



ANNOUNCEMENT

THE FIFTY NINTH GREATER HORN OF AFRICA CLIMATE OUTLOOK FORUM (GHACOF 59) FOR THE OCTOBER TO DECEMBER (OND) 2021 SEASON

26 AUGUST 2021

1. INTRODUCTION

The IGAD Climate Prediction and Applications Centre (ICPAC) in collaboration with partners are jointly organizing the Fifty-Ninth Greater Horn of Africa Climate Outlook Forum (GHACOF 59) for the October to December (OND) 2021 season to be held virtually on 26 August 2021. The forum will be held within the framework of the IGAD regional strategy for mainstreaming climate information in key socio-economic sectors for sustainable development. The theme of the forum will be ***"Climate Services for Resilience"***.

The virtual forum will bring together climate scientists, researchers, users from key socio-economic sectors, governmental and non-governmental organizations, development partners, decision-makers, and civil society stakeholders among others. The forum will be preceded by an online climate prediction development workshop for the climate experts from the participating National Meteorological and Hydrological Services (NMHSs) from 16 to 20 August 2021 and co-production workshops with keys sectors from 24 to 25 August 2021

2. FORUM OBJECTIVES

The main objectives of the forum will be to:

- i. Review the feedback from the performance and impacts of the previous rainfall season;

- ii. Discuss the consolidated objective regional climate outlook for the October to December 2021 season;
- iii. Deliberate on the implications of the climate forecast and response strategies;
- iv. Provide a regional interaction platform for decision makers, climate scientists, research scientists, users of climate information and development partners; and
- v. Communicate the forum outcomes and release statement.

3. STAKEHOLDERS AND PARTNERS

The key stakeholders include NMHSs in Eastern Africa, Line Ministries of ICPAC Member States and international partner organizations and programmes such as the World Meteorological Organisation (WMO); European Union; Organisation of the Africa, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States (OACPS), ClimSA, RICCAMA, CONFER, DOWN2EARTH, among others.

4. WORKING LANGUAGE

The working language for the forum will be English.

5. PARTICIPATION

Individuals and institutions especially from the climate sensitive sectors, capacity strengthening and programming partners, end users of climate services, academia, researchers, climate information providers and humanitarian agencies are encouraged to register with the link provided on the ICPAC website by 18th August 2021 to get the meeting credentials.