



The Seventy Fourth Greater Horn of Africa Climate Outlook Forum (GHACOF 74)

Theme: **“Harnessing Climate Services for Early Action and Resilience in the Greater Horn of Africa in the Face of a Strong El Nino”**

Agenda

17-18 August 2026

DAY 1: CO-PRODUCTION AND ADVISORIES BY SECTORS

Monday, August 17, 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: Hilary& Eunice
8:10-10:15	Plenary session • June-August (JJA) 2026 Season climate Performance – <i>Herbet (10 min)</i> Q & A <i>(5 min)</i> Sectors Impact Presentation • Disaster Risk Management , Health and Blue Economy<i>(25 min)</i> • Agriculture and Food Security <i>(10 min)</i> • Livestock and Rangelands <i>(10 min)</i> • Climate-Induced Conflict & Displacement <i>(10 min)</i> • Water Resources <i>(10 min)</i> • Energy <i>(10 min)</i> • Media <i>(10 min)</i> <i>(1hr 40min)</i> Discussion <i>(20 min)</i>	Moderator: Uganda: Dr. Bob Alex Ogwang Rapporteur : <i>Hilary Koros</i>
SESSION II	Opening Ceremony	
10:15- 10:45	Official Opening Ceremony for GHACOF 74 <i>(Led by Mr. Aimable Gahigi)</i>	Moderator: RMA Rapporteur: Charity Mumbua
10:45-11:15	Tea/coffee Break	
SESSION III	State of the Climate: October to December (OND) 2026 seasonal forecast	
11:15-12:00	○ Current state of global climate system: <i>Dr. Nicholas Savage and Eleanor Dean, UK Met Office/ (10min)</i> ○ October to December (OND) 2026 seasonal Outlook: <i>Dr Masilin Gudoshava ICPAC (20 Min)</i> <i>Discussions (15 min)</i>	Moderator: Edward Muriuki: Mr. Aimable Gahigi Rapporteur : <i>Crimson Sikolia</i>

SESSION IV:	Co-Planning ahead: October to December (OND) 2026 seasonal advisories (Breakout Hybrid session)	
12:10 -13:00	◆ 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: October to December (OND) 2026 seasonal advisories (Breakout Hybrid session) cont.	
14:00-15:30	◆ 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: October to December (OND) 2026 seasonal advisories (Breakout Hybrid session) cont.	
15:30-16:30	◆ 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	
END OF DAY ONE		

DAY 2: GHACOF 74 (Hybrid Event)

Tuesday August 18, 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: Hillary Koros & Eunice
SESSION II	Reporting back: Sector Cafe October to December (OND) 2026 seasonal forecast implications	
8.20-11.00	◆ Disaster Risk Management ◆ Agriculture and Food Security ◆ Livestock and Rangelands ◆ Climate-Induced Conflict & Displacement ◆ Water Resources and Energy ◆ Health ◆ Media ◆ Climate Change (120 min) Discussion (30 mins)	Moderator: Joyce Jelagat & Collison Lore (sector cafe) Rapporteur: 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	○ When Heat Becomes a Hazard: Heat-stress forecasting for Early Warning in the Greater Horn of Africa-PASSAGE Project. <i>Dr.Tamirat Bekele (10 min)</i> ○ Scoping Study: Climate Services for Extreme Heat in the Greater Horn of Africa – <i>Dr. Linda Ogallo (10 mins)</i> ○ GGA & IGAD Regional Adaptation Targets and Indicators <i>Dr. Paulino Omay (10 min)</i> ○ Impact Based Forecast and AI – <i>Dr. Masilin Gudoshava (10 mins)</i> Discussions (10 min)	Sudan: Ms Hanan Rabbah Rapporteur: Hussen Mohamed
SESSION V:	Climate Services: Frontline Action Dialogue For Risk Management in the region	
12:00 -13:00	Harnessing Climate Services for Early Action and Resilience in the Greater Horn of Africa in the Face of a Strong El Niño ○ Climate Science – Super El Nino in the context of OND, how worried should we be? <i>Dr. Bob Alex Ogwang</i> ○ Anticipatory Action – How is the Anticipatory Action Roadmap for Somalia informing how the country is approaching the OND Season. <i>Khadar Mohamed</i> ○ Multi-Sectoral Coordination – What is the vertical and horizontal coordination required to effectively manage disasters, experience from Kenya (NDOC) ○ Future disasters– Can climate modeling allow us to look into the future and anticipate disasters for long term planning. <i>Dr Karl Schleifinger</i> (40mins) Q&A (10mins)	Moderator: Dr George Otieno Rapporteur: <i>Patricia Okau</i>

	Lunch Break	
SESSION VI:	Partnerships and Collaborations	
14:00-15.10	○ Advancing gender-responsive early warning systems <i>UN-WOMEN Beatrice Teya (10 min)</i> ○ New AICCRA-FSRP IV project-<i>Robert Zougmo (10 min)</i> ○ Strengthening Capacity of IGAD MS. On data generation monitoring and analysis on climate food security and resilience - <i>Charity Mumbua (10 min)</i> ○ Scenario Compass Initiative <i>Karl scheifinger (10 min)</i> ○ MERIAM: Nutrition Foresight for Anticipatory Action <i>Abraham Cheruiyot, Action Against Hunger (10 min)</i> ○ State of the Climate 2025 <i>Herbert Misiani</i> ○ Update and survey on the Regional Technical Working Group (RTWG) on Anticipatory Action (AA) Assessment. <i>Deurence Onyango (10min)</i> <i>Discussion (10 min)</i>	Moderator: Kenya: Mr. Edward M. Muriuki Rapporteur: Vincent Ogembo
15:10- 15:30	○ Pre - Launch of the East Africa Flood Watch System <i>(10 min) - Hillary Koros, Dr. Modathir, & Jully]</i> ○ Award winning ceremony for the top 5 Hackathon winner9 and NMHS forecasters' certificate award session <i>(10 mint) - Crimson, Mubarak, & Dr. Ahmed</i>	
SESSION VII	Release of the Seasonal Forecast and Statement	
15:30-16:00	Official release of the 74 Greater Horn of Africa Climate Outlook Forum (GHACOF 74) Seasonal outlook ○ Remarks by ICPAC director, <i>Dr Abdi Fidar (10 min)</i> ○ Release of the OND 2026 seasonal Climate Outlook and Official closing of the forum, Mr Amaible Gaigi, Director General, RMA and Permanent Representative of the Republic of Rwanda with WMO (10 min)	Rapporteurs : Dr Anthony Mwanthi
SESSION VIII	Press Brief	
16:00 – 17:00	Press interviews and interaction with Media	
TEA BREAK & END OF DAY TWO		