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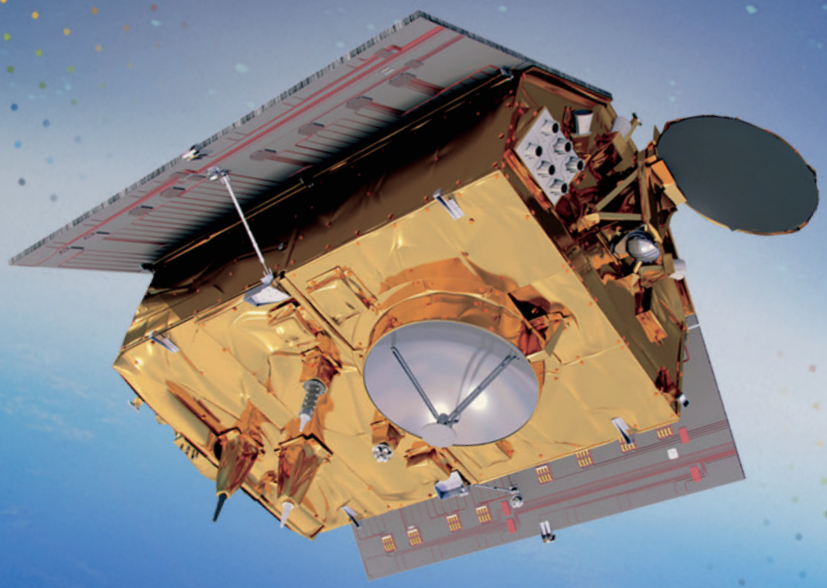
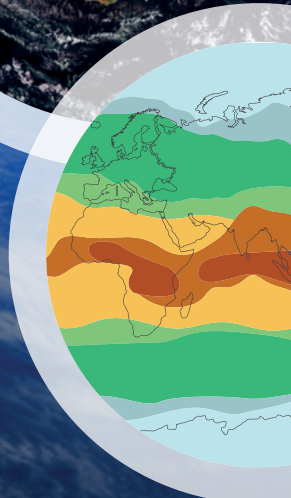
Contributes to strengthening science-based climate prediction and services for members of the OACPS





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The Intra-ACP Climate Services and related applications programme is a EUR 85 M initiative of the Organisation of the African, Caribbean and Pacific States (OACPS) funded under the 11th European Development Fund (EDF) **to strengthen the climate services value chain**: from access to information, generation and provision of climate services to engagement and capacity of users to ensure utilisation of these services.

For that purpose, the intervention aim is to provide, among others, technical support, capacity building, institution strengthening and, awareness, for 8 Regional Climate Centres in the 3 ACP regions.

As main users of climate services and the bridge to other final users, the **African Regional Economic Communities** (RECs), the **African Union Commission** (AUC), the **Caribbean Meteorological Organisation** (CMO), and the **Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme** (SPREP), will be the focus of the action to ensure sustainability of the utilisation of climate services.

79
MEMBER STATES
48 from Sub-Saharan Africa
16 from Caribbean
15 from Pacific

47
LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES (LDCs)

37
SMALL ISLAND DEVELOPING STATES (SIDS)

15
LAND-LOCKED COUNTRIES

GOAL AND OBJECTIVES OF THE CLIMSA PROGRAMME

The goal of the programme is to contribute to strengthen production, availability, delivery and application of science-based climate prediction and services.

In particular:

> Improved quality and quantity of regional climate prediction and services offered by ACP regional climate centres (RCCs) and national hydro-meteorological organisations (NMHSs) for 5 climate-sensitive sectors :

- **Agriculture and food security**
- **Health**
- **Water**
- **Disaster risk reduction**
- **Energy**

> ACP Regional Climate Centres (RCCs) are designated/certified as World Meteorological Organisation regional climate centres and recognised as regional centres of excellence by ACP countries, the Regional Economic Communities (RECs) and other regional partners/stakeholders. This will lead to their certification by UN World Meteorological Organization as WMO Regional Climate Centre (WMO-RCC).

The action will contribute to fostering sustainable development, through the prevention of desertification, preservation of ecological biodiversity, sustainable use of water management in Members of OACPS by **improving the decision-making process through informed adaptation options to climate variability and change**.

The overall objective is to strengthen the climate service value chain through building the capacities of decision-makers at all levels to make effective use of climate information and services.

