



9th session of the South Asian Climate Outlook Forum (**SASCOF-9**) &
2nd Session of the Climate Services Users Forum for Agriculture (**CSUF-Ag2**)
September 27-29, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar
Agenda

Day 1 Tuesday, 27 September 2016		
09:00 -10:00 Inaugural Session		
Welcome Address	Dr. Hrin Nei Thiam, Director General, DMH, Myanmar	
Opening Remarks	Director, RIMES, Bangkok, Thailand	
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10:00-10:30	Group photograph followed by COFFEE/TEA BREAK	
Session 1 A Winter climate over South Asia: how was 2015 and what is expected for winter of 2016-17?		
Session Co-Chairs: Dr. Hrin Nei Thiam, DG, DMH, Myanmar and Prof. Yuri Kuleshov, BOM, Australia Rapporteur: Dr. Tin Mat Htay; Mr. Itesh Dash, RIMES		
10:30-11:00	Winter climate over South Asia: An Overview with highlights from 2015-16 season	Mr. Kariyawasam, former Director General, DoM, Sri Lanka
<i>GPC/RCCs/Institution presentations covering 2015-16 winter Seasonal Climate monitoring products & outlook for the 2016-17 winter season (20 minutes presentations and 10 minutes discussions)</i>		
11:00-11:30	Seasonal Climate monitoring and climate outlook products from the Beijing Climate Center (BCC)	Dr. Changzheng Liu BCC, China Meteorological Administration (CMA), China
11:30-12:00	Seasonal Climate monitoring and climate outlook products from the Tokyo Climate Center (TCC)	Mr. Shoji Hirahara TCC, Japan Meteorological Agency (JMA), Japan
12:00-12:30	Seasonal Climate monitoring and climate outlook products from the WMO Lead Centre for Long Range Forecast Multi-Model Ensemble (WMO LC-LRFMME), Korea Meteorological Administration (KMA)	Ms. Gayoung Kim, WMO LC-LRFMME, KMA
12:30-13:00	Seasonal Climate monitoring and climate outlook products from the UK Met Office	Mr. Andrew William Colman, UKMet Office, United Kingdom
13:00-14:00	LUNCH	
Session 1 B Country Experience		
Co-Chairs: Mr. Kariyawasam, ex-DG, DoM, Sri Lanka and Mr. Subbiah, Director, RIMES Rapporteur: Dr. Tin Mat Htay and Mr. Itesh Dash, RIMES		
14:00-15:30	Country Presentations Covering <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Climatology of winter season (Oct'15 to Feb'16) • Current Prediction System/Verification • Prediction for 2015-16 winter season 	Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Myanmar, Nepal
15:30-16:00	COFFEE/TEA BREAK	
16:00-16:30	Country Presentations (contd.)	Pakistan and Sri Lanka
16:30-17:30	Presentation of RCC (Demo), India Meteorological Department product a and the draft consensus outlook followed by discussions	Dr. Pai, IMD, Pune
END OF DAY 1		

