



WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION

RCOF REVIEW 2008: AN INTERNATIONAL EXPERT REVIEW MEETING ON REGIONAL CLIMATE OUTLOOK FORUMS

Arusha, United Republic of Tanzania
3 – 7 November, 2008

Hosted by
Tanzanian Meteorological Agency



AGENDA

3 Nov 2008	Monday
0830-0900	Registration
0900-1000	Opening Ceremony Chief Guest: Hon. Dr. Shukuru Kawambwa (MP), Minister, Infrastructure Development, United Republic of Tanzania
1000-1030	<i>Coffee/Tea Break</i>
Session I	RCOF Concept and its User Focus Chair: P F Tibaijuka Rapporteur : R Kolli
1030-1050	<u>RCOF Review 2008 : Overview and expected outcomes (B Nyenzi)</u>
1050-1110	<u>RCOFs in the context of climate and development (M Kadi)</u>
1110-1130	<u>Role of RCOFs in user-level decision making, disaster risk reduction and climate risk management (R Martinez)</u>
1130-1230	<u>Introduction of base documents on Position Papers (Lead: F Semazzi)</u> Open Discussion on the evolution of RCOFs in addressing user needs, and revisiting of Pretoria Review in relation to past experiences and challenges ahead
1230-1400	<i>Lunch</i>
Session IIa	Review of RCOF Activities Chair: F Semazzi Rapporteur: C Oludhe
1400-1420	<u>Greater Horn of Africa (Z Atheru)</u>
1420-1440	Southern Africa (V Simango/B Nyenzi)
1440-1510	<u>Western Africa (A Kamga)</u>
1510-1530	<u>Northern Africa (M Kadi)</u>
1530-1550	<u>Central Africa (M C Dufresne)</u>
1550-1610	<i>Coffee/Tea Break</i>
1610-1630	<u>Western Coast of South America (R Martínez)</u>
1630-1650	<u>Central America (P Ramirez)</u>

4 Nov 2008 Tuesday**Session IIb Review of RCOF Activities (contd.)**
Chair: L Ogallo Rapporteur: C Oludhe0830-0850 [Pacific Islands \(J Pahalad\)](#)0850-0910 [Asia \(Q Li\)](#)0910-0920 [Other active RCOFs \(R Kolli\)](#)0920-0940 [National perspectives of RCOF activities: Tanzanian experience \(P. Tibaijuka\)](#)

0940-1030 Open Discussion : Synthesis of RCOF Experiences, success stories, challenges, including revisiting of the associated aspects of Pretoria Review

1030-1100 *Coffee/Tea Break***Session III Review of RCOF Methods and Approaches**
Chair: J-P Ceron Rapporteur: J Pahalad1100-1130 [Seasonal prediction \(both dynamical and empirical\) \(J-P Ceron\)](#)1130-1200 [Role of GPCs and RCCs in providing inputs to RCOFs \(R Graham\)](#)1200-1230 [Design of products tailored to the regional and user needs \(P Ramirez\)](#)1230-1400 *Lunch*1400-1430 [Climate monitoring and data management, including climate watches \(C Oludhe\)](#)1430-1500 [The PRESAO Second Generation : A tentative work program \(M Kadi\)](#)1500-1530 [Downscaling including regional climate models and other tools \(e.g., CPT, SCOPIC, etc.\) \(S Mason; presented by J-P Ceron\)](#)1530-1600 *Coffee/Tea Break*

1600-1700 Open Discussion on Methods and Approaches, including the need to develop best practices and research needs (Lead: J-P Ceron)

5 Nov 2008 Wednesday

Session IV Forecast Verification

Chair: S Mason Rapporteur: A Kamga

0900-0930 [The WMO Standard Verification System for Long-range Forecasts \(R Graham\)](#)

0930-1030 [Open discussion on verification practices in RCOFs \(Lead: S Mason\)](#)

