



ANNOUNCEMENT

The 65th Greater Horn of Africa Climate Outlook Forum (GHACOF 65) for the October to December (OND) 2023 season: 22nd August 2023

1. INTRODUCTION

IGAD Climate Prediction and Applications Centre (ICPAC), in collaboration with partners, is organizing the 65th Greater Horn of Africa Climate Outlook Forum (GHACOF 65) for the October to December (OND) 2023 season on **22nd August 2023 in Nairobi, Kenya**.

The forum will be held in a hybrid format (both in person and virtually) and within the framework of IGAD's Regional Strategy for Mainstreaming Climate Services in Key Socio-Economic Sectors for Sustainable Development.

The theme of the forum will be: **"Climate Services for Scenario Planning and Resilience Building"**.

The forum brings together climate scientists, researchers, users from key socio-economic sectors, governmental and non-governmental organizations, development partners, decision-makers, media, and civil society stakeholders. It will be preceded by the climate prediction development workshop organized virtually from 14th to 18th August 2023 and by co-production workshops with key sectors (agriculture, water, energy, health, livestock, media and disaster risk management) on 21st August 2023.

2. FORUM OBJECTIVES

The main objectives of the forum are to:

- Reflect on the performance and impacts of the June to September (JJAS) 2023 season.
- Present the consolidated objective regional climate outlook for the OND 2023 season.
- Discuss the implications of the OND 2023 climate forecast and management strategies.
- Provide a regional interaction platform for decision-makers, climate scientists, research scientists, users of climate information, and development partners.
- Release the outcomes of the forum and the GHACOF 65 statement.

3. STAKEHOLDERS AND PARTNERS

Key stakeholders include the National Meteorological and Hydrological Services (NMHSs) of Eastern Africa (Institut Géographique du Burundi, Agence Météorologique Nationale de Djibouti, Eritrea Meteorological Service, Ethiopia Meteorological Institute, Kenya Meteorological Department, Rwanda Meteorological Agency, South Sudan Meteorological Service, Sudan Meteorological Authority, Somalia Meteorological Service, Tanzania Meteorological Authority, and Uganda National Meteorological Authority) as well as partner organizations such as the World Meteorological Organization (WMO), the European Union, and the Organization of the Africa, Caribbean, and Pacific Group of States (OACPS).

4. WORKING LANGUAGE

The working language for the forum is English.

5. PARTICIPATION

Interested participants, especially from relevant socio-economic sectors, development partners, end-users of climate services, academia, researchers, climate information providers, and humanitarian agencies should register on the ICPAC website by 16th August 2023.

A link to the forum will be provided once registration has been completed.