



## **SARCOF-18 ANNOUNCEMENT**

**THEME:** **Advancing Climate Information Services for Resilience Development in Southern Africa Region**

**Place:** **Windhoek, Namibia**

**DATE:** **27 –29 August 2014**

### **INTRODUCTION**

Southern Africa Development Community (SADC), through the Climate Services Centre, is organizing the Eighteenth Southern Africa Regional Climate Outlook Forum (SARCOF-18), in Windhoek, Namibia, 27-29 August 2014. SARCOF-18 is a collaborative effort between the SADC Climate Services Centre, African Development Bank (AfDB), World Meteorological Organization (WMO), Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO), International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (ISDR), and other partners. SARCOF-18 is preceded by a 9-day Climate Experts Capacity Building Workshop of SADC National Meteorological/Hydrological Services (NMHSs) only, for the purposes of developing the 2014/15 seasonal climate forecast.

### **OBJECTIVES**

The main objective of SARCOF-18 is to develop a consensus climate outlook for period October 2014 to March 2015 which is the upcoming rainfall season for the SADC Member States. The forum will also discuss the potential impacts of the consensus seasonal climate outlook on other socio-economic sectors including disaster risk management, food security, health, water resources and hydropower management, among others. The forum will also review the October 2013 to March 2014 rainy season for the SADC region.

### **PARTICIPANTS**

Participants to SARCOF-18 will include climate prediction experts from the national Meteorological/Hydrological Services (NMHSs) in the SADC region and climate scientists from universities, research institutions, as well as regional and international organizations engaged in climate modeling, prediction and applications for the region. Various regional

and international governmental and non-governmental organizations and development partners are also expected to attend. Due to inadequacy of the necessary resources, the SADC Climate Services Centre will not be in a position to fund those wishing to attend SARCOF-18.

## **HOW TO ATTEND**

Those wishing to attend can express their intention to do so through completing the attached request-for-participation form and **submitting it to the Namibia Meteorological Services not later than 20 August 2014.**

## **CO-OPERATING INSTITUTIONS**

Co-operating institutions include all SADC National Meteorological and Hydrological Services, the African Development Bank (AfDB), the IGAD Climate Prediction and Application Centre (ICPAC); African Centre of Meteorological Applications for Development (ACMAD); International Research Institute for Climate and Society (IRI); United Nations Development Programme (UNDP); United Nations / International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (UN/ISDR) World Meteorological Organization (WMO); Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO), ; Office of Coordination of Humanitarian Assistance (OCHA); European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts (ECMWF); National Oceanic and Atmosphere Administration (NOAA); the United Kingdom Meteorological Office (UKMET); and others.

## **WORKING LANGUAGE**

English will be the working language for the Forum.



## REQUEST FOR PARTICIPATION

EIGHTEENTH SOUTHERN AFRICA REGIONAL CLIMATE OUTLOOK FORUM  
(SARCOF-18)  
27-29 August 2014

*To be completed and sent to:  
The Coordinator, SADC Climate Services Centre,  
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**Completed form to arrive before 20 August 2014.**

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Please indicate area of interest: (tick in the box)

Climate scientist/expert

User of climate information

FAMILY NAME:

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POSITION:

PROFESSION:

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**There are limited slots for presentations relevant to the theme. Those intending to make a 10-minute presentation should send an abstract. The organizing committee will inform you if there is a slot for your presentation.**

If you intend to make a presentation please indicate below.

TITLE PAPER: \_\_\_\_\_

**In order for us to make transport arrangements indicate your itinerary by  
20 August 2014.**

## INFORMATION NOTE FOR PARTICIPANTS

### 1. Date and place of the meeting:

**Dates:** 27-29 August 2014

**Location:** Safari Hotel/Safari Court & Conference Centre  
Windhoek, Namibia

### 2. Entry Formalities:

Entry visas can be obtained from the Namibia Diplomatic Missions or Consulates in the participants' countries.

### 3. Currency

The official currency is the Namibian Dollar (N\$), the South African Rand is also a legal tender. N\$/US Dollar = 10.6 (latest). Foreign exchange services are available at all banks. Banking hours are from 8:30 - 15:30hrs, Monday to Friday, 8:30-11:30hrs Saturday.

### 4. Arrival and transport arrangements

Transport from and to Windhoek International Airport may be arranged if a travel schedule is provided well in advance. Provide the travel plan by **not later than 20 August 2014**.

### 5. Accommodation

A block booking has been made for the experts of the SADC region (17-30 August 2014). The participants of SARCOF-18 (27-29 August 2014) should communicate to the SADC Secretariat as well as the Namibian local organizing committee for facilitation of their accommodation. Contact person at Safari Hotel for accommodation: Ms. M. Kuzvinzwa (e-mail: reservation1@afol.com.na)

### 6. Windhoek Climate

SARCOF-18 will be held during the transition period from the cool to hot season condition. As such weather in Windhoek is generally characterized by periods of dry, mild conditions. The long-term rainfall and temperature data for August are indicated below:

<b>Element</b>	<b>Typical values</b>	
Rainfall	Highest 24 hour rainfall:	9.1 mm
	Highest monthly rainfall:	23.0 mm
	Mean monthly rainfall:	0.5 mm
	Lowest monthly rainfall:	0 mm
Temperature	Mean maximum temperature:	23.8 °C
	Mean minimum temperature:	8.9 °C
	Average Temperature:	16.7 °C
	Absolute highest maximum temperature:	29.6 °C
	Absolute lowest minimum temperature:	-2.3 °C
Relative Humidity	Average at 08:00 (local time)	30 %
	Average at 14:00 (local time)	13%
	Average at 20:00 (local time)	15%

**Contact address:**

Any questions regarding the arrangements should be directed to:

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