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Increased likelihood of near normal rainfall over much of the GHA region

12 February 2019, ENTEBBE, Uganda: The 51st Greater Horn Of Africa Climate Outlook Forum (GHACOF 51) for March, April and May organized by the IGAD Climate Prediction and Applications Centre (ICPAC) in collaboration with the Uganda National Meteorological Agency (UNMA) and partners on “**Preparedness actions to climate related risks for safe and resilient communities**” closed today in Entebbe, Uganda. The forum brought together climate experts, decision makers, non-governmental organizations, civil society stakeholders, users of climate information and representatives of climate sensitive sectors such as Agriculture, Livestock and Food Security, Energy and Hydropower, Water Resources, Health and Public Safety, Disaster Management, Tourism and Wildlife, Settlement, Marine and Economic Planning, and the Media.

The regional consensus climate outlook for March, April, May (the MAM 2019) season indicates increased likelihood of near normal rainfall over much of the GHA region. Increased likelihood of wetter conditions is indicated over central and north-western Tanzania, Burundi, Rwanda, much of Uganda, western and northern Kenya, as well as southern and south-eastern Ethiopia. In the extreme southern Tanzania and central coastal parts of Somalia, the consensus indicates suppressed rainfall. There is also increased likelihood of warmer than normal mean temperatures over much of the GHA, while cooler to near normal temperatures are indicated over the central parts of GHA. The outlook also indicates earlier than normal start of the rains over most parts of the equatorial region. However, there is a high chance of earlier than normal withdrawal of rainfall over south-eastern Ethiopia, central and southern Somalia, and eastern Kenya, south-eastern Uganda, and northern Tanzania.

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Detailed reports with impacts and advisories for the following sectors will be released in the coming days:

- Agriculture and food security
- Livestock
- Water and Energy
- Conflict early warning
- Disaster risk management
- Health
- Media

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Note to the Editors

Global climate centres under the coordination of World Meteorological Organisation will continue to provide status of global climate including El Niño updates. ICPAC will also provide regional updates on regular basis while the National Meteorological and Hydrological Services (NMHSs) will provide detailed national and sub-national updates.

About ICPAC

ICPAC is the specialised IGAD institution which covers IGAD members' states plus Tanzania, Rwanda and Burundi. The mission of ICPAC is to foster climate services and knowledge to enhance community resilience for prosperity in the Greater Horn of Africa. ICPAC extends its services to four main sectors including water and Energy, agriculture and Food Security, health and disaster risk management.

The Fifty First Greater Horn of Africa Climate Outlook Forum (GHACOF51) was convened by ICPAC together with its participating NMHSs and sponsored by AfDB, World Bank and USAID; hosted by the Government of Uganda, to formulate a consensus regional climate outlook for the March and May 2019 rainfall season over the GHA region.

The GHA region comprises of Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan and Uganda including Rwanda, Tanzania and Burundi.