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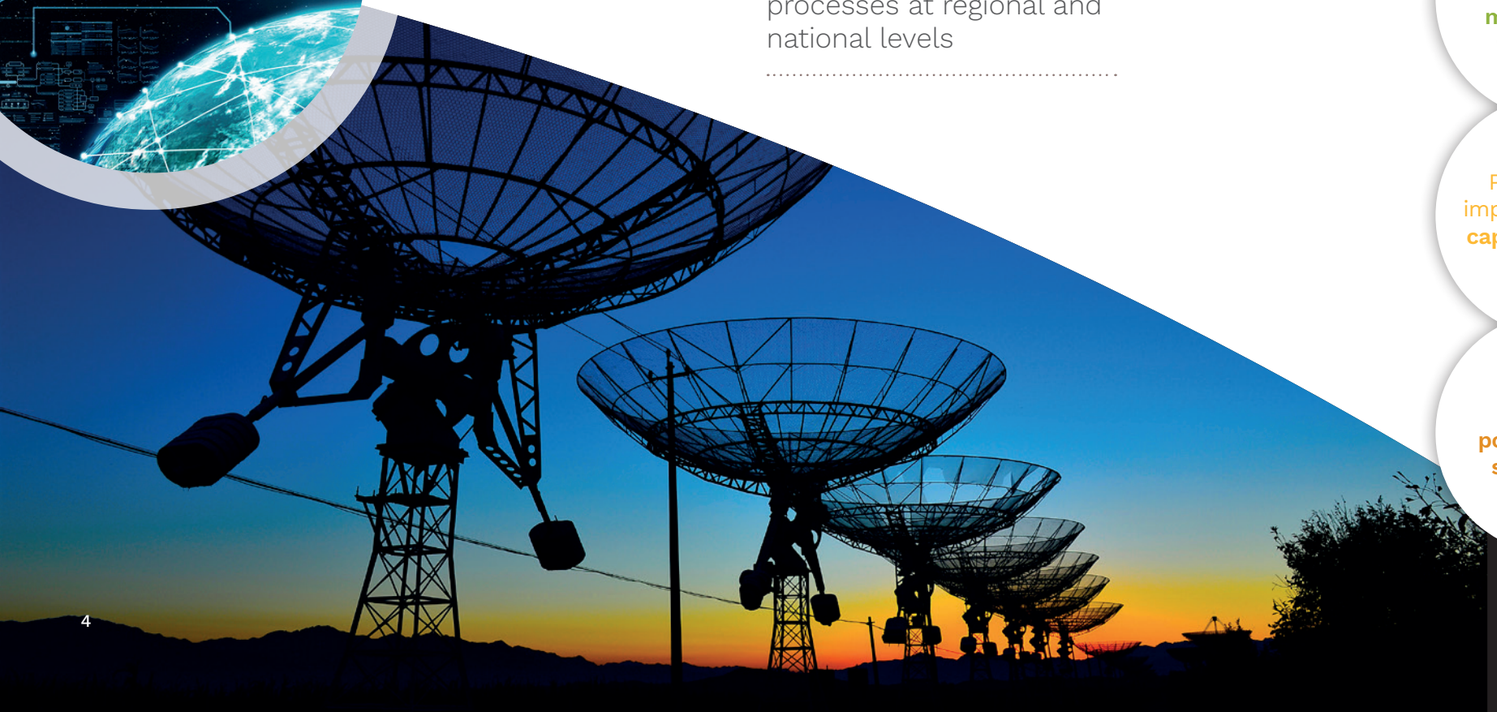
MAIN EXPECTED RESULTS

1. **Interaction between the users, researchers and climate services providers** in ACP regions is structured
2. **Provision of climate services** at Regional and National level is effectively guaranteed and secured
3. **Access to Climate Information** is improved
4. **Capacity of ACP regions is enhanced** to generate and apply climate information and products relevant to their particular concerns
5. **Climate-informed decision-making is enhanced** and climate services are mainstreamed into policy processes at regional and national levels



PURPOSE OF THE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Setting up the **coordination mechanism**	**Output 1 : Evaluation, monitoring and reporting** on the Intra ACP Climate Services Programme is established and maintained;
Designing and implementing the **systems and strategies**	**Output 2:** Development and support to the implementation of the **capacity building plan** in strategic and thematic issues to augment the capacity of stakeholders in every step of the climate services value chain in line with the Competency Framework for Climate Services, is ensured;
Organising **communication, visibility,** awareness and **knowledge management;**	**Output 3:** Establishment and operationalisation of an appropriate **communication, visibility and knowledge management strategy** serving the exchange and cross fertilisation of experience among Intra ACP Climate Services Programme partners is maintained;
Convening and organising **meetings and workshops**	**Output 4:** Organisation of Intra-ACP Climate Services yearly fora and other events is guaranteed;
Planning and implementing the **capacity building** activities	**Output 5: Setting up of a dedicated Information platform/Portal** to exchange best practices, make information available for specific needs and encourage cooperation between the regions, is strengthened; and
Developing **policy decision support tool**	**Support to RCCs in bringing added-value to climate services** through integration of socio-economic elements, analytical components and visualisation tools is ensured

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BENEFICIARIES

The ClimSA Programme is implemented through OACPS entrusted Regional Organisations, namely:

IOC
Indian Ocean Commission

SADC
Southern African Development Community

IGAD
Intergovernemental Authority on Development

AGRHYMET
Institute of the Permanent Interstate Committee for Drought Control in the Sahel (ECOWAS)

CMO
Caribbean Meteorological Organisation

SPREP
Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme

AUC
African Union Commission*

* The African Union Commission manages the grant of the ECCAS.

