



**The 63rd Greater Horn of Africa Climate
Outlook Forum (GHACOF 63) for the March to
May (MAM) 2023 Season**

“Celebrating 25 Years of GHACOF”

22 February 2023 (Hybrid event)

Time	Activity	
SESSION I	Official Opening Ceremony for GHACOF 63	
8:30 – 9:00	Welcome and Introductions in the Chat Introduction to Zoom Events - Housekeeping Recap <i>Participants join zoom and self-introduction by video and through chat box</i>	Moderators: <i>Calistus Wachana</i>
9:00 – 10.30	<i>Opening remarks by IGAD and Host Country</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TBD by Kenya Meteorological Department Video on 25 years of GHACOF- <i>10 minutes</i> Cake Cutting	Moderator: Rapporteur: <i>Melisa Ouya</i>
10:30 – 11.00	Break (Group Photo)	
SESSION II	Looking Ahead:	
11:00 – 12:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Current state of global climate system <i>Dr Stefan Lines, UK Met Office (8 min)</i> ● MAM 2023 climate outlook for Africa: <i>Dr Zewdu Segele, NCEP (8 Min)</i> ● Eastern Africa March-May seasonal forecast: <i>Dr Hussen Seid, ICPAC (10 Min)</i> ● Reporting by Sectors on key implications and management strategies for MAM 2023 season <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Agriculture and Food Security <i>(8 min)</i> ● Disaster Risk Management <i>(8 min)</i> ● Water Resources & Energy <i>(8 min)</i> ● Livestock and Rangelands <i>(8 min)</i> ● Health & Nutrition <i>(8 min)</i> ● Climate Change <i>(8 min)</i> ● Media <i>(8 min)</i> 	Moderator: <i>Esayas Lemma</i> Rapporteur: <i>Dr Titike Bahaga</i>

	<i>Discussions (8min)</i>	
SESSION III	Panel discussion: The transformation of GHACOF, 25 years in the making	
12:30-13.10	<p>Early warning for crisis management, looking at the past present and future</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evolution of GHACOF <i>Dr Maxx Dilley, Director, Climate Services (ret.) World Meteorological Organization (10 min)</i> • RCOFs: The original vision and evolution of early warning generation <i>Dr. Buruhani Nyenzi, Managing Director, Climate Consult (10 min)</i> • GHACOF beginnings: Vision and motivation in supporting GHACOF #1 <i>Michele McNabb, Senior Technical Advisor for Resilience, Winrock International (10 min)</i> • Climate Change and GHACOF <i>Prof Fred Semazzi, Prof Emeritus, North Carolina State University (10 min)</i> 	<p>Moderator: <i>Dr Linda Ogallo</i></p> <p>Rapporteur: <i>Alexia Mwende</i></p>
13:10- 14:00	LUNCH	
SESSION IV	Release of the Seasonal Forecast	
14.00 -14.20	<p>Official release of the 63rd Greater Horn of Africa Climate Outlook Forum (GHACOF 63) Seasonal Forecast</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key Note Address by ICPAC director <i>Dr Guleid Artan, Director, ICPAC (10 min)</i> • Release of the MAM 2023 seasonal forecast and Closing of the forum <i>Dr David Gikungu, Permanent representative Kenya with WMO (10 min)</i> 	<p>Moderator: <i>Zachary Atheru</i></p>
SESSION V	Drought Situation in the Region	
14:20- 15:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Video by BBC Focus on Africa (7 min) • Panel discussion: Drought Situation (28min) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dr Guleid Artan ○ Ethiopia Representative ○ Kenya Representative ○ Somalia Representative ○ IFRC <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Closing Remarks Dr Guleid Artan (5 min)</i></p>	<p>Moderator: <i>Dr Ahmed Amdihun</i></p> <p>Rapporteur: <i>Anthony Gitonga</i></p>
	Side Events	
15:00-16:00	<p>CONFER: Understanding the value of GHACOF forecast products for specific sectors in E Africa - opportunities and barriers Peter Johnston</p> <p>ACREI: Lessons on Participatory Climate Advisory Development and Communication for Farmer Decision Making</p>	