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OF THE ClimSA ACTION**

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STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF DECISIONS AND
RECOMMENDATIONS OF ACSC-3**



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This document covers the period from April 2023 to March 2024. It contains **status of implementation of the third ACMAD Continental Steering Committee (ACSC-3) for ClimSA.**

Status of implementation of the second ACSC decisions and recommendations

DECISIONS	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION	REMARKS
1.. Given the urgent necessity to impact the last mile, ACMAD to request a focal point in each country and consider organizing virtual or physical events on a regular basis to exchange on training and capacity development, communication and visibility at country level on methods, tools and products.	Done	Letter and responses with country focal points contacts are collected (24 countries have designated focal points). The African continental Climate Outlook is regularly organised for exchanges, harmonization of methods, tools and products. Ad hoc Briefings and debriefings associated with weather disasters are organized with impacted countries (collaboration with AMHEWAS)
2. Following exchanges and discussions supporting future improvements, the CSC-2 adopted the report.	Done.	
3. The CSC-2 adopted the work plan and budget for year 2 with amendments.	Done	





RECOMMENDATIONS	STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION	REMARKS
1. To improve the methodology to establish the UIPs. The CSC-3 recommended including the perception of opportunities in addition to risks in the process of understanding the user needs.	Done	An update of the template with additional questions for survey during UIP consultation workshops is provided. The upcoming Consultations will document perception of opportunities in addition to risks for each sector.
2. To harmonize the assessment of the impact across sectors, the CSC-3 recommended exploring an integrated definition of the impacts useful across sectors.	ongoing	Losses and damages are documented by DRR institutions and constitute a reference of impact information. Other definitions of impact within the Climate Change community involves indices of exposure, fragility and adaptive capacity. Many variables difficult to collect and structure are required to compute indicators. Therefore, losses and damage recorded are used to define impacts.
3.To expand training in more countries across Africa, the CSC encouraged AUC and ACMAD to consider funding for capacity building in and outside the ClimSA programme.	Done	With support from EU through JRC, ClimSA and FOCUS -Africa , ACMAD and partners organized training on drought monitoring, a workshop on climate services for agriculture with CLIMTAG was organized funded by Belgium Development Cooperation, Italian development cooperation and UNDRR supported trainings on generation of watches, vigilance, advisories, HYDROMET programme has funded on the job trainings on nowcasting and forecasting .





<p>4. To operationalize the climate and agriculture user interface platform, the CSC fully supported formulation and signature of an MOU between ACMAD and Pan African Farmers Organizations (PAFO)</p>	<p>ongoing</p>	<p>Following development of tools (CLIMTAG, MyDEWETRA, Webportal) and products for update of Agriculture calendar, a second UIP agriculture consultation is planned during year 4 to formalize through an MoU the exchange of climate information to update agriculture calendars Africa wide. This is a step forward towards a business model for the sector.</p>
<p>5. To further strengthen the visibility of ClimSA services in the scientific communities, the CSC encouraged the ClimSA team to consider writing and making scientific peer-review publications, organisation of scientific conferences and more involvement in the WMO research programme working groups.</p>	<p>ongoing</p>	<p>The ClimSA forum planned in the Caribbean will be an opportunity to share findings including new developments and writing a paper on climate services for resilient agriculture sector in Africa, ACMAD is member of the Tropical Meteorology Research Programme's monsoon and Tropical cyclone working group. The AU/ClimSA technical expert group has been established and a peer review mechanism set up to support quality services development.</p>
<p>6. Recognizing the expertise of ACMAD in establishing the UIPs using WMO guidelines, the CSC encouraged the team to support regions and pilot countries for the acceleration of the establishment of their UIPs.</p>	<p>ongoing</p>	<p>ACMAD organized or attended sessions on establishment or operationalization of User interface Platforms during RCOFs (PRESAGG, PRESASS, PRESAC, SARCOF), the centre formulated proposals and seeks financial support for consultations towards establishment of UIPs at national level, Collaboration with WMO funded by ClimSA is accelerating establishment of UIP in the ECCAS/ ClimSA pilot country (the first consultation is planned for July 2024)</p>

