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REGIONAL CLIMATE OUTLOOK IN CENTRAL AFRICA

DATE: 04 MARCH – 08 MARCH 2024

VENUE: ONLINE

THEME: « Climate service for early warning and early action in Central Africa »

PRE COF PROGRAM

This initiative aims to accelerate and expand climate forecasting capacity therefore strengthening climate teams in NMHSs. The goal is to empower National Meteorological and Hydrological Services to generate national climate services and organize National Climate Outlook Forums (NCOFs).

Participants are invited to take part in the online training using the following Zoom link information:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87125711959?pwd=YkRPYmg0THp2djRvTFpRTFuQ0pkUT09>

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Day 1: March 04, 2024	
Time	Activity
08h30-09h00	Registration
SESSION 0: OFFICIAL OPENING CEREMONY and SETTING THE STAGE	
09h00-09h30	Official opening ceremony of the forum Opening remarks of the Representative of DG ACMAD Opening remarks by the representative of ECCAS Opening Statement by AUC Representative
09h30-10h15	Current State of Climate over Centrale Africa Countries - State of ocean: observed and projected -ENSO Status, equatorial Atlantic, - Precipitation anomalies (last 90, 30, 10, 7 days) - Evolution of ITF, - State of Onset of Agricultural Season in Centrale Africa
10h15-10h45	Coffee-Break
SESSION I: Review and Performance Assessment of the MAM, AMJ 2023 Seasonal Forecast	
10h00-11h30	Performance of National and Regional Forecasts
	Assessment of past and present regional and global climatic conditions
	Introduction to the new methods and tools for seasonal performance assessment
SESSION II: Generation of the Seasonal Forecast: Methods, Tools and Data	
11h30-12h00	Method and tools: Introduction to the ACMAD's 9-Steps Approach for Seasonal Forecasting
12h00-13h00	Status of global climate drivers and their likely impacts over Centrale Africa region; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identifying Analog years Analysis of cumulative daily precipitation by station
Lunch Break	
SESSION II: Generation of the Seasonal Forecast: Methods, Tools and Data (Ctd)	



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14h30-17h30	Analysis of climate variability and trends for target seasons <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Identifying similar years selection of dry and wet years by station</i> • <i>Overall SST composite analysis for dry and wet years</i> • <i>Composite analysis of dry and wet year precipitation by country</i>
17h00-17h30	Coffee Break and End of Day 1
Day 2: March 05, 2024	
SESSION III: Introduction of tools and Applications for Climate Service	
08h30-10h30	Digital Applications for Climate Services (CLIMTAG, MyDewetra, Mukau)
10h30-11h00	Coffee-Break
SESSION II: Generation of the Seasonal Forecast: Methods, Tools and Data (Cntd)	
11h00-13h00	Statistical Downscaling for Seasonal Forecasting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Data preparation for statistical</i> • <i>Generation and analysis of statistical forecast using CPT</i>
13h00-14h30	Lunch Break
14h30-16h00	Statistical Downscaling for Seasonal Forecasting (Cntd)
16h00-17h30	Analysis of LRF products from GPCs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Single model analysis</i> • <i>Multi Model / ensemble analysis</i>
17h30-18h00	Coffee Break and End of Day 2
Day 3: March 06, 2024	
08h30-10h00	Production of national seasonal forecast and regional consensus forecast <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Forecasts by country and region</i> • <i>Discussion and consolidation of the regional consensus forecast</i>
10h00-10h30	Coffee-Break
10h30-13h00	Plenary session: Climate-Agro-Hydro experts discussion
13h00-14h30	Lunch Break
14h30-15h30	Forecasts Finalization
15h30-17h30	Drafting the statements
17h30-18h00	Coffee Break and End of Day 3



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