1030-1100 *Coffee/Tea Break*

Session V User Liaison

Chair: R Martinez Rapporteur: G Srinivasan

1100-1120 [Role of RCOFs in Food Security outlooks \(G Galu\)](#)

1120-1140 [Results of an RCOF User Survey \(M C Dufresne\)](#)

1140-1155 [User Perspectives of RCOFs: Hydroelectric Power \(S Kizzy\)](#)

1155-1210 User Perspectives of RCOFs: Agriculture (C Tibanyenda)

1210-1225 [User Perspectives of RCOFs: Media \(M Islam\)](#)

1230-1400 *Lunch*

1400-1430 [Climate risk management and the role of RCOFs \(G Srinivasan\)](#)

1430-1530 Open Discussion on the perceived role of RCOFs in climate adaptation, including sector-specific outlooks (e.g., Food Security outlooks, Malaria outlooks, etc.) and the associated socio-economic benefits

1530-1600 *Coffee/Tea Break*

1600-1700 *Continued from Session II:* Open Discussion on Methods and Approaches, including the need to develop best practices and research needs (Lead: J-P Ceron)

6 Nov 2008		Thursday
Session VI	Capacity Building	
	Chair: M Kadi	Rapporteur: P Ramirez
0900-0930	Pre-COF sessions and CLIPS training workshops (A Kamga)	
0930-1000	The Climate Prediction Center International Desks and RCOFs (V Kumar)	
1000-1030	Open Discussion on capacity building needs, coordination of training initiatives by different agencies, and development of curricula (Lead: J Pahalad)	
1030-1100	<i>Coffee/Tea Break</i>	
Session VII	Dissemination of RCOF products	
	Chair: M L Bah	Rapporteur: M Islam
1100-1130	Forecast formats and user-friendly representations (Z Atheru)	
1130-1200	Role of Media (P Luganda)	
1200-1230	Dissemination strategies, including the roles of NMHSs for national services (A Kanemba)	
Session VIII	Sustainability of RCOFs	
	Chair: V Simango	Rapporteur: Z Atheru
1400-1430	Requirements for sustained RCOF operations (M Kadi)	
1430-1500	RCOF experiences in successes and challenges in resource mobilization (V Simango)	
1500-1530	Open Discussion on sustainability of RCOFs, including cost-effective mechanisms and sustained resource commitments (Lead: L Ogallo)	
1530-1600	<i>Coffee/Tea Break</i>	
1600-1700	Open Discussion on sustainability of RCOFs (continued)	
Session IX	Emerging Opportunities and Alternate Models	
	Chair: P Ramirez	Rapporteur: R Martinez
1700-1730	Emerging research areas and collaboration opportunities for RCOFs (F Semazzi)	
1730-1800	Role of RCOFs in providing regional climate change scenarios for adaptation to climate change (L Ogallo)	

7 Nov 2008	Friday
Session IX	Emerging Opportunities and Alternate Models (contd..) Chair: P Ramirez Rapporteur: R Martinez
0830-0900	World Climate Conference-3 as an opportunity to project the role of RCOFs (B Nyenzi)
0900-0920	Nairobi Work Programme on impacts, vulnerability and adaptation to climate change (F Luboyera)
0920-0930	WMO Initiatives to promote and expand RCOF activities (R Kolli)
0930-1030	Open discussion on emerging and future opportunities to expand and enhance RCOF activities, including RCOF inputs to WCC-3, UNFCCC, etc.
1030-1100	<i>Coffee/Tea Break</i>
Session X	Position Papers on RCOF Issues Chair: B Nyenzi Rapporteur: R Kolli
1100-1300	Presentation of Position Papers after collating the feedback received and the views expressed in the sessions, along with overall recommendations and way forward (F Semazzi , J-P Ceron , R Martinez , S Mason , J Pahalad, L Ogallo)
1300-1330	Conclusions and Recommendations
1330	End of RCOF Review 2008 <i>Lunch</i>