



The Seventy Third Greater Horn of Africa Climate Outlook Forum (GHACOF 73)

Theme: Climate Services for Resilience and Sustainable Development

Sub-theme: Enhancing Early Warning and Anticipatory Action for Climate Extremes in the Greater Horn of Africa

Agenda

18-19 May 2026

DAY 1: CO-PRODUCTION AND ADVISORIES BY SECTORS

Monday, January 18, 2026 (Hybrid event)

Time	Activity	Moderator
SESSION I	Introduction and Registration	
8:00-8:10	Welcome and Introductions in the Chat Introduction to Zoom Events – Housekeeping	Moderator: Eunice, Emebet
8:10-9:30	Plenary session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March-May 2026 Season climate Performance – Masilin (7 min) Q & A (5 min) Sectors Impact Presentation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disaster Risk Management (8 min) • Agriculture and Food Security (10 min) • Livestock and Rangelands (8 min) • Climate-Induced Conflict & Displacement (7 min) • Water Resources and Energy (10 min) • Health (8 min) • Media (7 min) <p style="text-align: right;">(58 min)</p> Discussion (10 min)	Moderator: Uganda: Dr. Bob Alex Ogwang Rapporteur : <i>Hilary Koros</i>
9:30-10:00	Keynote Address: Advancing Climate Services for Resilient Communities and Sustainable Development in the Greater Horn of Africa: Strategic Priorities and Contributions of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) <i>Dr Zeynu Ummer, Director of the UNDP Resilience Hub for Africa (20 min) (20 min)</i> Q&A (10 min)	Moderator: Tanzania: Dr. Ladislaus Chang'a Rapporteur: <i>Hawa Gedi</i>
SESSION II	Opening Ceremony	
10:15- 10:45	Official Opening Ceremony for GHACOF 73 <i>(Led by EMI- Mr. Fetene Teshome)</i>	Moderator: Ethiopia EMI Rapporteur: Yusuf Mohamed



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10:45-11:15	Tea Break	
SESSION III	State of the Climate: June to September (JJAS) 2026 seasonal forecast	
11:15-12:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Current state of global climate system: Dr. Stefan Lines, UK Met Office/ (10min) ○ June to September (JJAS) 2026 seasonal Outlook: Dr. Titike Bahaga ICPAC (20 Min) <i>Discussions (15 min)</i> 	Moderator: Rwanda: Mr. Aimable Gahigi Rapporteur : <i>Crimson Sikolia</i>
SESSION IV:	Co-Planning ahead: June to September (JJAS) 2026 seasonal advisories (Breakout Hybrid session)	
12:10 -13:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Disaster Risk Management ◆ Agriculture and Food Security ◆ Livestock and Rangelands ◆ Climate-Induced Conflict & Displacement ◆ Water Resources and Energy ◆ Health ◆ Media ◆ Climate Change 	Moderator: ICPAC Sector Heads Rapporteur: Each sector to appoint its rapporteur
13:00-14:00	Lunch Break	
SESSION V:	Planning ahead: June to September (JJAS) 2026 seasonal advisories (Breakout Hybrid session) cont.	
14:00-15:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Disaster Risk Management ◆ Agriculture and Food Security ◆ Livestock and Rangelands ◆ Climate-Induced Conflict & Displacement ◆ Water Resources and Energy ◆ Health ◆ Media ◆ Climate Change 	Moderator: ICPAC Sector Heads Rapporteur: Each sector to appoint its rapporteur
SESSION VI	Planning ahead: June to September (JJAS) 2026 seasonal advisories (Breakout Hybrid session) cont.	
15:30-16:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Disaster Risk Management ◆ Agriculture and Food Security ◆ Livestock and Rangelands ◆ Climate-Induced Conflict & Displacement ◆ Water Resources and Energy ◆ Health ◆ Media ◆ Climate Change 	Moderator: ICPAC Sector Heads Rapporteur: Each sector to appoint its rapporteur
16:30 – 17:00	Tea Break	
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DAY 2: GHACOF 73 (Hybrid Event)

