



Seventeenth Session of South Asian Climate Outlook Forum (SASCOF-17) and Climate Services User Forum (CSUF)

*23-24 and 28, September 2020
(to be held online due to CoViD-19 pandemic)*

Local times to join the meeting

All times in agenda are indicated in Thailand 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: - 2.30 hrs. (Start at 11:30 am)	Nepal: -1.15 (Start at 12:45 pm)
Bangladesh: -1.00 hrs. (Start at 1:00 pm)	Pakistan: -2.00 hrs. (Start at 12:00 pm)
Bhutan: (Start at 1:00 pm)	Switzerland: -5.00 hrs. (Start at 09:00 am)
India and Sri Lanka: - 1.30 hrs. (Start at 12:30 pm)	UK: -6.00 hrs. (Start at 8:00 am)
Japan: +2.00 hrs. (Start at 4:00 pm)	USA: Start at 2:00 am
Maldives: -2.00 hrs. (Start at 12:00 pm)	
Myanmar: -0.30 hrs. (Start at 1:30 pm)	

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

Day 1 23 September 2020

Thailand Time	Moderator for Day 1: Dr. Anshul Agarwal, RIMES	Session Chair
14:00-14:50	INAUGURAL Session	
14:00	Remarks: Dr. Mrutyunjay Mohapatra, Director General of Meteorology, IMD	
14:05	Remarks: Wilfran Moufouma Okia, WMO	
14:10	Remarks: David Corbelli, UKMO	
14:15	Remarks: Mr. A. R. Subbiah, RIMES	
14:20	Inaugural Address: Dr. M. Rajeevan, Steering Committee Chairman SASCOF & Secretary, Ministry of Earth Sciences	
14:35	Vote of thanks: Dr. D. S. Pai, Head Climate Services, RCC, Pune	
14:40	Participants Introduction	

Session I	Seasonal Prediction of South Asia for October to December (OND) Season: Country Perspectives (Country-level predictions for OND 2020 and/verification of 2019 forecast)	Francis College, UKMO
	Country representatives to share the presentations, by 21 st September, in required format along with one-line statement on seasonal outlook to be included in new SCOS. Combined presentation for all South Asian countries to be compiled by RCC Pune based on slides packs received from nominated participants. National representatives from respective country will present.	Presentation control with RCC Pune
14:50-14:55	Afghanistan	
14:55-15:00	Bangladesh	
15:00-15:05	Bhutan	
15:05-15:10	India	
15:10-15:15	Maldives	
15:15-15:20	Myanmar	
15:20-15:25	Nepal	
15:25-15:30	Pakistan	
15:30-15:35	Sri Lanka	
15:35-15:50	Discussion	
Session II	Seasonal Prediction of South Asia for OND Season 2020: Global and Regional Perspectives	Dr. Rupa Kumar Kolli
	GPC representatives to prepare a short presentation of 5 slides and share with organizing team by 21 st September.	
15:50-16:00	JMA	
16:00-16:10	KMA	
16:10-16:20	RCC, IMD, Pune	
16:20-16:30	UK Met office	
16:30-16:40	IRI	
16:40-17:00	Open Discussion about forecast for OND Season 2020	

Day 2 (24th September 2020)

Moderator for Day 2: Francis Colledge, UKMO		Session Chair
14:00	Preparation of Consensus Outlook for OND 2020 Season	
14:00-14:15	Consensus outlook for OND Season 2020, draft presentation and Discussion (Dr. Sreejith, IMD Pune)	
14:15-15:00	Open Discussion	
Session III	Improvements and updates in seasonal forecast	Dr. D. S. Pai, RCC, Pune
15:00-15:15	Discussion on enhanced Seasonal Consensus Outlook Statement (Rebecca Parfitt, UKMO)	
15:15-15:45	Extended range forecast products and regional reanalysis products from NCMRWF; Ashish Mitra, NCMRWF, India	
15:45-16:15	Extended range forecast products from IMD Delhi, Dr. Pattanaik	
16:15-16:45	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 (28th September 2020)

Climate Services User Forum

Moderator for Day 3: Dr. G. Srinivasan, RIMES		
Session IV	Interpreting Consensus Outlook for OND 2020 Season	
14:00-14:15	Presentation of SASCOF-17 Consensus Outlook (RCC Pune)	
14:15-14:30	Understanding seasonal climate outlooks and probability forecasts, Tamara Janes, UKMO	
14:30-15:15	Discussion on SASCOF-17 outlook and opportunity for questions by user sector representatives from countries and regional agencies.	
15:15-15:30	Introducing ARRCC's Social Network Analysis of SCF dissemination in South Asia, Marta Soares and Natalie Suckall, Leeds University	
15:30-15:40	Break	
Session V	Regional Climate Forums and Climate Information at SASCOF	
15:40- 16:00	Opening session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Motivation and recommendations for expanding into other timescales (<i>Wilfran Moufouma-Okia, WMO</i>) • Showcasing successes and lessons learned from other COF regions (<i>Tamara Janes, UKMO</i>) • Plans within ARRCC-CARISSA and proposal for SASCOF-18 workshop (<i>Joe Daron, UKMO</i>) 	Wilfran Moufouma-Okia (WMO) and Tammy Janes/Joe Daron (MO)
16:00- 16:20	Breakout discussions, focused on the following themes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How does historical seasonal variability relate to longer-term climate variability and change? - How is the region's climate projected to change? - What are the key impacts of climate change in your sector/country? - Are there any initial 'needs' for long-term climate information in your sector/country? 	Met Office team, RCC-Pune
16:20- 16:30	Feedback to plenary and next steps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Were any common themes uncovered in the breakout groups? • Next steps for SASCOF-18 	Met Office team
16:30-16:50	Open Discussion	
16:50-17:00	Recommendations for future SASCOF/CSUF- sessions	
17:00	Close of SASCOF-17	