>Coffee Break 15:30 - 16:00</i>			
16:00 - 16:20	Closing Remarks S2S Workshop	DG, ICPAC ACMAD Meteo Rwanda	ACMAD and ICPAC