



# **24<sup>th</sup> Session of South Asian Climate Outlook Forum (SASCOF-24) for the Winter Season (Dec 2022 -Feb 2023)**

*24<sup>th</sup> November 2022  
(to be held online)*

## **Concept Note**

### **Background/Context:**

Amid the COVID-19 pandemic, during last two years, South Asia Climate Outlook Forum sessions were held via video conferencing. South Asian climate is influenced by both tropical (Oct-Dec) and temperate mid-latitude (Dec-Feb) circulation systems during the winter months. Southern parts of South Asia, including peninsular India, Sri Lanka, Maldives and southern coastal areas of Myanmar are influenced by North East Monsoon (Re-establishment of prevalent north easterly trade-wind regime over South Asia associated with the southward movement of the ITCZ), while extra-tropical activity dominated by “Western disturbances” influence the northern parts of the region including Afghanistan, Pakistan, north India, Bhutan, Nepal, Bangladesh and Myanmar. It is therefore necessary that seasonal forecasts for winter season be issued at two different times - one during September/October for southern region and the other during November/December for northern region. The crucial role of winter rains and the growing recognition of the benefits of SASCOFs in articulating and sharing seasonal climate information have led to the need for regularly conducting of winter SASCOFs. This year, the forecast outlook for the OND season was issued on 30th September. Now it is proposed to issued forecast outlook for the DJF season

Amid the COVID-19 pandemic, SASCOF24 (Twenty-fourth Session of SASCOF) for the winter season (DJF) will be held via video conferencing. All participants are encouraged to exchange views on current climate factors and discuss the outlook of climate prediction over South Asia for the upcoming winter season (Dec-Feb).

### **Objectives:**

The main objectives of this forum are:

- a. To exchange monitoring results of climate in the region;
- b. To discuss the regional climate outlook for the upcoming winter

**Expected outcomes:**

It is expected that the forum will provide detailed analysis of the South Asian climate state and give update of the seasonal climate outlook for the December 2022 to February 2023 over South Asia region.

**Proposed Agenda**

**24<sup>th</sup> November 2022, Thursday 13.00 PM IST**

13:00 Opening remarks (Shri, K. S. Hosalikar, RCC, Pune & Dr. G. Srinivasan, RIMES)

13:20 Presentations (NHMS & RCC Pune)

14:00 Discussion on Climate outlook for Winter season (Dec-Feb).

14:15 Pre-Consensus forecast Presentation

14:30 Discussion on draft consensus statement

15:00 Closing remarks

**29<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

Finalization of the outlook through email communication.

**30<sup>th</sup> November**

Release of outlook through the RCC Pune website.