

NINETH AFRICAN CONTINENTAL CLIMATE OUTLOOK FORUM (ACCOF-09):

A Mechanism to provide Continental Climate outlook Services and improve coordination on data, methods, tools, products and services for all Regional Economic Communities in Africa

**“CLIMATE SERVICES FOR EARLY WARNING AND EARLY ACTION”
05 October 2022 - 10h00 to 10h 50 (GMT+1)**

CONCEPT NOTE

BACKGROUND

The African Centre for Meteorological Applications and Development (ACMAD) as a WMO Regional Climate Centre (RCC) for Africa is organizing as part of its RCC Long range Forecasting and coordination functions the Ninth Africa Continental Climate Outlook Forum (ACCOF-09). This initiative is to ensure that there is continental climate services and improved capacity amongst WMO designated and developing RCCs to regionalize products from WMO Global Producing Centres (GPCs). It also provides a platform for technical discussions and exchanges on latest advances in climate science and technology, interregional interactions, review and verification of the seasonal climate outlook for the past three months period across the continent and ultimately produce a continental consensus climate outlook for the upcoming four months period (ONDJ 2022/23).

OBJECTIVES OF THE ACCOF MEETING

The ACCOF aims at improving the contribution of RCCs to early warning and disaster preparedness, taking into account information on global climate drivers such as the El Niño Southern Oscillation (ENSO) Indian Ocean Dipole (IOD), Atlantic Dipole, Benguela Niño, Sub-tropical Indian Ocean Dipole (SIOD), North Atlantic Oscillation (NAO) amongst others.

The specific objectives of the meeting are to:

- Review and verify forecasts for MJJA 2022 climate season
- Discuss drivers of OND 2022, NDJ 2022/23 and ONDJ 2022/23 climate across the continent and develop continental consensus climate forecast for the ONDJ 2022/23 season;

PARTICIPANTS FOR THE ACCOF

Participants for the ACCOF will include climate experts and scientists from the designated and developing Regional Climate Centres (RCCs), RCC-Networks within the African Continent:

RCC / RCC Network Name	Status
AGRHYMET	Proposed RCC
ACPC-AC	Proposed RCC
ICPAC	Designated RCC
SADC-CSC	Proposed RCC
Meteo France La Reunion	(Proposed SWIO-RCC NETWORK)
Meteo Maroc	(Lead RCC-NETWORK for North Africa)

Officers from National Meteorological and Hydrological Services are also expected to participate in the ACCOF meetings for direct interaction with the continental and regional climate experts and share experiences and feedback on both continental and regional climate outlooks and tools.

EXPECTED KEY RESULTS

- Continental and Regional MJJA 2022 seasonal forecasts reviewed and verified
- ONDJ 2022/23 climate drivers across the continent discussed and a Continental Consensus Climate Outlook for OND, NDJ 2022/23 and ONDJ 2022/23 produced
- Sectors potential hazards, risk events and impacts/consequences for ONDJ 2022 outlook identified and user feedback on the use of MJJA 2022 outlook documented

MEETING FORMAT

The ACCOF is a collaborative effort between ACMAD and RCCs together with AUC, UNECA, WMO and International Cooperating Partners (ICPs) such as the European Union, and Global Producing Centres (GPCs). The meeting will be conducted virtually as follows:

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The meeting will run for an estimated 1-hour from 1000 hours West African Time (9AM GMT).

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