



**Targeted Training Activity (TTA): Predictability of Weather and Climate:
Theory and Applications to Intraseasonal Variability**
Trieste, Italy, July 27 - August 7, 2009

**South Asian Climate Outlook Forum (Inception Meeting)
August 6, 2009**

Objective:

To consider the applicability of Regional Climate Outlook Forum (RCOF) concept for South Asia, jointly endorse the proposal for the development of a South Asian Climate Outlook Forum (SASCOF), and take the initial steps to scope out and prepare implementation plans for the first session of SASCOF possibly in the pre-monsoon season of 2010.

AGENDA
(as of August 4)

OPENING SESSION

- 09:00 **Introduction**
Dr. J. Shukla, Professor, George Mason University (GMU) & President, Institute of Global Environment and Society (IGES), USA
- 09:10 **Welcome**
Dr K.R. Sreenivasan, Director, ICTP
- 09:20 **WMO Statement of Support for establishing an RCOF in South Asia**
Mr M. Jarraud, Secretary-General, WMO
- 09:30 **Challenges in Monsoon Prediction and Potential for Operational Implementation in South Asia**
Dr. J. Shukla, Professor, GMU
- 09:50 **Signing of Memorandum of Understanding between WMO and ICTP**
Mr M. Jarraud, Secretary-General, WMO and Dr K.R. Sreenivasan, Director, ICTP
- 10:00 *Coffee Break*
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Session I : Operational Seasonal Prediction in South Asia : Current Status and Future Perspectives
Chair: Dr A. Tyagi, Permanent Representative of India with WMO

10:30 **Short Presentations/Statements on National Perspectives**

Speakers:

- Dr A. Tyagi, Director General of Meteorology, India Meteorological Department and Permanent Representative of India with WMO
- Dr Q.Z. Chaudhry, Director General, Pakistan Meteorological Department and Permanent Representative of Pakistan with WMO
- Mr G.B. Samarasinghe, Director General, Department of Meteorology, Sri Lanka and Permanent Representative of Sri Lanka with WMO
- Dr T. Samdup, Director, Council for Renewable Natural Resources Research of Bhutan and Permanent Representative of Bhutan with WMO
- Dr K.P. Sharma, Deputy Director General, Department of Hydrology and Meteorology, Nepal
- Dr S. Das, Nominee of Director, Bangladesh Meteorological Department

- 11:45 **Introduction to SMRC and its activities : Potential contributions to SASCOF Implementation**
Dr S. Das, SMRC
- 12:00 Discussion
- 12:30 *Lunch Break*
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Session II : South Asian Climate Outlook Forum : Scoping and Planning
Chair: Dr Q.Z. Chaudhry, Permanent Representative of Pakistan with WMO

- 14:00 **RCOF Concept, including GPC, RCC and NMHS Linkages : Role in the developing Global Framework for Climate Services**
Dr R. Kolli, WMO
- 14:30 **Open Discussion on Seasonal Prediction in South Asia:**
- Needs, requirements and capabilities of providers
 - Needs and requirements of users/policy- and decision-makers
- 15:30 *Coffee Break*
- 16:00 **Open Discussion on Implementing a South Asian Climate Outlook Forum (SASCOF)**
- Scoping
 - Implementation perspectives
 - User engagement
 - Endorsement of SASCOF
 - Capacity Building
 - Tentative Work Plan
- 17:30 *Closure of Meeting*
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