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Subject: Invitation to the workshop "Operationalization of Objective Seasonal Forecasts and Sectoral Products on Sub-Regional Scales", taking place from 27 April to 1 May 2026, in Casablanca, Morocco

Action required: Nomination of up to two experts from your institute/organization to participate in the above-mentioned workshop at your earliest convenience, but preferably no later than **9 March 2026**

Dear Sir/Madam,

By adopting [Decision 9 \(EC-72\)](#) at its seventy-second session in September 2020, the Executive Council of WMO approved the promotion of the operational implementation of objective seasonal forecasts and tailored climatological products, with strengthened service delivery at the national level.

In this context, I am pleased to inform you that WMO is organizing the training workshop "*Operationalization of Objective Seasonal Forecasts and Sectoral Products on Sub-Regional Scales*" from 27 April to 1 May 2026 in Casablanca, Morocco. This workshop is implemented under the Intra-ACP Climate Services and Related Applications (ClimSA) Programme, funded by the European Union, which supports the strengthening of climate services value chains in Africa, the Caribbean, and the Pacific.

Through ClimSA, WMO supports the operationalization and enhancement of Regional Climate Centres (RCCs) and selected focus countries, with particular emphasis on improving the quality, consistency, traceability, and usability of regional climate information and prediction products. Within this framework, WMO is mandated to support the production and operational use of objective seasonal forecasts, contributing to the transition towards more reproducible, verifiable, and evidence-based forecasting approaches at regional and sub-regional levels.

Under ClimSA Output 3, Activity 3.5, WMO is further tasked with providing regional recommendations on the use of Climate Services Toolkits (CSTs) to support objective seasonal forecasting. This activity directly contributes to the ongoing evolution of Regional Climate Outlook Forums (RCOFs) and Regional Climate Forums (RCFs) from predominantly subjective or consensus-based outlooks towards more objective and operational forecasting systems.

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Accordingly, this five-day workshop aims to strengthen the capacity of RCCs in Africa, the Caribbean, and the Pacific to implement objective seasonal forecasting methods and to enhance the production and dissemination of sector-relevant climate products at the sub-regional level. The workshop will provide a dedicated platform for:

- (1) Sharing operational experiences and good practices among ACP RCCs;
- (2) Supporting the transition towards objective seasonal forecasting for RCOFs/RCFs; and
- (3) Strengthening the production and use of sector-specific climate indices to better support climate-sensitive sectors.

The workshop will be structured around two complementary components:

- (1) Operationalization of objective seasonal forecasting, including end-to-end production workflows; and
- (2) Development of tailored, sector-relevant climate indices, using the ClimPACT tool to support climate risk management and adaptation.

In this regard, I kindly invite you to nominate up to two representatives from your organization with relevant expertise in objective seasonal forecasting and related applications to participate in this workshop, preferably in person. Upon request, WMO will consider providing financial support for travel and accommodation for in person participants, subject to the availability of funds.

Regarding insurance coverage for non-staff members, may I draw your attention to the following:

Non-staff members of WMO who are authorized to travel at the Organization's expense and/or who are receiving a DSA from WMO must ensure they are fully responsible for expenses incurred in the event of death, illness or injury during official travel and attendance at meetings on behalf of the Organization. They are, therefore, fully responsible for arranging life, health, and accident, as well as any other forms of insurance with an adequate level of coverage for the duration of such meetings and events.

WMO liability is limited to the performance of services or attendance at a meeting on behalf of the Organization, is covered by an injury and illness benefit insurance which provides limited coverage for medical, emergency, and supplementary official travel expenses.

Please submit the names and contact details of your nominees to WMO Staff members Mr Wilfran Moufouma-Okia at wmokia@wmo.int and Mr Saeed Vazifehkhah at svazifehkhah@wmo.int, at your earliest convenience, but preferably no later than 9 March 2026.

The detailed agenda and logistical information will be communicated to participants in due course. For further information on the technical content of the workshop, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Moufouma-Okia.

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take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and contribution to the WMO
activities.

Yours faithfully,



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