

# RCOF Information Deck

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# ACF

## *Arctic Climate Forum*

**Countries represented:**

USA, Canada, Norway, Sweden, Iceland, Denmark, Finland, Russia.

**Year RCOF was established:** 2018

**Target seasons:** Winter (NDJ) and summer (JJA)

**Held in person or online:** both

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**Link(s) to latest outlook/ more information:** <https://www.arctic-rcc.org>

# ACCOF

## *African Continental Climate Outlook Forum*

### **Countries represented:**

African continent. Note: connected to PRESASS, PRESAGG and PRESAC.

### **Year RCOF was established:** 2022

**Target seasons:** All seasons

**Held in person or online:** both

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### **Link(s) to latest outlook/ more information:**

[ACCOF-15](#) ([PRESASS](#), [PRESAGG](#), [PRESAC](#))

# ASEANCOF

*Association of South East Asian Nations Climate Outlook Forum*

## **Countries represented:**

Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Viet Nam

## **Year RCOF was established:** 2013

## **Target seasons:** JJA and DJF

**Held in person or online:** both (typically one online and one physical, although all online 2020 – 2023)

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## **Link(s) to latest outlook/ more information:**

<http://asmc.asean.org/events-twenty-first-session-of-the-asean-climate-outlook-forum-aseancof-21/>

<https://seacm.pagasa.dost.gov.ph/>

<https://www.mss-int.sg/sea-rcc-network>

# EASCOF

## *East Asia winter Climate Outlook Forum*

### **Countries represented:**

Japan (maintaining the web page), Republic of Korea, Mongolia, China

### **Year RCOF was established:** 2012

**Target seasons:** DJF (Winter), temperature and precipitation

**Held in person or online:** in-person

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<https://www.data.jma.go.jp/tcc/tcc/library/EASCOF/>

# GHACOF

## *Greater Horn of Africa Climate Outlook Forum*

**Coordinating RCC:** IGAD Climate Prediction and Applications Centre (ICPAC)

**Countries represented:**

Burundi, Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda

**Year RCOF was established:** 1998

**Target seasons:** MAM, JJAS, OND

**Held in person or online:** Hybrid form (mainly in person with an option for on-line participants)

**Typical user of forecast:** Regional and National users in the following sectors: Agricultural and Food Security; Livestock and Rangelands; Water and Energy; Health; Disaster Risk Management; Conflict and Early Warning (CEWARN); Media & Communications; Environment and Forestry

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**Link(s) to latest outlook/ more information:**

<https://www.icpac.net/publications/technical-statement-from-the-66th-greater-horn-of-africa-climate-outlook-forum-ghacof66/>

# NEACOF

## *North Eurasian Climate Outlook Forum*

### **Countries represented:**

Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Russia, Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan

### **Year RCOF was established:** 2011

**Target seasons:** JJA (summer) and DJF (winter): air temperature and precipitation

**Held in person or online:** both

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### **Link(s) to latest outlook/ more information:**

[https://seakc.meteoinfo.ru/images/media/images-seakc/seakc/neacof25/Consensus\\_statement\\_eng.pdf](https://seakc.meteoinfo.ru/images/media/images-seakc/seakc/neacof25/Consensus_statement_eng.pdf)

<https://seakc.meteoinfo.ru/en/neacof-25>

# PICOF

## *Pacific Islands Climate Outlook Forum*

### **Countries represented:**

Australia, Cook Islands, Fiji, French Polynesia, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Micronesia (Chuuk and Pohnpei), Nauru, New Caledonia, New Zealand, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, South Korea, Tokelau, Tonga, Tuvalu, and Vanuatu.

### **Year RCOF was established:** 2015

**Target seasons:** dry season (May-October), wet season (November-April)

**Held in person or online:** dry season (online), wet season (in-person)

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Pacific RCC-N website: <https://www.pacificmet.net/rcc> (latest outlook: [https://www.pacificmet.net/sites/default/files/inline-files/documents/picof\\_13-regional\\_statement-final.pdf](https://www.pacificmet.net/sites/default/files/inline-files/documents/picof_13-regional_statement-final.pdf));

Twitter: [https://twitter.com/pacific\\_rcc](https://twitter.com/pacific_rcc);

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/PacificRegionalClimateCentre/>)



# PRESAC

## *Prévisions Climatiques Saisonnière en en Afrique Centrale (Regional Forum on Climate Outlook for Central Africa)*

**Coordinating RCC:** ACMAD. Note: connected to PRESASS, PRESAGG and ACCOF.

### **Countries represented:**

Chad, Cameroon, Central Africa Republic, Gabon, Congo, Democratic Republic of Congo, Equatorial Guinea, Sao Tome and Principe, Angola and Burundi

**Year RCOF was established:** 2000

**Target seasons:** OND, NDJ, MAM

**Held in person or online:** both

**Typical users of forecasts:** UNOCHA, FAO, UNHCR, IFRC, AGRYMET, Civil protection platforms, NMHs, Governments, Socio-economic and development sectors (health, agriculture and food security, DRR, water)

