



The Seventy Second Greater Horn of Africa Climate Outlook Forum (GHACOF 72)  
 Theme: “**Advancing Climate Services for Resilient Communities and Sustainable Development  
 in the Greater Horn of Africa**”

Agenda

26- 27 January 2026

**DAY 1: CO-PRODUCTION AND ADVISORIES BY SECTORS**

Monday, January 26, 2026 (Hybrid event)

Time	Activity	Moderator
<b>SESSION I</b>	<b>Introduction and Registration</b>	
8:00-8:10	Welcome and Introductions in the Chat Introduction to Zoom Events – Housekeeping	Moderator: <i>Eunice, Emebet</i>
8:10-9:30	Plenary session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>October-December 2025 Season climate Performance</b> – Herbert Misiani (7 min) Q &amp; A (5 min)</li> </ul> <b>Sectors Presentation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Disaster Risk Management (8 min)</li> <li>• Agriculture and Food Security (10 min)</li> <li>• Livestock and Rangelands (8 min)</li> <li>• Climate-Induced Conflict &amp; Displacement (7 min)</li> <li>• Water Resources and Energy (10 min)</li> <li>• Health (8 min)</li> <li>• Media (7 min)</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;">(58 min)</p> Discussion (10 min)	Moderator: <i>Dr Joshua Banak</i>  Rapporteur : <i>Vincent Okoth</i>
9:30-10:00	Keynote Address: <b>Advancing Climate Services for Resilient Communities and Sustainable Development in the Greater Horn of Africa</b> <i>Dr Zeynu Ummer, Director of the UNDP Resilience Hub for Africa (20 min)</i>  <i>Q&amp;A (10 min)</i>	Moderator: <i>Dr Aseminew Teshome</i>  Rapporteur: <i>Vincent Okoth</i>
10:00-10:15	Presentation: <b>Transforming Africa’s Agrifood Systems for a Changing Climate: AGRA’s role in resilience, sustainability, and equity</b> <i>Jonathan Said, Vice President CTE, AGRA</i>	
<b>SESSION II</b>	<b>Opening Ceremony</b>	
10:15- 10:45	<b>Moment of Silence in honour of the late John Pangech</b>  <b>Official Opening Ceremony for GHACOF 72</b> ( <i>Led by KMD-Mr. Edward Muriuki</i> )	Moderator: <i>KMD</i>  Rapporteur: <i>Rosa Sikudi</i>
<b>10:45-11:15</b>	<b>Tea Break</b>	

<b>SESSION III</b>	<b>State of the Climate: March to May (MAM) 2026 seasonal forecast</b>	Moderator: Wilbert Timiza
11:15-12:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Current state of global climate system:</b> <i>Stefan Lines and Natalia Wells UK Met Office/ (10min)</i></li> <li>○ <b>March to May (MAM) 2026 seasonal Outlook:</b> <b>Masilin Gudoshava</b> ICPAC (20 Min) Discussions (15 min)</li> </ul>	Rapporteur: Zachary Mwai
<b>SESSION IV:</b>	<b>Co-Planning ahead: March to May (MAM) 2026 seasonal advisories (Breakout Hybrid session)</b>	
12:00 -13:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Disaster Risk Management</li> <li>◆ Agriculture and Food Security</li> <li>◆ Livestock and Rangelands</li> <li>◆ Climate-Induced Conflict &amp; Displacement</li> <li>◆ Water Resources and Energy</li> <li>◆ Health</li> <li>◆ Media</li> <li>◆ Climate Change (Co-planning the implementation of NAPs and NDCs in the IGAD region)</li> </ul>	Moderator: <b>ICPAC Sector Heads</b>  Rapporteur: Each sector to appoint its rapporteur
<b>13:00-14:00</b>	<b>Lunch Break</b>	
<b>SESSION V:</b>	<b>Co-Planning ahead: March to May (MAM) 2026 seasonal advisories (Breakout Hybrid session) cont.</b>	
<b>14:00-15:30</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Disaster Risk Management</li> <li>◆ Agriculture and Food Security</li> <li>◆ Livestock and Rangelands</li> <li>◆ Climate-Induced Conflict &amp; Displacement</li> <li>◆ Water Resources and Energy</li> <li>◆ Health</li> <li>◆ Media</li> <li>◆ Climate Change (Co-planning the implementation of NAPs and NDCs in the IGAD region)</li> </ul>	Moderator: <b>ICPAC Sector Heads</b>  Rapporteur: Each sector to appoint its rapporteur
<b>SESSION VI</b>	<b>Co-Planning ahead: March to May (MAM) 2026 seasonal advisories (Breakout Hybrid session) cont.</b>	
<b>15:30-16:30</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Disaster Risk Management</li> <li>◆ Agriculture and Food Security</li> <li>◆ Livestock and Rangelands</li> <li>◆ Climate-Induced Conflict &amp; Displacement</li> <li>◆ Water Resources and Energy</li> <li>◆ Health</li> <li>◆ Media</li> <li>◆ Climate Change (Co-planning the implementation of NAPs and NDCs in the IGAD region)</li> </ul>	Moderator: <b>ICPAC Sector Heads</b>  Rapporteur: Each sector to appoint its rapporteur
<b>16:30 – 17:00</b>	<b>Tea Break</b>	
<b>END OF DAY ONE</b>		

