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Subject: Invitation to the First Programme Advisory Committee (PAC) and the Technical Expert Committee Meetings of the Intra-ACP Climate Services and Related Applications (ClimSA) Programme - Gaborone, Botswana (30 November - 02 December 2021)

Dear Sir,

I would like to invite the African Centre of Meteorological Applications for Development (ACMAD) to the First Advisory Committee, AUC Steering Committee and Technical Expert Committee meetings of the Intra-ACP Climate Services and Related Applications (ClimSA) Programme which will take place back-to-back in Gaborone, Botswana from 30 November to 02 December 2021 from 10:00am Gaborone time (GMT + 2). The African Union Commission (AUC) will meet participation costs of one representative of ACMAD.

The ClimSA programme fosters sustainable development on the continent by improving the decision-making processes and practice through informed adaptation options to climate variability and change. The programme implements the Global Framework for Climate Services (GFCS) with the purpose of enabling better management of the risks of climate variability and change, and adaptation to climate change, through the development and incorporation of science-based climate information and prediction into planning, policy and practice at all levels.

The ClimSA Programme Advisory Committee (PAC) oversees coordinated implementation of all African ClimSA Actions and provides appropriate advice. It ensures policy coordination among African regions while facilitating and promoting consistency, synergy, cooperation and Africa's effective contribution to the African and global climate action as well as attainment of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). On the other hand, the Technical Expert Committee provides technical and scientific advisory services to the implementation of the programme to the PAC, RECs, Regional Organizations, and other stakeholders.

The objective of the meetings is to operationalize the Committees and also to bring awareness of the programme to African Regional Economic Communities (RECs), Regional Organizations and stakeholders. Among other business, the meetings will adopt the draft Rules of Procedure of the Committees, consider ClimSA Programme Work Plans, and make participants aware of the contributions of various implementing partners. Attached hereto are the draft programme for the meeting and the draft Rules of Procedure for your ease of reference.

We would, therefore, appreciate receiving confirmation by 11 November 2021. The nominated officer is requested to provide a copy of her/her passport to Jolly Wasambo (wasamboj@africa-union.org) with a copy to Ms. Evelyn Nasimiyu Wechuli (NasimiyuE@africa-union.org) for travel and other logistic purposes. For those electing to participate virtually, a link will be provided close to the dates of the meetings.

Sincerely yours,


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