



DRAFT PROGRAMME

THE THIRTY-SECOND SOUTHERN AFRICA REGIONAL CLIMATE OUTLOOK FORUM (SARCOF-30)

28-30 January 2026

VENUE: Mbabane, Eswatini

**“CLOSING THE EARLY WARNING GAP TOGETHER WITHIN THE
SADC REGION”**

CHAIR : PR ESWATINI

DAY ONE: 28 JANUARY 2026

RAPORTEURS: CLIMATE EXPERTS FROM:

TIME	AGENDA ITEM	MODERATOR
0845 – 0910	Meeting logistics and connections of online participants	SADC-CSC & ICT
SESSION I: INTRODUCTION & Initiatives for Resilience Building in the SADC region (PLENARY)		
0910–0915	Welcome and Introductions	CHAIRPERSON: PR ESWATINI MODERATOR: SADC CPRU
0915 – 1000	Keynote Address: “The Future of Climate & Water Across Generations of the SADC Region” (<i>TBC-WMO</i>)	MODERATOR: SADC CSC
1000-1030	HEALTH BREAK	
1030-1200	Partnerships/ Projects / Initiatives for Resilience Building in the SADC region SADC-CLIMSA SADC-DRR project ECMWF IOC-HYDROMET GWPSA (ETC)	MODERATOR: SADC CSC
SESSION II: PERFORMANCE OF OND 2025, CLIMATE AND USER REVIEW		
1200 – 1300	Performance of the OND 2025 rainfall season and review of climate drivers for the 2025/26 season (Plenary)	CHAIRPERSON: PR ESWATINI PANELLISTS: CLIMATE EXPERT ESWATINI & SADC-CSC
1300-1400	LUNCH	

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<p>1400 – 1600</p>	<p><i>Break Away Session:</i> User Session on performance of OND 2025 rains and feedback on impact and updating the mitigation measures in sectors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agriculture, Food Security Livestock • Water and Private sector • Energy and Private sector • Disaster Risk Management and Early Warning & Health 	<p>CHAIRPERSON: PR ESWATINI OR SADC CHAIR</p> <p>MODERATOR: SADC CSC</p> <p>FACILITATORS: SADC SECTOR LEADS</p>
<p>1600 – 1630hrs</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">TEA BREAK</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">All</p>
<p>1630 –1700</p>	<p>WRAP-UP END OF DAY ONE</p>	<p>MODERATOR: SADC CHAIR OR PR HOST COUNTRY</p>



DAY TWO: 29 JANUARY 2026

RAPORTEURS: CLIMATE EXPERTS FROM:

TIME	AGENDA ITEM	RESPONSIBLE
0900 – 0930hrs	Meeting logistics and connections of online participants	SADC-CSC & ICT
SESSION III: SETTING THE STAGE AND OFFICIAL OPENING CEREMONY		
0930 –1030hrs	Official opening ceremony of the forum (SEPARATE PROGRAMME)	CHAIRPERSON: PR ESWATINI & PR SADC CHAIR MODERATOR: SADC CPRU
1030 – 1100hrs	GROUP PHOTO AND TEA BREAK	ALL
1100-1145	High Level Summary presentations on <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Performance of the OND 2025 rainfall season • Review of climate drivers for the 2025/26 season and the Current state of global climate drivers and their potential influence on the FMAM sub-season • SADC Consensus Climate Outlook for FMAM 2026 	CHAIRPERSON: PR ESWATINI & PR SADC CHAIR ESWATINI PANELLISTS: CLIMATE EXPERT ESWATINI & SADC-CSC
1145 -1200	DISCUSSIONS	CHAIRPERSON: PR ESWATINI & PR SADC CHAIR
1200-1300	Plenary reporting of user feedback, sectoral impacts, for OND 2025 season and present updated mitigation measures. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agriculture, Food Security Livestock • Water and Private sector • Energy and Private sector • Disaster Risk Management and Early Warning/Health 	SECTOR RAPORTEURS
1300-1400	LUNCH	
TIME	AGENDA ITEM	RESPONSIBLE
SESSION IV: CONSENSUS CLIMATE OUTLOOK FEBRUARY – MAY 2026, PREPAREDNESS AND MITIGATION STRATEGIES		
1400 – 1415	Current state of global climate drivers and their potential influence on the FMAM sub-season	CHAIRPERSON: PR ESWATINI



1415 –1430	SADC Consensus Climate Outlook for FMAM 2026	PANELIST: CLIMATE EXPERT ZAMBIA/SADC-CSC
1000 – 1030hrs	TEA BREAK	ALL
1430 –1600hrs	<i>Break away</i> Sectoral analysis of implications and mitigation strategies (Parallel workshops for sector technical working groups): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agriculture, Food Security Livestock • Water and Private sector • Energy and Private sector • Disaster Risk Management and Early Warning/Health 	FACILITATORS: SADC Sector Units MODERATOR: SADC CSC
1600-1630	TEA BREAK	
1630-1700	WRAP-UP END OF DAY TWO	



DAY THREE: 30 JANUARY 2026
RAPORTEURS: CLIMATE EXPERTS FROM:

TIME	AGENDA ITEM	RESPONSIBLE
0830 – 0900hrs	Meeting logistics and connections of online participants	SADC-CSC & ICT
SESSION V: USER INTERFACE PLATFORM (UIP) SETTING		
0900-1030	Plenary reporting on implications and mitigation strategies (Parallel workshops for sector technical working groups) Updating the Early Warning advisory note	CHAIRPERSON: PR Host /ESWATINI PANELIST: SECTOR RAPORTEURS
1030-1100	HEALTH BREAK	ALL
SESSION IVI: TOOLS AND EXTREME WEATHER FORECASTING		
1100-1140	Status of implementation of SEWA and PUMA 2026	CHAIRPERSON: PR Host Country / ESWATINI PANELIST: EUMETSAT &AUC
1140-1200	Tropical cyclone forecast for the SWIO and SADC region (RSMC La Reunion)	RSMC La Reunion)
1200 – 1230	Extreme weather forecasting for the SADC Region (RSMC Pretoria)	RSMC Pretoria
1230 – 1330hrs	LUNCH	
SESSION VII: DISSEMINATION OF FORUM CLIMATE OUTPUTS		
1330 –1515	Release of SARCOF 32 Official Summary Statement Release Summary of Early Warning Advisory Messages	CHAIRPERSON: PR ESWATINI PANELIST: SADC-CSC/CLIMATE EXPERT ESWATINI
1515-1530	TEA BREAK	ALL
1515 –1600hrs	Closing of the forum	CHAIRPERSON: PR ZIMBABWE & PR Host Country/ESWATINI PANELIST: SADC-CSC
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