



ClimSA

INTRA-ACP CLIMATE SERVICES AND RELATED APPLICATIONS PROGRAMME



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CLIMSA'22 Forum:

Climate services stakeholders from the six OACPS Regions gather in Apia, Samoa

Brussels, 22 September 2022/OACPS. The 85M Euro, Intra-ACP Climate Services and related Applications Programme (ClimSA), is an 11th European Development Fund (EDF) initiative of the Organisation of the African, Caribbean and Pacific States (OACPS) and European Union (EU), and is being implemented in partnership with the World Meteorological Organization (WMO), the European Commission's Joint Research Centre (JRC) and EUMETSAT.

ClimSA seeks to strengthen the climate services value chain, from data acquisition to the generation of information, to the provision of climate services, to enabling the engagement and capacity of users of climate services and related applications. ClimSA aims to achieve this through providing technical and capacity building support, and institutional strengthening and awareness raising to eight Regional Climate Centres (RCCs) located in the six Regions of the OACPS.

A key part of the ClimSA Programme is an annual Forum that brings together a wide range of climate services users, information providers, stakeholders, partners and academics. It's principal aim being to exchange best practices, in relation to the operation of the RCCs of the OACPS, and identify their needs to meet the main challenges for enhancing the quality and quantity of climate services in the 79 Member States and 6 Regions of the OACPS.

The first ClimSA'21 Forum was hosted online by the Government of Kenya from 15 to 18 November, 2021, due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Notwithstanding, it was able to attract 400 participants who exchanged experiences, information and best practices under the theme "Connecting suppliers and users of climate information in ACP regions".

The Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP), who recently launched the Pacific Region's component of the Global ClimSA Programme, will be hosting the second forum. The ClimSA'22 Forum, with the theme "Advancing Climate Services and related Applications through Decision Support System tools", will be held from 26 to 29 September 2022 in Apia, Samoa.

The ClimSA'22 Forum's main objective is to provide a platform for information exchange and learning on how best to improve the effectiveness of climate services applications through user-friendly and climate-smart Decision Support System (DSS) tools, that integrate climate information with sector specific requirements and management models, to combat climate change. In this regard a Socio-Economic Benefit (SEB) tool, developed under the ClimSA Programme to guide actionable climate-informed decision-making in climate-sensitive sectors, will be showcased and scrutinised.

The ClimSA'22 Forum, will focus its attention on agriculture and food security, water resource management, public health, energy and disaster risk reduction as these are the main sectors being targeted by the ClimSA Programme. Particular focus will be given to mainstreaming climate services into policy processes at regional and national levels.

The ClimSA'22 Forum is scheduled to be held in a hybrid format, to enable in-person and online participation. Registration for the ClimSA'22 Forum can be found on the dedicated online platform: <https://events.hubilo.com/climsa22-forum/home>

The ClimSA'22 Forum will be held back-to-back with the 3rd ClimSA Programme Steering Committee (3rd PSC) meeting which provides overall coordination, monitoring and guidance across the ClimSA Programme. It will be held from 29 to 30 September 2022 in Apia Samoa.

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About OACPS

The Organisation of African, Caribbean, and Pacific States (OACPS) is the world's largest international Organisation of the Global South, comprising 79 Member States and Six Regions. Forty-eight Member States are from sub-Saharan Africa, 16 from the Caribbean, and 15 from the Pacific. Members of the OACPS include 47 Least Developed Countries (LDCs), 38 Small Islands Developing States (SIDS) and 15 Landlocked LDCs. Notably the Member States of the OACPS have collectively contributed less than 3% of total greenhouse gas emissions, yet they are the most vulnerable to Climate Change and are at the frontline of climate impacts from changing weather patterns, rising sea levels, and extreme weather events.