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INTRA-ACP CLIMATE SERVICES AND RELATED APPLICATIONS PROGRAMME

REGIONAL SEASONAL CLIMATE OUTLOOK FORUM OVER CENTRAL AFRICA

DATE : 10th to 14th October 2022

VENUE : ONLINE

Thème: « Climate Service for Early Warning and Rapid Action and Response »

ANNOUNCEMENT & CALL FOR PARTICIPATION

1. INTRODUCTION

The Regional Climate Outlook Forum (RCOF) is a platform that brings together climate experts, media and stakeholders from sectors sensitive to climate impacts to analyze national, regional and global climate information, produce and exchange seasonal forecasts to ensure resilience to climate variability and change including disasters in Central Africa. Through exchanges and interactions with users and sectoral actors, the forum assesses the implications of climate outlook on socio-economic sectors (e.g. agriculture, water and disaster management, etc.) and explores the possible uses of climate forecast information.

The forum strengthens links and networks between climate service providers and stakeholders in user sectors. It is also a mechanism to accelerate the training of Meteorological Service officers and users on the climate service value chain and exchange on reforms to support good governance and ensure quality of climate services in the region.

The forum constitutes an authentic and reliable source for quality climate information for the region, developed on the basis of regional and local needs and the available capacities. Users in the region from the humanitarian sector in particular are increasingly becoming stakeholders of the forum contributing to the planning, organization, resourcing of the sessions, the review of the process thus ensuring innovation, sustainability and better applications to meet the needs of decision and policy-makers.

The ECCAS Climate Prediction and Applications Centre (ECPAC), within the framework of the »Climate Services and Applications program (ClimSA) with the support and coordination of the African Centre for Meteorological Applications for Development (ACMAD) in collaboration with the World Meteorological Organization (WMO), the National Meteorological and Hydrological Services (NMHSs) and other partners, organizes the fifteenth seasonal climate forecasting forum in Central Africa (**PRESAC-16**).

The forum is also organized to facilitate the implementation of the strategy of the Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS) for disaster management and adaptation to climate change which includes the production and integration of better climate information in national and regional early warning systems.

The PRESAC-16 will take place **from 10th to 14th October 2022** on the theme: « **Climate service for Early Warning for Early Action and Response** ».

The Forum is also part of the preparatory activities for the demonstration phase on the institutional and operational capacities to full fill the mandatory functions of Regional Climate Centre of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) by the ECPAC and constitutes a contribution to the implementation of the Global Framework for Climate Services by developing, disseminating and facilitating the use of climate forecasts products and services.



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The **PRESAC-16** is organized with financial support from the European Development Fund through a contribution agreement to the African Union to implement the ClimSA Program in Africa.

2. PROGRAMME

The information for water, health and disaster risk management, climate resilient agriculture and food security are identified priority needs for the Centrale Africa Region, the forum will contribute to meet these needs through a programme including two components:

- A **pre-forum online** from **10th to 14th October 2022** dedicated to regional and international experts to assess the performance of forecasting systems, apply the objective approach to produce the seasonal forecast including interpretation of statistical and dynamical forecast products available, develop a consensus statement on the climate outlook for the region, discuss the forecast applications for decision-making for adaptation and resilience in climate-sensitive sectors;
- A Face to face forum from later dedicated to dialogue with sectoral users on the interpretation and use of consensus seasonal forecasts, constraints for uses, experiences and lessons learned on applications, development of national forecasts and organization of climate forums at national and local level;

3. OBJECTIVES

The forum PRESAC-16 aims to:

- Produce and disseminate seasonal climate forecasts for the countries and the sub-region valid from October to January (OND & NDJ) 2022/2023, hazards and potential impacts as well as the measures proposed to the water, health, disaster risks and agriculture stakeholders in the region to build resilience;
- Adapt meteorological and climate products to users' needs;
- Share lessons learned and experiences from the use of climate information during the previous MAM and AMJ 2022 season;
- Identify gaps and areas for improvement in the interaction between RCCs, National Meteorological Services, Disaster Risk Managers and Humanitarian Agencies;
- Consolidate the dissemination of the products of the early warning system (seasonal forecast and medium and short-term weather forecast), monitoring and evaluation;
- Discuss with stakeholders in health, water, risk and agriculture management participating in the forum on hazards, potential impacts, updating contingency plans and their implementation.

4. OUTPUTS/OUTCOMES

- A seasonal forecast and a summary note of the specific risks and actions to be taken for the socio-economic sectors in the Central Africa region for the 2022/2023 OND/NDJ season are produced;
- Climate forecast products are adapted to user needs for more efficient, targeted and amplified use;
- Collaboration between Disaster Risk Management Agencies, Humanitarian Agencies and National Meteorological Services and User interface platforms strengthened;
- Experiences, lessons learned and best practices in early warning-early actions in the region are shared;



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- The dissemination, understanding and use of seasonal forecasts and meteorological products by Experts from DRM agencies and other sectors is improved;
- Climate and user sector experts trained.

5. PARTICIPATION

The forum will bring together climate experts from National Meteorological and Hydrological Services, regional centres, universities and research centers, Directors of NMHSs and Permanent Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction focal points, donors, and NGOs are also expected. Media and users of climate information and services in the areas of disaster risk management and water, health, agriculture and food security, hydropower production and distribution are expected.

The forum will bring together key climate actors from the region, working to develop climate services for sustainable development. The Representatives of WMO, African Union Commission, regional and international organizations involved in climate prediction and its applications. It also provides individuals and organizations or humanitarians with the opportunity to present innovations to adapt and mitigate the effects of climate change. The media and users of climate information and services in socio-economic sectors will participate in forum.

To participate, please complete the form below and send it by email to: semingar.ngaryamngaye@ceeac-eccaso.org, semingarn@yahoo.fr, alphonsekanga2012@gmail.com with copy to the secretariat of the 'ACMAD email: dgacmad@acmad.org no later than 10th October 2022.



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