



ANNOUNCEMENT

The 70th Greater Horn of Africa Climate Outlook Forum (GHACOF 70) for the June to September (JJAS) 2025 season

19 - 20 May 2025, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

1. INTRODUCTION

The IGAD Climate Prediction and Applications Centre (ICPAC), in collaboration with partners, is organising the 70th Greater Horn of Africa Climate Outlook Forum (GHACOF 70) for the June to September (JJAS) 2025 season, to be held from **19 to 20 May 2025 in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia**.

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 Closing the Early Warning Gap Together"**.

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 from 12th to 17th May 2025. Co-production workshops with

key sectors (agriculture, water, energy, health, livestock, media and disaster risk management) will be held on the 16th of May 2025.

2. FORUM OBJECTIVES

The main objectives of the forum are to:

- Reflect on the performance and impacts of the March to May 2025 season.
- Present the consolidated objective regional climate outlook for the JJAS 2025 season.
- Discuss the implications of the JJAS 2025 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 70 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 the Uganda Department of Meteorological Services) 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, private sector, researchers, climate information providers, and humanitarian agencies should register on the ICPAC website by 14th May 2025.

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