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[http://sgbd.acmad.org:8080/thredds/fileServer/ACMAD/PROJECTS/CLIMSA/CD/D/ACTIVITIES/SERVICES/Climate\\_outlook\\_forum/PRESAC/Comm\\_PRESAC.pdf](http://sgbd.acmad.org:8080/thredds/fileServer/ACMAD/PROJECTS/CLIMSA/CD/D/ACTIVITIES/SERVICES/Climate_outlook_forum/PRESAC/Comm_PRESAC.pdf)

# PRESAGG

*Prévisions Climatiques Saisonnière du Golfe de Guinée  
(Regional Forum on Climate Outlook for the Gulf of Guinea)*

**Coordinating RCC:** ACMAD/ AGRHYMET. Note: connected to PRESASS, PRESAC and ACCOF.

**Countries represented:**

Guinea-Conakry, Liberia, Sierra-Leone, Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, Nigeria, Togo, Benin, Cameroon and Equatorial Guinea

**Year RCOF was established:** 2014

**Target seasons:** MAM, AMJ

**Held in person or online:** both

**Typical users of forecasts:** UNOCHA, FAO, UNHCR, IFRC, AGRYMET, Civil protection platforms, NMHs, Governments, Socio-economic and development sectors (health, agriculture and food security, DRR, water)

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<https://acmad.org/index.php/presagg-11/>

# PRESANORD

*Prévisions Climatiques Saisonnières en Afrique du Nord  
(Regional Forum on Climate Outlook for North Africa)*

## **Countries represented:**

Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Libya, Egypt

## **Year RCOF was established:** 2012

## **Target seasons:** DJF, JJA

**Held in person or online:** both (physically 2012-2018, online 2019 to present)

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[http://rccnara1.marocmeteo.ma/consensus/Consensual%20Seasonal%20forecast\\_PRESANORD20\\_DJF2023\\_2024\\_final.pdf](http://rccnara1.marocmeteo.ma/consensus/Consensual%20Seasonal%20forecast_PRESANORD20_DJF2023_2024_final.pdf)

[http://rccnara1.marocmeteo.ma/consensus/Bulletin\\_PRESANORD19\\_JJA2023.pdf](http://rccnara1.marocmeteo.ma/consensus/Bulletin_PRESANORD19_JJA2023.pdf)

# PRESASS

*Prévisions Climatiques Saisonnières en Afrique Soudano-Sahélienne  
(Regional Forum on Climate Outlook for the Sudano-Sahelian Region)*

**Coordinating RCC:** ACMAD/ AGRHYMET. Note: connected to PRESASS, PRESAC and ACCOF.

## **Countries represented:**

Mauritania, Senegal, Mali, Guinea-Bissau, Guinea, Côte d'Ivoire, Burkina Faso, Niger, Chad, Cameroon, CAR, Nigeria, Benin, Togo, Ghana, Liberia, Cape Vert.

**Year RCOF was established:** 1998

**Target seasons:** MJJ, JJA, JAS

**Held in person or online:** both

**Typical users of forecasts:** UNOCHA, FAO, UNHCR, IFRC, AGRYMET, Civil protection platforms, NMHs, Governments, Socio-economic and development sectors (health, agriculture and food security, DRR, water)

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**Link(s) to latest outlook/ more information:**  
<https://acmad.org/index.php/presass10update/>

# SASCOF

## *South Asia Climate Outlook Forum*

### **Countries represented:**

Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka

### **Year RCOF was established:** 2010

**Target seasons:** Southwest Monsoon (JJAS), Post Monsoon (OND), winter (DJF). Rainfall and Temperature (Maximum & Minimum)

**Held in person or online:** both

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**Link(s) to latest outlook/ more information:**

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# SWIOCOF

## *South West Indian Ocean Climate Outlook Forum*

### **Countries represented:**

Island countries (Comoros, Madagascar, Mauritius, La Réunion (France), Seychelles) + Tanzania, Malawi, Mozambique, South Africa

### **Year RCOF was established:** 2012

**Target seasons:** OND, NDJ (COF held in September)

**Held in person or online:** in person (pre-COF), mixed (COF)

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**Link(s) to latest outlook/ more information:** [http://regionalclimate-change.sc/swiocof\\_data\\_portal/](http://regionalclimate-change.sc/swiocof_data_portal/) (Documentation page)

Another online forum is organized in late October to provide an outlook of the tropical cyclone activity during the coming season.

# TPCF

## *Third Pole Climate Forum*

**Coordinating RCC:** Third Pole Climate Centre Network (TPRCC-N, lead nodes below)

**Countries represented:**

Northern Node: China, Mongolia, Nepal, Bhutan, Pakistan

Southern Node: India, Nepal, Bhutan, Bangladesh, Myanmar

Western Node: Pakistan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, Afghanistan, China

**Year RCOF was established:** 2024 - not yet officially announced

**Target seasons:** summer (JJAS), winter (DJF)

**Held in person or online:** both

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**Link(s) to latest outlook/ more information:**

The first TPCF will be held in May 2024, which outcomes will be published on the web portal of TPRCC-Network (<http://www.rccra2.org/tp-rcc/>).

# WCSACOF

## *Western Coast of South America Climate Outlook*

**Countries represented:**

Venezuela, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Bolivia and Chile

**Year RCOF was established:** 1997

**Target seasons:** Annual analysis

**Held in person or online:** in person (virtual sometimes, e.g. pandemic)

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