

Notes
Teleconference Call
to plan the Addis September Steering Committee (SC) Launch Meeting
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Deadlines:

- Immediately: email additional SC nominations
- By Monday Aug. 20: Vote on SC membership, and email back your final votes (using EXCEL spreadsheet to be emailed by Arame by end of this week).
- By end of next week (Aug. 25): Review and comment on proposed CCDA-II program, Email back your comments on Sub-theme 1 proposed topics and oral & poster presenter suggestions.

Please email your final votes, suggestions, comments and feedback to arametall@gmail.com, copying sbekele@uneca.org.

Many thanks to all for your contributions and commitment to this agenda, and for your time today contributing to set up the Steering Committee for this joint WCRP/ACPC initiative for 2012-2013.

i) Review of progress hitherto:

Where we stand on our joint agenda of: «Putting climate science at the service of adaptation decision-making in Africa»:

- a. The CCDA-II
- b. The State of the Africa Climate Conference 2013 (Africa Climate Conference 2013)

Served as a good opportunity to clarify vision of joint work on the CCDA-II and Africa Climate Conference 2013.

The CDA-II sub-theme 1 to serve as an opportunity to engage the end-user community in Africa, and enlist their contributions in steering the future of African

climate research, towards user-driven climate research. More on the CCDA-II is provided in the concept note.

The Pan-African Climate conference in 2013 to be a step-up from the CCDA-2. The objective of this Conference will be to bring together climate researchers and scientists of African climate systems, around the common goals of identifying the state of knowledge on the African climate system, recognizing current gaps in climate knowledge, developing a framework for mainstreaming climate information into decision making, and defining and driving an African agenda for future climate research that will inform adaptation decisions by the mid- to end 21st century. More on the Africa Climate Conference 2013 in the concept note.

The specific aims, expected outcomes and action plan of the Africa Climate Conference 2013 will be defined at the Steering Committee meeting in Addis, September 13-14. These will be presented at the CCDA-II for endorsement.

ii) Update from the WCRP Joint Steering Committee (Fred and Pius)

- a. Need to engage GFCS and GEWEX
- b. Include input from the full spectrum of the WCRP projects and its regional activities. The WCRP projects should be kept informed on the planning progress via the JSC
- c. VACS name officially changed to CLIVAR Africa Climate Panel. This new name will be used in all future correspondence.

iii) Discussion of the strategic goals of the proposed SC :

- a. Review of the SC ToRs (***please consult SC ToRs document and email back any comments***)

iv) Review of the CCDA-II draft programme:

- i. Identification of topics.
 - It has been noted that there is a need to integrate the various themes of CCDA-II, and follow a coherent approach
 - Feature ongoing efforts under each topic + success stories
 - Use Sept 2012 CLIVAR Exchanges Special Issue that gives an overview of ongoing research in Africa to suggest topics and presenters
 - Use CSRP (Uk Met Office/DfID) fellowship program and topics researched by African fellows as good guidance on ongoing frontier research on African climate.

There will be four papers per slot with 1h½ allocated to each topic. The sessions will take place successively with all the participants staying together, thus the discussion that will follow the talks will provide the means to integrate across the topics. Current suggested proposed topics are as follows:

Sub-theme 1: Climate Science, Data, Information and Service Delivery

Topic 1.1: Frontiers of research and development for climate science, services and policy

Topic 1.2: Climate Observations (hydrological and meteorological) in Africa

Topic 1.3: Climate Analysis for Adaptation and Risk Management

The SC now has to suggest papers and speakers to feature under each topic. Additional papers proposed but not selected can be presented during a poster session.

ii. Identification of speakers/contributors to invite under each topic

NB: Deadline to submit your suggestions for papers and oral presenters to be featured during the CCDA-II is Aug. 25

Paper ideas already suggested are as follows:

- Topic 1.1: Frontiers of research and development for climate science, services and policy
 - o Paper 1: WCRP/ACPC foundational paper on the Frontiers in Africa Climate Science Research
 - o Paper 2: GFCS pilot national Frameworks Framework for climate services
 - o Other success stories bridging the gap between climate science and practice? Ideas from the VACS Exchanges special Issue on Africa?
 - o Paper 3:
 - o Paper 4:
- Topic 1.2: Climate Observations (hydrological and meteorological) in Africa
 - o Paper 1: Success stories in rescuing data (country-level and continental) to produce user-relevant climate services
 - o Paper 2:
 - o Paper 3:
 - o Paper 4:
- Topic 1.3: Climate Analysis for Adaptation and Risk Management
 - o Paper 1: CSRP fellowships: Pushing back the frontiers of climate research in Africa to produce user-salient climate services (perhaps

Ousmane Ndiaye's practical research can be featured here, along with other star researchers)

- Paper 2:
- Paper 3:
- Paper 4:

Please email your suggestions for additional papers/presentations to arametall@gmail.com, copying sbekele@uneca.org.

v) Definition of Timeline of activities between now and September Launch meeting:

- a. Email invitation to all SC members to serve on the committee (CLIVAR Africa Panel; as soon as SC membership is finalized next week)
- b. Logistical preparation of the SC Launch meeting (ACPC; Timeline: Begins as soon as SC membership is finalized next week)
- c. Review of CCDA-II draft programme (to be done by all SC members; Timeline: By Aug. 20)

vi) Preliminary agenda of the September SC Launch Meeting, proposed agenda items:

- a. Identification of the frontiers of Africa climate science research (to be presented during the CCDA-II Topic 1.1 session)
- b. CCDA-II programme review: selection of papers and posters, sequencing of presenters, finalization of programme.
- c. Preparation of the SACSC 2013 and establishment of Taskforce.

vii) Finalization of the SC membership (*please consult pertaining EXCEL spreadsheet*).

Suggestions were made to include the following additional members onto the proposed SC:

- GEWEX representative (D/GEWEX or High-level GEWEX African scientist)
- GFCS Representative (GFCS Head, Filipe Lucio)
- North Africa Representative (Morocco Met Office Head proposed)

Seats on the SC being limited to 14 for both practical (to facilitate coordination) and funding reasons, Interim Planning Committee members are now requested to vote on all SC nominations. An EXCEL SPREADSHEET will be circulated to this end.

NB: Deadline to submit your final vote on SC nominations is Aug. 20

viii) Confirmation of SC Launch meeting dates: Attendance & Funding requirement

SC Launch Meeting will be held September 13-14, in Addis Abab (UNECA). Please mark your calendars.

ACPC will begin logistical preparations for this meeting as soon as the SC membership is confirmed early next week. In responding to your invitation email, please indicate whether you will be requiring funding to attend the SC meeting.

ix) Attendance at the CCDA-II, funding requirement

ACPC will be inviting SC members to attend the CCDA-II Conference, due to be held October 19-20 in Addis Ababa. Please pencil in the dates in your agendas.

In responding to your invitation email, please indicate whether you will be requiring funding to attend the Conference.