



## Sixteenth Session of South Asian Climate Outlook Forum (SASCOF-16) and Climate Services User Forum (CSUF)

20-22, April 2020

(to be held online due to Covid-19 pandemic)

### Local times to join the meeting

All times in agenda are indicated are in Bangladesh local time, time zone conversions are to be indicated for all participant locations: (local time for start of meeting is provided below for all confirmed countries)

Afghanistan: - 1.30 hrs. (Start at 12:30 pm)	Nepal: -0.15 (Start at 1:45 pm)
Thailand: +1.00 hrs. (Start at 3:00 pm)	Pakistan: -1.00 hrs. (Start at 1:00 pm)
Bhutan: (Start at 2:00 pm)	Switzerland: -4.00 hrs. (Start at 10:00 am)
India and Sri Lanka: - 0.30 hrs. (Start at 1:30 pm)	UK: -5.00 hrs. (Start at 9:00 am)
Japan: +3.00 hrs. (Start at 5:00 pm)	USA: (Start at 4:00 am)
Maldives: -1.00 hrs. (Start at 1:00 pm)	
Myanmar: +0.30 hrs. (Start at 2:30 pm)	

## AGENDA

### Day 1 20 April 2020

	Moderator for Day 1: Anshul Agarwal, RIMES	Session Chair
<b>14:00-14:30</b>	<b>Inaugural Session</b>	
14:00	Remarks: D. S. Pai, RCC, Pune, India	
14:05	Remarks: Wilfran M. Okia, WMO, Switzerland	
14:10	Remarks: David Corbelli, ARRCC Program, UKMO, United Kingdom	
14:15	Remarks: A. R. Subbiah, Director, RIMES, Thailand	
14:20	Participants Introduction (facilitated by moderator)	
<b>Session I</b>	<b>Climate Services</b>	

14:30-14:40	Challenges and best practice for conducting climate outlook forums online: Current Status and Way Forward (Wilfran Okia/Anahit Hovsepyan, WMO)	
<b>Session II</b>	<b>Seasonal Prediction of South Asian Summer Monsoon: Country Perspectives</b> (Country-level predictions for JJAS 2020 and/verification of JJAS 2019 forecast)	<b>Dr. D.S. Pai, RCC, IMD Pune</b>
	(Combined presentation for all South Asian countries to be compiled by RIMES based on slides packs received from nominated participants. National representatives will present for specific countries)	
14:40-14:45	Afghanistan	
14:45-14:50	Bangladesh	
14:50-14:55	Bhutan	
14:55-15:00	India	
15:00-15:05	Maldives	
15:05-15:10	Myanmar	
15:10-15:15	Nepal	
15:15-15:20	Pakistan	
15:20-15:25	Sri Lanka	
15:25-15:40	<b>Break</b>	
<b>Session III</b>	<b>Seasonal Prediction of South Asian Summer Monsoon 2020: Global and Regional Perspectives</b>	<b>Dr. D.S. Pai, IMD, RCC Pune</b>
15:40-15:50	JMA, (Takuya Komori)	
15:50-16:00	KMA	
16:00-16:10	RCC, IMD, Pune (Sreejith Op)	
16:10-16:20	UK Met Office (Andrew Colman & Jessica Stacey)	
16:20-16:30	NCEP (Arun Kumar)	
16:30-16:40	IRI (Nachiketa Acharya)	
<b>16:40-17:00</b>	<b>Open Discussion about Summer Monsoon 2020</b>	

**Day 2 (21<sup>st</sup> April 2020)**

<b>Moderator for Day 2: Francis Colledge, UKMO</b>		<b>Session Chair</b>
<b>14:00</b>	<b>Preparation of Consensus Outlook for JJAS 2020</b>	
14:00-14:15	Consensus outlook draft presentation and Discussion (Sreejith Op, IMD Pune)	
14:15-15:00	Open Discussion	
<b>Session IV</b>	<b>Improvements and updates in seasonal forecast</b>	<b>Dr. Rupa Kumar Kolli, ICMPO, WCRP, IITM Pune and Dr. Annamalai, IPRC, Hawaii and co-chair monsoon panel</b>
15:00-15:15	An update on enhancing the Seasonal Consensus Outlook Statement (Rebecca, UK met)	
15:15-15:30	Demonstration of FOCUS tool development (Jie Qiu, RIMES)	
15:15-15:45	S2S forecast products available for South Asian region & New Developments (Andy Robertson, IRI, Columbia)	
15:45-16:15	Open discussion	
	Agreement on the draft text of the consensus forecast to be shared by email by national representatives by end of the day	

Day 3 (22 Apr 2020)

Climate Services User Forum

Moderator for Day 3: Anshul Agarwal, RIMES		
Session IV	Interpreting Consensus Outlook for 2020 SW Monsoon	
14:00-14:15	Review of South Asian summer monsoon performance in 2019, including verification of SASCOF-14 outlook and other forecasts (RCC Pune)	
14:15-14:30	Presentation of SASCOF-16 Consensus Outlook	
14:30-15:00	Discussion on SASCOF-16 outlook and opportunity for questions	
15:00-15:10	<i>Break</i>	
15:10-16:00	Moderated discussion on user interventions of application of this SASCOF16 outlook in respective sectors; how will you apply it, what do you need to take this forward. (5 mins for each country) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Afghanistan</li><li>• Bangladesh</li><li>• Bhutan</li><li>• India</li><li>• Maldives</li><li>• Myanmar</li><li>• Nepal</li><li>• Pakistan</li><li>• Sri Lanka</li></ul>	
16:00-16:20	Overview of the WMO Global Hydrological Status and Outlook System (HydroSOS) initiative (Narendra Tuteja, BoM, Australia)	
16:20-16:50	Panel Discussion involving Regional Agencies (UN ESCAP, FAO and UNISDR) on how make the regional products operational (Moderation: Francis Colledge, UKMO)  5-min presentation on: (1) how regional agencies currently share the seasonal outlook with its stakeholders and where to find the resources, and (2) what are the key take home points from this outlook that will be communicated	
16:50-17:00	Recommendations for future SASCOF/CSUF- sessions and summary by G. Srinivasan, RIMES	
<b>17:00</b>	<b>Close of SASCOF-16</b>	