



Fourth session of
South Asian Climate Outlook Forum (SASCOF-4)

Kathmandu, Nepal, 18-19 April 2013

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Venue:

Hotel Royal Singi, Kathmandu

18 April 2013: Thursday

08:30-09:15 **Registration**

**Inaugural
Session**

Chief Guest : Mr. Uma Kant Jha,
Honorable Minister of Science, Technology and Environment
Chairman: Mr. Keshab Prasad Bhattarai,
Secretary, Ministry of Science, Technology and Environment

09:15-09:20 **Dignitaries on the dais**

09:20-09:30 **Welcome remarks :** *Dr. Rishi Ram Sharma, Director General, Department of Hydrology and Meteorology*

09:30-09:40 **Address by :** *Dr. Rupa Kumar Kolli, WMO*

09:40-09:50 **Address by:** *Representative of SAARC*

09:50-10:00 **Address by:** *Dr. A. K. Srivastava*

10:00-10:10 **Address by:** *Representative of USAID (TBC)*

10:10-10:20 **Address by:** *Mr. Keshab Prasad Bhattarai, Secretary, Ministry of Science, Technology and Environment, Government of Nepal*

10:20-10:30 **Inauguration and Inaugural speech:** *Mr. Uma Kant Jha, Honorable Minister of Science, Technology and Environment, Government of Nepal*

10:30-10:40 **Vote of Thanks:** *Mr. Kamal Prakash Budhathoki, Deputy Director General, Climate Division, Department of Hydrology and Meteorology*

10:40-11:00 *Health Break*

Session I
SASCOF: Scientific and Operational Setting
(Chairperson: Dr A.K. Sahai)

11:00 Implementation of the Global Framework for Climate Services: Current Status and Way Forward (Dr R. Kolli, WMO)

- 11:30 Operational Multi Model Ensemble Forecasts of the global seasonal climate (Mr J.P. Céron, Meteo France)
- 12:00 National Monsoon Mission - Indian Experiences (Dr A.S. Rao)
- 12:30 *Lunch Break*

Session II **Seasonal Prediction of South Asian Summer Monsoon : Country Perspectives**
(Country-level predictions for JJAS 2013 and/or brief summary of related activities)
(Chairperson: Dr A. Brookshaw)

- 14:00 Afghanistan (Mr M.I. Noori, AMA)
- 14:10 Bangladesh (Mr M.A. Rahman, BMD)
- 14:20 Bhutan (Mr T. Dorji, HMSD)
- 14:30 India (Dr D.S. Pai, IMD)
- 14:40 Maldives (Mr A. Rasheed, MMS)
- 14:50 Myanmar (Mr M.T. Oo, DMH)
- 15:00 Nepal (Representative from DHM)
- 15:10 Pakistan (Dr M. Hanif, PMD)
- 15:20 Sri Lanka (Ms I.M.S.P. Jayawardena, from Dept. of Meteorology)
- 15.30 *Health Break*

Session III **Seasonal Prediction of South Asian Summer Monsoon 2013: Global and Regional Perspectives (Chairperson: Dr D.S. Pai)**

- 15:50 JMA (Dr M. Hirai, JMA, Japan)
- 16:05 Met Office (Dr A. Brookshaw, Met Office, UK)
- 16:20 Euro SIP (Mr J.P. Ceron, Meteo France)
- 16:35 WMO LC-LRFMME (Dr Erik Swenson, KMA, Korea)
- 16:50 IITM (Dr A.S. Rao, IITM, India)
- 17:05 BCC and FOCRAII outlook (Dr Ke Zongjian, CMA)
- 17:20 SMRC (Mr A. Mannan)
- 17:35 Open Discussion on the available indicators of the anomalies of the South Asian Summer Monsoon in 2013 and discussion on SASCOF Consensus Outlook
- 18:30 Close of Day 1

**Session IV User Perspectives: Focus on Water Sector
(Chairperson: Dr Rishi Ram Sharma)**

- 09:00 Recent initiatives for sub-seasonal predictions of the Indian summer monsoon: Potential implications for hydrological applications (Dr A.K. Sahai, IITM, India)
- 09:20 Satellite Rainfall Estimation and its applications for water resources management (Dr Mandira Shrestha, ICIMOD)
- 09:40 Monsoon Forum initiatives in Nepal (Dr Dilip K. Gautam, RIMES, Thailand)
- 10:00 Hydro-meteorological applications in the water resources development of Nepal: Issues, gaps and way forward (Dr L.P. Devkota, Tribhuvan University, Nepal)
- 10:20 *Health Break*
- 10:40 Country Presentations from various water sector representatives on the current practices in the use of climate information in planning and management of water resources (~10 min each)
- *Mr A. Mishal, Maldives*
 - *Mr L. Sein, Myanmar*
 - *Mr A. Irshad, Pakistan*
 - *Mr R.M.P. Karunaratna, Sri Lanka*
- 11:40 Highlights of Water Exemplar in the GFCS Implementation Plan (Dr R. Kolli, WMO)
- 12:00 Open Discussion
- 12:30 *Lunch Break*

**Session V Consensus Forecast for 2013 SW Monsoon Rainfall and Future Perspectives for SASCOF
(Chairperson: Mr J.P. Céron)**

- 14:00 Review of South Asian summer monsoon performance in 2012, including verification of SASCOF-3 outlook and other forecasts (Dr A.K. Srivastava, IMD)
- 14:20 Presentation of SASCOF-4 Consensus Outlook (Dr D. S. Pai, IMD)
- 14:40 Discussion on SASCOF-4 outlook
- 15:00 Open discussion on SASCOF process, user interaction, communication, climate monitoring and way forward
- 16:00 Close of SASCOF-4