



ANNOUNCEMENT

The 68th Greater Horn of Africa Climate Outlook Forum (GHACOF 68) for the October to December (OND) 2024 season: 19 - 20 August 2024

1. INTRODUCTION

The IGAD Climate Prediction and Applications Centre (ICPAC), in collaboration with partners, is organizing the 68th Greater Horn of Africa Climate Outlook Forum (GHACOF 68) for the October to December (OND) 2024 season from **19th to 20th August 2024 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: "**Early Warning for Mitigation of Climate Risks**".

The forum will bring 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 12th to 16th August 2024. Co-production workshops with key sectors (agriculture, water, energy, health, livestock, media and disaster risk management) will be held on 19th August 2024.

2. FORUM OBJECTIVES

The main objectives of the forum are to:

- Reflect on the performance and impacts of the June to September (JJAS) 2024 season.
- Present the consolidated objective regional climate outlook for the OND 2024 season.
- Discuss the implications of the OND 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 68 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), IGAD affiliated Departments and specialized institutions, 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, 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 14th August 2024.