



ANNOUNCEMENT

The 66th Greater Horn of Africa Climate Outlook Forum (GHACOF 66) for the March to May 2024 rainfall season: 20 - 21 February 2024

1. INTRODUCTION

IGAD Climate Prediction and Applications Centre (ICPAC), in collaboration with partners, is organizing the 66th Greater Horn of Africa Climate Outlook Forum (GHACOF 66) for the March to May 2024 season on **20 – 21 February 2024 in Kampala, Uganda**.

The forum will be held in a hybrid format (both in person and virtually) and within the framework of IGAD's Regional Strategy for Mainstreaming Climate Services in Key Socio-Economic Sectors for Sustainable Development.

The theme of the forum will be: "**Early Warning for Anticipatory Action**".

The forum will bring together climate scientists, researchers, users from key socio-economic sectors, governmental and non-governmental organizations, development partners, decision-makers, media, and civil society stakeholders. It will be preceded by the climate prediction development workshop organized virtually from 12th to 16th February 2024 and by co-production virtual workshops with key sectors (agriculture, water and energy, health, livestock, media and disaster risk management) from 14-15 February 2024.

2. FORUM OBJECTIVES

The main objectives of the forum are to:

- Reflect on the performance and impacts of the October to December 2023 season.
- Present the consolidated objective regional climate outlook for the MAM 2024 season.
- Discuss the implications of the MAM 2024 climate forecast and management strategies.
- Provide a regional platform for interaction targeting decision-makers, climate scientists, research scientists, users of climate information, and development partners.
- To facilitate the exchange and dissemination of climate information, skills, and experiences among participants to enhance collective learning
- Release the outcomes of the forum and the GHACOF 66 statement.

3. STAKEHOLDERS AND PARTNERS

Key stakeholders include the National Meteorological and Hydrological Services (NMHSs) of Eastern Africa (Institut Géographique du Burundi, Agence Météorologique Nationale de Djibouti, Eritrea Meteorological Service, Ethiopia Meteorological Institute, Kenya Meteorological Department, Rwanda Meteorological Agency, South Sudan Meteorological Service, Sudan Meteorological Authority, Somalia Meteorological Service, Tanzania Meteorological Authority, and Uganda National Meteorological Authority) as well as partner organizations such as the World Meteorological Organization (WMO), the European Union, and the Organization of the Africa, Caribbean, and Pacific Group of States (OACPS).

4. WORKING LANGUAGE

The working language for the forum is English.

5. PARTICIPATION

Interested participants, especially from relevant socio-economic sectors, development partners, end-users of climate services, academia, researchers, climate information providers, and humanitarian agencies should register on the ICPAC website by 14th February 2024.

A link to the forum will be provided once registration has been completed.