Tuesday May 19, 2026 (Hybrid event)

Time	Activity	Moderator
SESSION I	Introduction and Registration	
8.00-8.20	Welcome and Introductions in the Chat Introduction to Zoom Events – RECAP	Moderator: Eunice, Emebet
SESSION II	Reporting back: Sector Cafe June to September (JJAS) 2026 seasonal forecast implications	
8.20-11.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Disaster Risk Management ◆ Agriculture and Food Security ◆ Livestock and Rangelands ◆ Climate-Induced Conflict & Displacement ◆ Water Resources and Energy ◆ Health ◆ Media ◆ Climate Change <p style="text-align: center;"><i>(120 min)</i> <i>Discussion (30 mins)</i></p>	<i>Moderator:</i> Winnie Khaemba (sector cafe) <i>Rapporteur:</i> Each sector to appoint its rapporteur
11:00-11:20	Tea Break	
SESSION IV	Partnerships/ Projects / Initiatives for Resilience Building	Moderator:
11:20-12:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Machine Learning for East African Climate Services: Opportunities, Challenges, and Research Gaps. <i>Oliver/Chetan topic (10 min)</i> ○ Heat Forecasting <i>Tamirat Bekele (10 min)</i> ○ Multi-Hazard Risk Analysis and Resilience Building Interventions in IGAD's Cross-border Areas – <i>Dr. Sabiiti (10 mins)</i> ○ IGAD Regional Youth Coalition on Climate-Resilient Agri-Food Systems <i>Muindi Maingi (10 mins)</i> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>(30 min)</i> <i>Discussions (10 min)</i></p>	Sudan: Ms Hanan Rabbah <i>Rapporteur:</i> Hussen Mohamed
SESSION V:	Climate Services: Frontline Action Dialogue For Risks Management in the region	
12:00 -13:00	<p>Leaving No One Behind – Elevating Children, Youth, the Elderly, and the Education Sector in Early Warning and Anticipatory Action across the Greater Horn of Africa <i>(40mins)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Masresha Wasihum- <i>Save the Children Organisation</i> ○ Winnie Khaemba – <i>ICPAC/Climate Analytics</i> ○ Dr Pamella Kaithuru-<i>Kenya Meteorological Services Authority (KMSA)</i> ○ Dr George Otieno, <i>ICPAC</i> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Q&A (10mins)</i></p>	<i>Moderator:</i> Phoebe Shikuku <i>Rapporteur:</i> <i>Valentine Wambui</i>
	Lunch Break	



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SESSION VI:	Dialogue on advancing climate services for resilient communities and sustainable development in the Region	
14:00-15:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Improving Skill of Sub-Seasonal Forecast Using Hybrid of Downscaling Techniques <i>Philip Ochieng (10 min)</i> ○ Open Source Innovation for Enhanced Early Warning Systems and Service Delivery <i>Dr. Abubakar Babikir WMO (10 min)</i> ○ State of the Climate Africa <i>(10 min) Calistus Wachana</i> ○ Story Lines <i>(10 min) Dr Nishadh Kalladath (40 min)</i> <i>Discussion (10min)</i> 	Moderator: Kenya: Mr. Edward M. Muriuki Rapporteur: Sammy Koima
15:00-15:20	Launch of Trigger-Thresholds System AA Progress — <i>Crimson Sikolia</i>	Moderator: George Otieno
SESSION VII	Release of the Seasonal Forecast and Statement	
15:20-15:45	<p>Official release of the 73rd Greater Horn of Africa Climate Outlook Forum (GHACOF 73) Seasonal outlook</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Remarks by ICPAC director, <i>Dr Abdi Fidar (10 min)</i> ○ Release of the JJAS 2026 seasonal Climate Outlook and Official closing of the forum, Mr Fetene Teshome, Director EMI and Permanent Representative of the Federal Republic of Ethiopia with WMO (10 min) 	Moderator: Ethiopia Dr Teshome
SESSION VIII	Press Brief	
16:30 – 17:00	Press interviews and interaction with Media	
TEA BREAK & END OF DAY TWO		