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Group 3 Southern and Indian Ocean

No of participants 22

Countries present: Zimbabwe, Lesotho, Eswatini , Angola, Seychelles, Zambia , South Africa , Botswana, Zambia , Mozambique

1. Q&A: Clarifications on the Introductory presentations done in plenary
Mainly focus on Climate Station :

Questions raised

- Will the climate station be accessed through the Eumetcast?
- Can other datasets be inserted in the Climate Station?
- Do you intend to extend the Station to develop service for the energy sector
- Are you interested in developing longterm and shortterm (Zimbabwe)
- How can local data be included in the Climate Station ? (SADC-CSC)
- Will there be satellite images ? (Seychelles)

- Need for monthly forecast (Zimbabwe)
- Forecast for the start of the rainy season (Zambia)
- Will SADC be providing climate stations for all countries of the SADC region
- Are the specification for the Stations to be provided by SADC the same as the other regions?

Clarification provided

- The Climate Station is an integrated system with multiply data sources
- Eumetcast is integrated into the climate station
- Data set available, SA+ IO region could be interesting for extreme weather events influence by IOD and ENSO
- Plan to develop new products eg heatwave , of interest for health and agriculture sector
- Plan to include cyclone products in the Climate station. On going discussion with MeteoFrance for the IO region where different dataset are made available freely
- Satellite images will be available on the Climate station
- SADC will purchase climate stations for all its member States including the island States . The specifications are the same as for the other regions of Africa and were provided by JRC
- Data on the climate station will be accessible via internet.

Recommendations

- RCC to continue to collect the needs of the countries to improve and or develop the products required by countries
- For the energy sector , countries needs to be more precise and determine the use, eg for production of energy or for consumption