TECHNICAL IMPLEMENTING PARTNERS

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WMO
UN World Meteorological Organisation

World Meteorological Organization is playing a major role in the capitalisation and exchange of best practices between the OACPS regions by supporting the OACPS Secretariat in the organisation of Intra-ACP Climate Services OACPS yearly fora and in the preparation of publications/documentation on the achievements of the action as well as the dedicated Information platform/Portal.

JRC
European Commission's Joint Research Centre

The Joint Research Centre (JRC) will define and consolidate requirements for user driven services and provide feedback to international data providers for all eight (8) regions and provide methods and tools for observational datasets and model inter-comparison at the regional scale to Regional Climate Centres.

EUMETSAT
European Organisation for the Exploitation of Meteorological Satellites

An agreement has been signed between OACPS Secretariat and EUMETSAT for its contribution in the implementation of the action, including but not limited to the following objectives: support definition of training activities; assist during implementation in any area of competency; provide existing training modules; provide training materials and delivery of training on the use of EUMETCast stations and system administration, as well as the training on climate monitoring from space.

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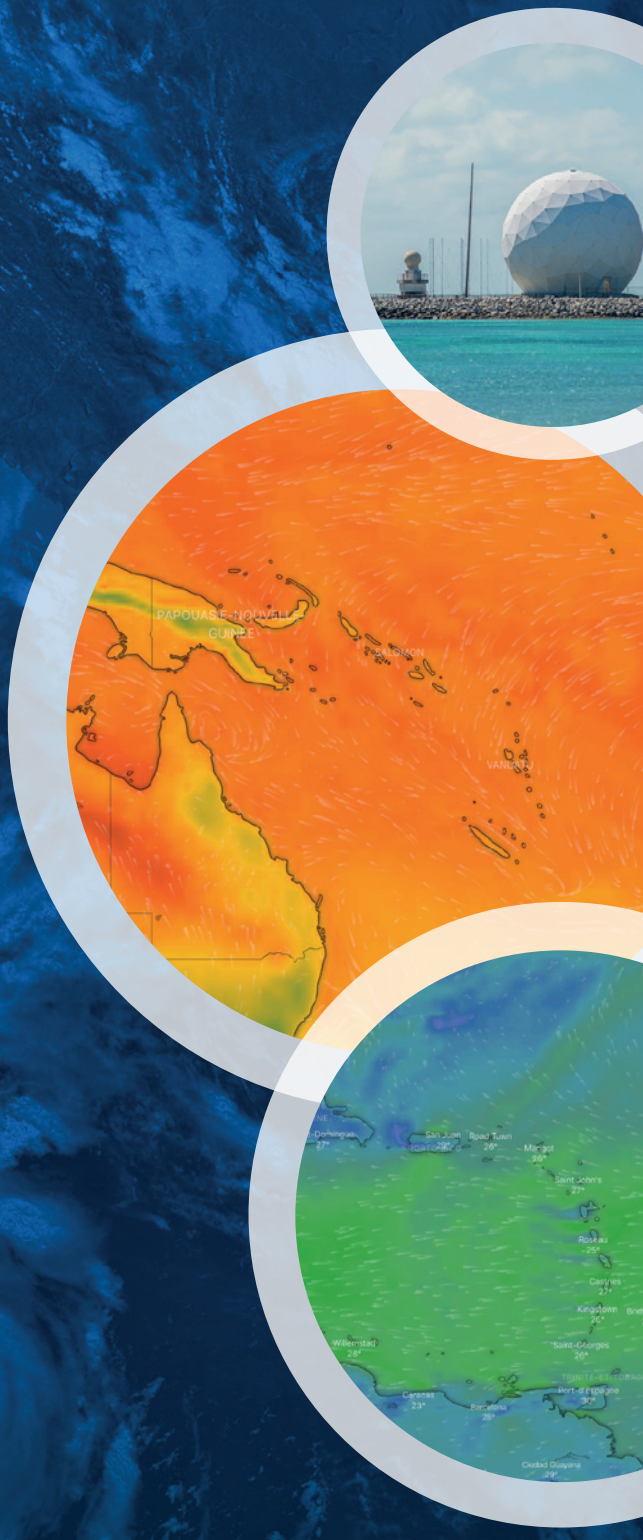

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