**DAY 2: GHACOF 72 (Hybrid Event)**

**Tuesday January 27, 2026 (Hybrid event)**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Moderator</b>
<b>SESSION I</b>	<b>Introduction and Registration</b>	
8.00-8.20	Welcome and Introductions in the Chat Introduction to Zoom Events – RECAP	Moderator: Eunice, Emebet
<b>SESSION II</b>	<b>Partnerships/ Projects / Initiatives for Resilience Building</b>	
8.20-9.30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ DRESS-EA-Jully/Vincent</li> <li>○ CRAF'D -Nishadh Kalladath</li> <li>○ ACRIFI project-Masilin Gudoshava</li> <li>○ An overview of AGRA-ICPAC Project-Abebe Tadege</li> <li>○ Building Blue Economy Resilience and Prosperity in IGAD &amp; Horn of Africa (BE-PROSPER)" project- Dr Dejen Eshete/Eugene Kayijamahe <i>(50 min)</i></li> </ul> <p><i>Discussion (10 mins)</i></p>	Moderator: Raymond Kirungu  Rapporteur: Viola Kosgei
<b>SESSION III</b>	<b>Reporting back: Sector Cafe March to May (MAM) 2026 seasonal forecast implications</b>	
9:30- 11:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Disaster Risk Management</li> <li>◆ Agriculture and Food Security</li> <li>◆ Livestock and Rangelands</li> <li>◆ Water Resources and Energy</li> <li>◆ Health</li> <li>◆ Media</li> <li>◆ Climate Change (Co-planning the implementation of NAPs and NDCs in the IGAD region)</li> </ul> <p><i>Discussion (5min)</i></p>	<i>Moderator:</i> Winnie Khaemba  Rapporteur: Each sector to appoint its rapporteur
<b>11:00-11:20</b>	<b>Tea Break</b>	
<b>SESSION IV</b>	<b>Climate Services: Frontline Action Dialogue For Risks Management in the region</b>	
11:20-12:10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Integrating Children, Youth and education sector in climate services-Save the Children Organization- Wasihun Masresha/ Mary Chavula</li> <li>○ Integrating Climate in Health Emergencies- Mohamed Elduma/Waqa Boru</li> <li>○ Co-Creating Climate Solutions with the Youth- AGRA <i>(40 min)</i></li> <li>○ <b>Discussions (10 min)</b></li> </ul>	Moderator: Dr Hannah Rabbah  Rapporteur: Rosa Sikudi
<b>SESSION V:</b>	<b>Emerging Science and Applications</b>	
12:10 -13:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ How developing National Integrated Observations- Forecast Systems can build community resilience: Philip Ochieng KMD/Chris Funk, UCSB KMD <i>(10 min)</i></li> <li>○ Impact Based Forecast for Agriculture Sector Alex Ogelo <i>(10min)</i></li> <li>○ Progress on AA: thresholds and triggers system Anthony Mwanthi and Crimson Sikolia, ICPAC <i>(10min)</i></li> </ul> <p><i>(40 mins)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>Discussion (10mins)</i></li> </ul>	<i>Moderator:</i> Khadar Mohammed  <i>Rapporteur:</i> Kennedy Wekesa
	<b>Lunch Break</b>	

<b>SESSION VI:</b>	<b>Dialogue on advancing climate services for resilient communities and sustainable development in the Region</b>	
<b>14:00-15:00</b>	<p>Emerging Issues in Strengthening Adaptation and Resilience</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Regional Climate Adaption Framework: Experience and lessons learned for SADC-UCT-<i>Dr Lilian Kong'ani (15min)</i></li> <li>○ Update on Key Resolutions from COP 30 – <i>Dr Paulino Omay(15min)</i></li> <li>○ Boasting regional development through investment in the Renewable energy – <i>Dr Titike Bahaga (15min)</i></li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>(45 min)</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Discussion (15 min)</i></p>	<p>Moderator: <i>Dr Ibrahim Jama</i></p> <p>Rapporteur: Eunice</p>
<b>SESSION VII</b>	<b>Release of the Seasonal Forecast and Statement</b>	
<b>15:00-15:30</b>	<p>Official release of the 72<sup>nd</sup> Greater Horn of Africa Climate Outlook Forum (GHACOF 72) Seasonal outlook</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Remarks by ICPAC director, <i>Dr Abdi Fidar (10 min)</i></li> <li>○ Release of the MAM 2026 seasonal Climate Outlook and Official closing of the forum, Mr Edward Muriuki, Ag. Director KMD and Permanent Representative of Kenya with WMO (10 min)</li> </ul>	<p>Moderator: <b>Dr Richard Muita</b></p> <p>Rapporteur: Mark Owino</p>
<b>SESSION VIII</b>	<b>Press Brief</b>	
<b>16:30 – 17:00</b>	Press interviews and interaction with Media	
<b>TEA BREAK &amp; END OF DAY TWO</b>		