Day 2 Wednesday, 28 September 2016 (Joint Session)		
SASCOF-9 & Climate Services Users Forum – Agriculture 2 (CSUF-Ag2)		
09:00 – 09:30	Welcome Opening Remarks Inaugural speech - DG, DoA, Myanmar or representative	
Session 2 Seasonal Climate information: Enabling Climate Services Session Co-Chairs: TBC and Ms. Ye Ye Nyein, Director, DMH <i>Rapporteurs: Ms. Han Shwe, DMH and Dr. Anshul Agarwal, RIMES</i> <i>(20 minutes presentations and 10 minutes discussions)</i>		
09:30-10:00	Overview presentation on GPCs and Global frameworks for climate services and role of RCCs	Dr. Rupa Kumar, WMO
10:00-10:30	General introduction to the drivers of seasonal climate during winter season of 2015-16, including BoM climate outlook products	Prof. Yuriy Kuleshov, BOM, Australia
10:30-11:00	Seasonal and Sub-seasonal products being generated by Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM), Pune, India	Dr. Suryachandra A. Rao, IITM, Pune, India
11:00-11:30	COFFEE/TEA BREAK	
11:30-12:00	Extended range products being generated by IITM, Pune	Dr. Atul Kumar Sahai, IITM, Pune, India
12:00-12:30	Use of seasonal climate outlooks for agriculture sector	Representative from DoA, Myanmar
12:30-13:00	Sharing the consensus SASCOF-9 climate outlook with users	Dr. Sivananda Pai, IMD, Pune, India
13:00-14:00	LUNCH	
Session 3 Using climate information in the Agricultural Sector – Challenges Session Co-Chairs: DoA, Myanmar representative and Dr. G. Srinivasan, RIMES <i>Rapporteurs: Ms. Han Shwe, DMH and Dr. Anshul Agarwal, RIMES</i>		
14:00-15:30	Discussions in Working Groups (About four WG will discuss and interpret the seasonal forecast for various aspects of agricultural applications)	Ms. Nina Karla Alparce, RIMES shall facilitate the WG discussions – there will be two persons from each NMHSs to facilitate climate outlook interpretations; guide questions will be provided
15:00-15:30	TEA/COFFEE BREAK	
15:30-16:00	Presentation by coordinators of each WG followed by discussions	Chair and co-chairs will conduct the session
Session 4 SASCOF follow-up at National Level Session Co-Chairs: Dr. Rupa Kumar Kolli, WMO and Ms. Khin Cho Cho Shein, Director, DMH <i>Rapporteurs: Ms. Han Shwe, DMH and Dr. Anshul Agarwal, RIMES</i>		
16:00-16:20	National level seasonal Forums & agriculture sector users requirements	Ms. Ruby Rose, RIMES
16:20-17:30	Wrap-up discussion on how the SASCOF outcome should be followed up at the national levels: Short presentation followed by country interventions	Lead by G. Srinivasan, RIMES
END OF DAY 2		

Day 3 Thursday, 29 September 2016		
Climate Services Users Forum – Agriculture 2 (CSUF-Ag2)		
Session 5 Agriculture Sector's climate information requirements		
Session Chair: Dr. A. K. Sahai, IITM, Pune, India and Ms. May Khin Chaw, Deputy Director, DMH		
Rapporteurs: <i>Ms. Aye Aye Soe</i> and <i>Ms. Nina Karla Alparce, RIMES</i>		
09:00-09:30	Maximising the use of forecast information in Agriculture: Experiences from Farmers Field School in Tamil Nadu, India	Dr. Anshul Agarwal, RIMES
09:30-10:30	Brief country presentations/sharing of experience covering, but not limited to the following aspects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current level of climate forecast availability • How are they being used operationally in the country at national, sub-national and end-user level, • Needs and requirements for the future 	Afghanistan Bangladesh Bhutan Maldives
10:30-11:00	TEA/COFFEE BREAK	
11:00-12:30	Brief country presentations/sharing of experience (cont.):	Myanmar Nepal Pakistan Sri Lanka India
12:30-13:30	LUNCH	
Session 6 Use of operational climate information for agricultural risk management		
Session Chair: Dr. Hirn Nei Thiam, DG, DMH, Myanmar and Dr. Pai, IMD, Pune		
Rapporteur: <i>Ms. Aye Aye Soe</i> and <i>Ms. Nina Karla Alparce, RIMES</i>		
13:30-14:00	DMH strategies for Agromet development in Myanmar	DMH, Myanmar
14:00-14:30	Decision support systems for enhancing the use of climate information in the agricultural sector	Mr. Itesh Dash, SESAME and potential enhancements to include seasonal climate information
14:30-15:00	TEA/COFFEE BREAK	
15:00-16:00	Panel Discussion: Opportunities and challenges – road map for better use of climate services for the agricultural sector	DG, DMH, UNDP, Myanmar (tbc), WMO representative other agencies
16:00-16:30	Recommendations and Wrap-up	To follow from the preceding session
END OF DAY 3 & CLOSING		