



Fourth ACMAD/ClimSA Project Steering Committee meeting

Tentative date: May 28, 2024

1. Background

The climate crisis and particularly extreme events has again provided more evidence as a serious threat to the existence of mankind in the African continent. Cyclone FREDDY recognized as the longest lasting on record led to about half a billion of US dollars in losses and damages. Together with geopolitical tensions, food insecurity and inflation in commodity markets, climate change is affecting Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of many African countries year in year out. Combating climate change is therefore a challenge of utmost importance at global, continental, national and local levels.

As a national security crisis in some countries, climate change is being address by raising awareness on its impacts, delivering early warnings and climate information services to build resilience and support adaptation.

Intra-ACP Climate Services and related Applications (ClimSA) is a flagship programme funded by the 11th European Development Fund to support sustainable development through strengthening of climate services value chain by providing technical, financial assistance and capacity building.

In March 2021, the African Centre of Meteorological Applications for Development started implementation of a project under the ClimSA programme at continental level through a grant with the African Union Commission as Contracting Authority.

The ACMAD grant focuses on climate services generation and applications in the agriculture, water, health, disaster risk reduction sectors. The project is being implemented under five main outputs including:

- Structured user interfaces for agriculture, water, health and disasters
- Better climate services generated and delivered
- Improved access to climate data and information
- Enhanced capacity to generate and use climate products
- Climate services integrated in policy and decision processes

Through ACNAD/ClimSA, three User Interface Platforms have been established and are being operationalized at the continental level for agriculture and food security, Disaster risk reduction and health. Given the significant losses and damages due to extreme events and the disruptions on the water cycle with drought impacts, two sub UIPs on infrastructure resilience and integrated and sustainable water resource management under DRR and agriculture UIPs respectively have been initiated. The WMO designated Regional Climate Centre for all Africa continued operating and services to UIPs developed and delivered. ACMAD is upgrading its data infrastructure with Climate and PUMA stations and preparation for the demonstration phase to become a Data Collection and Production Centre (DCPC) of the WMO Information System for Africa. On the job training and secondments, internships, refresher courses, workshops, twining exercises, Pre-fora competency trainings, briefings and debriefings on outlooks, advisories, watches, alerts and warnings are organized improve impact-based forecasting for warning, preparedness planning and anticipatory action. To



accelerate mainstreaming of climate information in climate negotiations and development policies, ACMAD attends UNFCCC Conference of Parties with side events and high-level session statements on progress on implementation of the Paris Agreement, challenges, lessons learnt, key messages highlighting the urgency for climate action and perspectives for next year. ACMAD addresses AUC and ACP member countries ambassadors committee and sub-committees on environment and sustainable development to mobilize policy makers to prioritize establishment and operationalization of funding mechanisms to support climate action. ACMAD's statements also call for institutional strengthening for African institutions to become accredited and executing entities of climate funds.

2. Objectives

The fourth ACMAD/ClimSA Project Steering Committee (PSC) is the project's governing body that provides high level oversight and direction for the implementation of activities project implementation, support coordination at continental and global level.

The specific objectives of the steering meeting are to:

- Assess progress and achievements on project implementation by ACMAD and partners;
- Review and approve the work plan and budget for next year;
- Promote synergies and partnerships with other projects and partners.

3. Expected Outcomes

The ACMAD/ClimSA steering committee is expected to have the following outcomes:

- Increased awareness on ACMAD/ClimSA project;
- ACMAD/ClimSA work plan and budget for year 4 discussed and approved
- Synergies and partnerships strengthened

Participation

The committee is chaired by the Director Sustainable environment and blue economy of the Department of Agriculture, rural development, blue economy and sustainable environment of the AUC and ACMAD project implementation team is the secretariat.

The members of committee participating in the steering meeting include the ACMAD Board members, the EU Delegation to the African Union, the OACPS, Technical Implementing Partners (WMO, EUMETSAT and JRC) and key partners of the agriculture, disaster risk reduction and health applications sectors.



4. Draft programme

ACMAD 4th ClimSA Continental Steering Committee Meeting
Venue: ADDIS ABABA- ETHIOPIA
Physical and online
Tentative Date: MAY 22, 2024

Chair: African Union Commission

Time (GMT+3)	Activity	Facilitator
09:00-09:10	Registration	ACMAD
Session 1	Opening Ceremony	Chairperson
09:10-09:40	Welcome Remarks by DG/ETHIOPIAN METEOROLOGICAL AGENCY	
	Remarks by ACMAD	
	Remarks by EUMETSAT	
	Remarks by JRC	
	Remarks by OACPS/ ClimSA Technical Assistance	
	Remarks by WMO	
	Remarks by EU Delegation to the AUC	
	Opening speech by AUC	
Session 2	Presentations and discussions	Chairperson
09:40-10:00	Presentation and Adoption of the Agenda	
10:00-10:30	Report on the Implementation of past steering meetings Decisions and Recommendations	
10:30-10:45	ACMAD/ClimSA progress and achievements for year 3	
10:45-11:10	Work plan and budget for year 4	
11:10-11:25	Tea/Coffee Break	
11:25 -12:00	Discussions	
Session 3	Decisions and recommendations	
12:00-12:45	Review of draft Decisions and Recommendations	
12:45-14:30	Lunch Break	
Session4	Partners Contributions	
14:30-15:30	JRC, EUMETSAT, WMO, OACPS contributions	
Session 5	Closing statements	
15:30-16:30	EU Delegation to AU,OACPS, ACMAD Board, AUC	



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