

Enablers for implementation of the Paris Agreement in Africa: ACPC-WMO Climate Information Services Partnership for Africa

Date: Wednesday, 16 Nov 2016

Time: 16.00-17.30 hrs

Venue: Africa Pavilion, Salle 2

Organizers: UNECA and WMO-AMCOMET

Context:

The Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) have become the central mechanism by which countries will work towards achieving the targets set by the agreement. The implication is that countries will need a solid understanding of the science of climate change backed by robust climate information and services delivery that can inform the NDC and associated mechanisms established through the global climate governance process to address the climate change and development challenge. Africa's capacity to address the climate science-policy issues and delivery of robust climate information and services for informed decision making remains a challenge. Existing capacity remains mostly in very few African countries despite the unique challenges the continent is with due to existential climate threat. As if this was not complicated enough, implementation of the Paris Agreement will also have to be aligned with the Agenda 2030 and Africa's Agenda 2063, a process that will require innovative strategies for articulating the climate-science policy issues to enable the crafting of climate science informed solutions for the implementation of these noble agreement and agendas

Objectives:

To discuss and provide insight on how existing weather and climate information strategies can be harnessed for the implementation of the Paris agreement as well as Africa's Agenda 2063 and 2030. It will draw on best practices and lessons from implementation of existing strategies, including initiatives of ECA's, AMCOMET and the GFCS, and will propose concrete actions to be taken at the continental level to address the unique weather and climate related challenges in Africa.

Chair

- H. E. Rhoda Peace Tumusiime, Commissioner for Rural Economy and Agriculture, AUC

Speakers:

- Socio-economic benefits of Weather and Climate Services and its role in advancing Africa's Development Agenda - **H.E. Dr. Abdalla Hamdok**, Executive Secretary, UNECA
- GFCS implementation in Africa and how it links to implementation of the Paris Agreement: the need for a coordinated Regional Framework for Climate Services - **H.E. Prof. Petteri Taalas**, Secretary General, WMO
- AMCOMET Strategy and programmes relevant to implementation of the **Paris Agreement** - **H.E. Mr Gilberto Correia Carvalho Silva**, **AMCOMET Bureau Chair**
- AMCEN Climate Change Strategy - **H.E. Dr. Khaled Fahmy**, **AMCEN President**
- Coordinated approach to investing in weather and climate information services - (AfDB, TBC)

Discussants:

- **H.E. Mr Ahmad Allam-Mi**, Secretary General, Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS)
- **H.E. Ms O C Z Muchinguri-Kashiri**, MP, Minister of Environment, Water and Climate, Zimbabwe
- **H.E. Prof Judi W. Wakhungu**, Cabinet Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Water and Natural Resources, Kenya
- **Dr. Youssef Nassef**, Director, Adaptation Programme, UNFCCC