

## ***2<sup>nd</sup> AfriGEOSS Symposium 2017: Session-9 Climate***

**When** Session 9 (Day-3, Thu. 15-June): 09h00 – 10h30

**Session Title** Climate services in support of adaptation decision-making in Africa

### ***1) Purpose: background, topic and objectives of the session***

#### ***a) Background: Explain the purpose***

The Paris Agreement on Climate Change established a “global goal on adaptation of enhancing adaptive capacity, strengthening resilience and reducing vulnerability to climate change, with a view to contributing to sustainable development and ensuring an adequate adaptation response in the context of the temperature goal “. In particular, Parties recognized the “importance of support for and international cooperation on adaptation efforts and the importance of taking into account the needs of developing country Parties, especially those that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change.”. GEO has identified “Climate Change” as one of its three priority engagement areas. The AfriGEOSS Initiative can play an important coordination role for climate adaptation in Africa.

#### ***b) What is the session mainly about (topic)?***

- The session will introduce climate as a new thematic area in AfriGEOSS.
- It will bring together relevant entities in the region to review the status of climate services, showcase the uptake of information in adaptation decision-making and provide information on best practices and lessons learned.

### ***2) Key questions to be addressed in the session***

- How are climate services being implemented in Africa?
- What is the status of the development of National Adaptation Plans in African countries?
- What are the coordination mechanisms on the regional and national level?
- What are the national data needs for adaptation?
- To what extent can the AfriGEOSS Initiative support the efforts in the region?

### ***3) Expected outcomes from the session***

- Raising awareness on the role of climate services for adaptation efforts in Africa
- Foster discussion on the role of climate adaptation in the context of AfriGEOSS

- Roadmap towards engagement with the relevant entities

#### 4) *Format of the session*

Panel discussion: Introduction by session Chair followed by opening remarks / presentations by the panel addressing appropriate elements of the outlined session questions.

#### 5) *Speakers*

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Stephen Komla	Met Agency, GHANA
Benjamin Lamptey	ACMAD
TBD	AGRHYMET
Zachary Atheru	IGAD-ICPAC
Bradwell Garanganga	SADC CS
Benjamin Gyampoh	CIRCLE
TBD	WASCAL
Joerg Helmschrot (TBC)	SASSCAL
TBD	SAWS, South Africa

#### 6) *Moderators and Rapporteurs*

<i>Name</i>	<i>Organisation</i>
Andre Obregon (Moderator)	GEO Secretariat
TBD (Rapporteur)	

#### 7) *Schedule*

- Introduction of the session and overview (Moderator) (5 min)
- Speaker remarks / presentations (5 min each)
- 40 minute moderated panel discussion – converge on issues of collaboration (*see key questions to be addressed in the session*)
- Summary of session by moderator (5 min)