



**Sixth Session of
South Asian Climate Outlook Forum (SASCOF-6)
21-22 April 2015
&
Second Session of
Climate Services User Forum for Water Sector (CSUF-2)
22-23 April 2015**

With a SASCOF-6/CSUF-2 Joint Session on 22 April 2015

**Venue:
Conference Room
Bangladesh Meteorological Department (BMD), Dhaka, Bangladesh**

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Tuesday, 21 April 2015 (SASCOF-6)

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| 09:30-10:00 | Registration |
| 10:00-10:55 | INAUGURAL FUNCTION |
| 10:00 | Arrival of Dignitaries |
| 10:05 | Recitation from the Holy Quran |
| 10:10 | Welcome Address by Director, BMD |
| 10:15 | Address by WMO Representative |
| 10:20 | Address by ICID Representative |
| 10:25 | Address by GWP Representative |
| 10:30 | Address by Special Guest, Chief Planning, BWDB |
| 10:35 | Address by Special Guest, Director General, DDM |
| 10:40 | Address by Chief Guest, Hon'ble Senior Secretary, Ministry of Defence, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh |
| 10:50 | Vote of Thanks, Deputy Director, BMD |
| 10:55-11:20 | <i>Light Refreshments</i> |

**Session I
(SASCOF-6) GFCS Concepts and Monsoon Mission
(Chairperson: Mr Md. Shah Alam, PR of Bangladesh with WMO)**

- 11:20 Implementation of the Global Framework for Climate Services (GFCS): Current Status and Way Forward (Dr Rupa Kumar Kolli, WMO)
- 11:40 Climate outlook fora at national level - opportunities and challenges in South Asia (Dr G. Srinivasan, RIMES)
- 12:00 Scientific Concepts of RCOF Products (Dr S. Mason, IRI) *Topic TBC*
- 12:20 Indian Monsoon Mission Programme: Status and Progress (Dr A. S. Rao, IITM)
- 12:40 Monsoon scenario over Bangladesh (Mr Shamsuddin Ahmed, BMD)
- 13:00 Data needs for climate services (Dr L. Chandrapala, SLMD) *TBC*
- 13:20 Open Discussion
- 13:30-14:30 *Lunch & Prayer Break*

**Session II
(SASCOF-6) Seasonal Prediction of South Asian Summer Monsoon : Country Perspectives
(Country-level predictions for JJAS 2015 and/or brief summary of related activities)
(Chairperson: Dr. G. Srinivasan, RIMES)**

- 14:30 Afghanistan (Mr Md. Nasim Muradi)
- 14:45 Bangladesh (Mr S. M. Quamrul Hassan)
- 15:00 Bhutan (Mr Tyba Buddha Tamang)
- 15:15 India (Mr O.P. Sreejith)
- 15:30 Maldives (Dr Zahid)
- 15:45 Myanmar (Mr HlaTun)
- 16:00-16:30 *Tea/Coffee Break*
- 16:30 Nepal (Ms P. Manandhar)
- 16:45 Pakistan (Mr Azmat Hayat Khan)
- 17:00 Sri Lanka (Mr A.K. Karunanayake)

**Session III
(SASCOF-6) Seasonal Prediction of South Asian Summer Monsoon 2015: Global and Regional Perspectives (Chairperson: Dr A.S. Rao, IITM)**

- 17:15 JMA (Mr Takashi Yamada, Senior Scientific Officer)
- 17:30 KMA (Ms Yoojin Kim, Research Fellow, APCC)
- 17:45 IRI (Dr S. Mason)
- 18:00 IMD Pilot RCC (Mr O.P.Sreejith)
- 18:15 SMRC (Mr Md. Abdul Mannan)
- 18:30 Close of Day 1 of SASCOF-6**

Wednesday, 22 April 2015 (SASCOF-6/CSUF-2 Joint Session)

Session IV (SASCOF-6) Consensus Outlook for 2015 SW Monsoon (Chairperson: Dr S. Mason, IRI)

- 09:00 Review of South Asian summer monsoon performance in 2014, including verification of SASCOF-5 outlook and other forecasts (BMD)
- 09:20 Open Discussion on the available global/regional indicators of the South Asian Summer Monsoon performance in 2015
- 09:40 Presentation of SASCOF-6 Consensus Outlook (Mr O.P. Sreejith, IMD)
- 10:00 Discussion on SASCOF-6 outlook
- 10:30-11:00 *Tea/Coffee Break*
- 11:00 Perspectives on Climate information needs of water sector users in South Asia (Mr Avinash Tyagi, ICID)
- 11:20-12:20 Perspectives from other sectors:
- Agriculture: Mr. Md. Latfur Rahman (BADC)
 - Health: Dr. Tanvir Ahmed Chowdhury (DGHS)
 - Media: TBD
- 12:20 Open discussion on SASCOF process, user interaction, communication, climate monitoring and way forward
- 13:00 – 14:00 *Lunch and Prayer Break*

Session I (CSUF-2) Climate Services User Forum for Water Sector – Flood Forecasting (Chairperson : Dr D. Jayasuriya, BoM)

- 14:00 Role of Extended to Long-Range Forecasts in Flood Forecasting (Dr A. K. Sahai, IITM) *to be presented by Dr A.S. Rao*
- 14:30 Coastal Flood Prediction (Dr Abu Saleh Khan, IWM)
- 15:00-15:40 Status of Flood Forecasting in countries
- Pakistan
 - Nepal
 - Bhutan
 - Myanmar
- 15:40-16:00 *Tea/Coffee Break*
- 16:00-16:40 Status of Flood Forecasting in countries (contd.)
- Sri Lanka
 - India
 - Maldives
 - Afghanistan
- 16:40 Status of development of Drought monitoring systems for South Asia (Dr A. Giriraj, IWMI)
- 17:10 Discussion on recommendations for future SASCOF/CSUF-Water sessions
- 17:30 **Close of SASCOF-6/Day 1 of CSUF-2**

**Session II
(CSUF-2) Extended Range Flood Forecasting and Regional Cooperation
(Chairperson: Mr A. Tyagi, ICID)**

09:00	Flood Forecasting Services in Bangladesh: Lessons Learned from 43 Years of Operation (Mr Md. Amirul Hossain, BWDB)
09:30	Extended range forecasts for flood alerts in Bangladesh (Dr D. Gautam, RIMES)
09:50	Seamless water forecasting (Dr D. Jayasuriya, BoM)
10:20	HKH-HYCOS Regional Flood Information System – Towards Regional Collaboration in Flood Forecasting (Dr Mandira Shrestha, ICIMOD)
11:00-11:30	<i>Tea/Coffee Break</i>
11:30-12:30	Group Discussion I* : Interpretation of seasonal forecast for long range flood forecasting
12:30-13:00	Outcomes of the Breakout sessions (<i>Each Breakout Group will make a 5-minute presentation on summary of discussion</i>)
13:00-14:00	<i>Lunch and Prayer Break</i>
14:00-15:00	Group Discussion II* : Scope of Regional collaboration in long-term and seasonal forecast
15:00-15:30	Outcomes of the Breakout sessions (<i>Each Breakout Group will make a 5-minute presentation on summary of discussion</i>)
15:30-16:00	<i>Tea/Coffee Break</i>
16:00-17:00	Synthesis of views on utility of seasonal predictions for the water sector users and the improvements required (ICID/WMO)
17:00	Concluding Session
17:30	Close of CSUF-2

* The discussions would be structured around a set of 4-5 questions of relevance to the region.