

The User Interface Platform for the Health Sector

Terms of Reference

Aim

Offering of impact based meteorological services for health sectors.

Institutions:

WMO, Regional Climate – Health Network, ACMAD, OCEAC, OOAS, CAPC-AC, AghryMet, ICPAC, SADC-CSC

Risks:

- Floods
- Drought
- High temperatures spells (heat waves)
- Low temperature spells (cold waves)
- Dust and haze episodes
- Air quality (pollution)
- Humidity

Climate services:

- Clear weather forecast on daily, weekly, monthly and seasonal timescales
- Dust and particulate matter concentration in the air
- Onset / cessation, vis-à-vis length, of climatic thresholds
- Meningitis and malaria watches, warnings and alerts
- Projections and historical reviews of climate-health relations
- Seasonal forecasts of precipitation, humidity and temperature
- Severity of the expected events
- Risk assessments for meningitis, malaria, cholera and other climate related diseases

Activities:

- Analysis of health value chain, share climate information for epidemics surveillance and control as well as advice.
- Climate risk assessment for the health sector

- Prepare advice for diseases surveillance and control
- Training and exchanges between climate services providers and Health experts
- Development and update of climate and health information systems with climate, epidemiological data, available infrastructure for prevention and cure.
- Update, tailor and share climate I and health data and information among stakeholders

Rules of Procedure

Secretariat:

ACMAD

Chair:

Climate – Health Network

Frequency of Meetings:

Bi-annually and annual ad hoc.