



# Eighth Session of South Asian Climate Outlook Forum (SASCOF-8) *Colombo, Sri Lanka, 25-26 April 2016*

**Venue: Hilton Colombo Residences**

## AGENDA

### Monday, 25 April 2016

08:30-09:00     **Registration**



### **Inaugural Session**

09:00            Arrival of the Chief Guest

09:00 – 09:10    Lighting of traditional oil lamp

09:10 – 09:20    Welcome Address by **Mr Lalith Chandrapala**, Director General, Department of Meteorology and Permanent Representative of Sri Lanka with WMO

09:20 – 09:30    WMO Opening Statement by **Dr Rupa Kumar Kolli**, Chief, World Climate Application Services Division of WMO Secretariat

09:30 – 09:40    Address by Guest of Honour **Hon. Dunesh Gankanda**, Deputy Minister of Disaster Management, Government of Sri Lanka

09:40 – 10:00    Address by Chief Guest **Hon. Anura Priyadarshana Yapa**, Minister of Disaster Management, Government of Sri Lanka

10:00 – 10:10    Vote of Thanks by **Mr D. J. A. Weerawardena**, Director, Department of Meteorology, Sri Lanka

10:10 – 10:15    Group Photo

10:15 – 10:45    *Health Break*

### **Session I     GFCS and Monsoon Mission**

Chairperson: Dr D.S. Pai, IMD

10:45 – 11:10    Implementation of the Global Framework for Climate Services (GFCS): Current Status and Way Forward (Dr. Rupa Kumar Kolli, WMO)

11:10 – 11:35    Importance of Monsoons for Sri Lanka (Mr L. Chandrapala, DG, DoM, Sri Lanka)

11:35 – 12:00    Indian Monsoon Mission Programme: Progress and Current Status (Dr A. Suryachandra Rao, IITM)

**Session II****Seasonal Prediction of South Asian Summer Monsoon : Country Perspectives***(Country-level predictions for JJAS 2016 and/or brief summary of related activities)*

Chairperson: A.K. Sahai, IITM

12:00 – 12:10 Afghanistan (Mr M.S. Reza, TBC)

12:10 – 12:20 Bangladesh (Mr M. Hossain)

12:20 – 12:30 Bhutan (Mr T. Dorji)

12:30 – 12:40 India (Dr D.S. Pai)

12:40 – 12:50 Maldives (Mr A. Mohamed)

12:50 – 13:00 Myanmar (Ms C.S. Hlaing)

13:10 – 13:20 Nepal (Mr Shiva Prasad)

13:20 – 13:30 Pakistan (Dr S. Khan)

13:30 – 13:40 Sri Lanka (Ms S. Jayawardena)

*13:40 – 14:30 Lunch Break***Session III****Seasonal Prediction of South Asian Summer Monsoon 2016: Global and Regional Perspectives**

Chairperson: Mr L. Chandrapala, DoM

14:30 – 14:50 Beijing Climate Center, CMA (Mr Wu Jie)

14:50 – 15:10 Tokyo Climate Centre, JMA (Mr A. Shimpo/Mr A. Goto)

15:10 – 15:30 IITM (Dr A.S. Rao)

15:30 – 15:50 WMO LC-LRFMME, KMA (Ms M. Kim)

*15:50 – 16:20 Health Break*

16:20 – 16:40 IRI (Dr S. Mason)

16:40 – 17:00 Met Office, UK (Dr A. Colman)

17:00 – 18:00 Open Discussion on the available indicators of the anomalies of the South Asian Summer Monsoon in 2016 and SASCOF-8 Consensus Outlook

**18:00 Close of Day 1**

**Tuesday, 26 April 2016**  
**(SASCOF-8/CSUF-Water-3/CSF-Health-1 Joint Sessions)**

<b>Session IV</b>	<b>User Perspectives</b>	Chairperson: Dr A. Shimpo, JMA
09:00 – 09:20	Development of User Interfaces through National Climate Outlook Forums (Dr G. Srinivasan, RIMES)	
09:20 – 09:40	IMD Regional Climate Centre products and services for South Asia (Dr D.S. Pai, IMD)	
09:40 – 10:00	Recent advances in extended range prediction for South Asia and potential applications (Dr A.K. Sahai, IITM)	
10:00 – 10:20	Climate Services for the Health sector (Dr Joy Shumake-Guillemot, WMO/WHO Project Office on Climate and Health)	
10:20 – 10:40	Climate Services for the Water Sector (Dr D. Jayasuriya, BoM Australia)	
<i>10:40 – 11:10 Health Break</i>		
11:10 – 12:20	<i>Discussion on Country Perspectives for Water Sector initiated by brief interventions (maximum 5 minutes each without any projected presentations) by the various country representatives on the current practices in the use of climate information in planning and management of water resources, followed by open discussion on the steps needed to improve provision of climate information for the water sector in the national context (Moderator: Ms P. Dissanayake, GWP SA)</i>	
12:20 – 13:30	<i>Discussion on Country Perspectives for Health Sector initiated by brief interventions (maximum 5 minutes each without any projected presentations) by the various country representatives on the current practices in the use of climate information in the health sector, with a special focus on heat-health actions, followed by open discussion on the steps needed to improve provision of climate information for the health sector in the national context (Moderator: Dr D. Mavalankar, IIPH)</i>	
<i>13:30 – 14:30 Lunch Break</i>		
<b>Session V</b>	<b>Consensus Forecast for 2015 SW Monsoon Rainfall and Future Perspectives for SASCOF</b>	Chairperson: Dr S. Mason, IRI
14:30 – 14:45	Review of South Asian summer monsoon performance in 2015, including verification of SASCOF-6 outlook (Ms S. Jayawardena, DoM Sri Lanka)	
14:45 – 15:15	Synthesis of available forecast information for 2016 South Asian Summer Monsoon: Presentation of SASCOF-8 Consensus Outlook (Dr D.S. Pai, IMD)	
15:15 – 15:45	Discussion on SASCOF-8 outlook	
<i>15:45 – 16:15 Health Break</i>		
16:15 – 17:00	Open discussion on SASCOF process, user interaction, communication, climate monitoring and way forward	
<b>17:00</b>	<b>Close of SASCOF-8</b>	