

PROGRAM: 1ST CENTRAL AFRICA HYDROMET FORUM

Day 1: November 14, 2018 (Wednesday)	
8.30 – 9.00	Registration
9.00 – 10.30	Opening and welcome remarks with remarks from ECCAS, World Bank, UN agencies, WMO and Government of Gabon.
10.30 – 11.15	Photo and Coffee Break
11.15 – 12.45	<p>Plenary Session: Status of Weather, Water and Disaster Risk Management Services in Central Africa</p> <p>Keynote Speech: <i>Importance of hydromet, early warning and disaster risk management for regional integration and sustainable development in Central Africa</i></p> <p>Panel discussion: Challenges and opportunities for disaster risk management, meteorology and hydrology in Central Africa with representatives from international and regional organisations, ECCAS and member states</p>
12.45 - 14.00	Lunch break
14.00 – 15.30	<p>Plenary session: Impacts of extreme weather and climate events on communities, countries and regions – perspective and best practice actions from community gender and youth representatives</p> <p>Keynote Speech: <i>Linking Hydromet Early Warnings to Community-Based Early Action</i></p> <p>Panel Discussion: Perspective of community, women and youth representatives from the region.</p>
15.30 - 16.00	Coffee break
16.00 – 17.30	<p>Plenary Session: Financing weather, climate, water and early warning services in Central Africa</p> <p>Ignite Presentation and discussion : Programs and projects in support of the modernization of hydromet, early warning and disaster risk management services from member states and development partners including World Bank, AfDB, CREWS and AFD</p>

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Day 2 : November 15, 2018 (Thursday)		
9.00 – 10.30	<p>Knowledge and Learning (Plenary) Introduction to risk financing – Opportunities for Central Africa</p> <p>Presentations and panel discussion with experts from World Bank, African Risk Capacity, AfDB and others</p>	<p>Policy Dialogue (upon invitation) Meeting of heads of national meteorological and hydrological services in Central Africa</p>
10.30 – 11.15	Coffee Break	
11.15 – 12.45	<p>Knowledge and Learning (Plenary) Good practices for effective early warning systems - introduction to impact based forecasting and severe weather forecasting</p> <p>Presentations and panel discussion with global experts from among others WMO and IFRC (tbc)</p>	<p>Policy Dialogue (upon invitation) (cont.) Meeting of heads of national meteorological and hydrological services in Central Africa</p>
12.45 – 14.00	Lunch break	
14.00 – 15.30	<p>Policy dialogue : Hydromet services in support of sustainable agriculture, forestry and natural resource management in Central Africa</p> <p>Presentations and panel discussions with experts from ECCAS, Universities, COMIFAC, ACMAD and others (tbc)</p>	
15.30 – 16.00	Coffee break	
16.00 – 17.30	<p>Policy dialogue : Hydromet services for effective water resources management, inland navigation, hydropower, water supply in Central Africa</p> <p>Presentation and panel discussion: with experts from ECCAS, river basin organizations, and member states</p>	
18.00 - 20:00	Reception and networking	

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Day 3 November 16	
9.00 – 10.30	<p>Plenary Session: Linking regional initiatives and capacity building in support of effective weather, climate, water and early warning services</p> <p>Ignite presentations from Global Framework for Climate Services, ECCAS (for Regional Climate Center in Central Africa) and river basin organizations</p> <p>Panel discussion: Challenges and Opportunities for strengthening capacity building and regional networks in Central Africa</p>
10.30 – 11.00	Coffee Break
11.00 – 12.30	<p>Plenary Session: Harnessing partnerships and private sector</p> <p>Presentations and panel discussion with private sector actors including Global Weather Enterprise, equipment providers, telecom operators and others</p>
12.30 - 14.00	Lunch
14.00 – 15.30	<p>High level session: Action plan for the modernization of national hydrological and meteorological Services in Central Africa - Presentation to and discussion with ECCAS parliamentarian network on DRR</p> <p>Keynote:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Representative from national hydromet services: Key recommendations from meeting of heads of national hydromet services● Rapporteur: Key recommendations from policy dialogue, knowledge and learning and plenary sessions <p>Panel discussion with parliamentarian network and representatives from Government of Gabon, ECCAS and World Bank</p>
15.30 16.00	Coffee Break
16.00 17.00	<p>Closing Ceremony</p> <p>Presentation and adoption of the Conference Communiqué and road map for strengthening Hydromet Services in Central Africa (Commissioner ECCAS)</p> <p>Closing Remarks: World Bank, WMO, ECCAS, Government of Gabon</p>
17.00	End of Meeting