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## ANNOUNCEMENT

### The 67<sup>th</sup> Greater Horn of Africa Climate Outlook Forum (GHACOF 67) for the June to September 2024 rainfall season: 20 - 21 May 2024

#### 1. INTRODUCTION

IGAD Climate Prediction and Applications Centre (ICPAC), in collaboration with partners, is organizing the 67<sup>th</sup> Greater Horn of Africa Climate Outlook Forum (GHACOF 67) for the June to September 2024 season to be held from **20 – 21 May 2024 in Juba, South Sudan**.

The forum will be conducted 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 Frontline Climate Action"**.

The forum will bring together various stakeholders namely; climate scientists, researchers, users from key socio-economic sectors, governmental and non-governmental organizations, development partners, decision-makers, media, civil society among others. It will be preceded by a climate prediction development workshop organized virtually from the 13<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> of May 2024 and by virtual co-production workshops with key sectors (agriculture, water, energy, health, livestock, media and disaster risk management) from 16 to 17 May 2024.

## **2. FORUM OBJECTIVES**

The main objectives of the forum are to:

- Reflect on the performance and impacts of the March to May 2024 season.
- Present the consolidated objective regional climate outlook for the JJAS 2024 season.
- Discuss the implications of the JJAS 2024 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 67 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 are encouraged to register on the ICPAC website to be able to participate virtually.

A link to the forum will be provided once registration is open.