



**First meeting of
South Asian Climate Outlook Forum (SASCOF-1)**
Pune, India, 13-15 April 2010

AGENDA

**Venue: Varaha Mihir Hall
Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM), Pune**

13 April 2010: Tuesday

- 08:30 Registration of delegates
- 09:30 *Vandana* recitation and lighting of traditional lamp
- 09:40 Welcome address by Dr. H. R. Hatwar, ADGM(R)
- 09:50 Opening Remarks by Prof. B. N. Goswami, Director, IITM
- 10:00 Statement on behalf of WMO Secretary-General by Dr. R. Kolli
- 10:20 Inaugural Address by AVM Dr. Ajit Tyagi DGM and PR of India with WMO
- 10:40 Vote of Thanks by Shri A. K. Srivastava, Co ordinator, SASCOF-1
- 10:50 *Tea/Coffee*

Session I Approaches to Seasonal Prediction of South Asian Summer Monsoon
Chairman: Dr. G. B. Pant Venue: Arya Bhatta Hall

- 11:30 Concept and relevance of SASCOF (R. Kolli, WMO)
- 12:00 Prediction of the Indian summer monsoon on seasonal and sub-seasonal scales: IITM Initiatives (B.N. Goswami, IITM)
- 12:30 Recent advances in seasonal prediction (M. Vellinga, UKMO)
- 13:00 *Lunch*
- 14:00 On Seasonal Prediction of South Asian Monsoon (S. Gadgil, IISc)
- 14:30 Tailoring Seasonal Forecasts (M. Tippett, IRI, USA)
- 15:00 Operational seasonal prediction in India (D.S. Pai, IMD)
- 15:30 Seasonal Predictions for South Asia- Representation of Uncertainties in Global Climate Model Predictions by Dr. A.K. Bohra, NCMRWF
- 16:00 *Tea/Coffee*
- 16:30 Role of Ocean in the variability of monsoon onset and rainfall over South Asia (Prof P. V. Joseph)
- 17:00 Open Discussion (Advances in scientific understanding and operational approaches)
- 18:00 Close of Day 1

08:45 Group Photo

Session II Seasonal Prediction of South Asian Summer Monsoon : Global and Regional Perspectives

Chairman: Prof. D. R. Sikka

09:00 Predictions of JMA (Dr K. Takahashi, JMA)

09:20 Predictions of IRI (Dr M. Tippett, IRI)

09:40 Predictions of UKMO (Dr M. Vellinga, UKMO)

10:00 Predictions of CMA (Dr Bing Zhou, BCC/CMA)

10:20 Predictions of APCC (Dr. R.H. Kripalani, APCC)

10:40 Tea/Coffee Break

11:00 Predictions of KMA/WMO LC-LRFMME (Ms J.H. Choi, KMA)

11:20 Predictions of Meteo France (Mr J.P. Ceron, Meteo-France; presented by Dr R. Kolli)

11:30 WMO El Nino/La Nina Update (R. Kolli, WMO)

11:40 SMRC Perspectives (Dr S. Das, SMRC)

12:00 FOCRAII outlook (Dr Bing Zhou, BCC/CMA)

12:15 Open Discussion on Global and Regional Perspectives

12:45 Lunch

Session III Seasonal Prediction of South Asian Summer Monsoon : Country Perspectives

Chairman: Dr. R. R. Kelkar

14:00 Country Presentations (Country-level predictions for JJAS 2010 if available, or brief summary of related activities)

20 mins
each

India

- Dr D.S. Pai, IMD
- Dr A.K. Sahai, IITM
- Dr S. C. Kar, NCMRWF
- Dr C.M. Kishtwal, SAC

15.20 Tea/Coffee Break

15:45 Pakistan (Mr A. Mahmood, PMD)

16:00 Bangladesh (Mr S. Ahmed, BMD)

16.15 Nepal (Mr S.K. Baidya, DHM)

16:00 Bhutan (Mr T.B. Tamang, HMSD)

16:15 Afghanistan (Mr A.Q. Qadeer, AMA)

16:30 Sri Lanka (Mr D. Jayasinghearachchi, DoM)

16:45 Maldives (Mr A.M. Ramiz, MMS)

Session IV Development of Consensus Outlook for JJAS 2010

Chairman D. R. Sikka

17:00 Open Discussion on the available indicators of the anomalies of the South Asian Summer Monsoon in 2010 and discussion on SASCOF-1 Consensus Statement

18:00 Close of Day 2

Session V User Perspectives of South Asian Summer Monsoon Prediction
Chairperson: Dr. Swati Basu

- 09:00 Creating platforms for sharing seasonal forecasts (Dr G. Srinivasan, RIMES)
- 09:15 Presentations by user sectors
- Agriculture
 - Water
 - Health
 - Media
- 10:30 Tea/Coffee Break
- 11:00 Open Discussion on monsoon impacts, user needs, communication of predictions/outlook including uncertainty aspects
- 12:00 Presentation of final SASCOF-1 Outlook (A.K. Srivastava, IMD)
- 12:30 Lunch

Session VI Sustaining SASCOF: Way Forward
Chairman: Dr. R. Kolli

- 14:00 Open Discussion on Developing an Action Plan for SASCOF-2
- GPC/RCC Role
 - Regional Coordination
 - Country contributions
 - Methodology aspects
 - Capacity Building Needs
- 15:20 Conclusions and Recommendations
- 15:30 Tea/Coffee Break
- 16:00 Close of SASCOF-1