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### **About AICCRA**

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Regional Climate Outlook Forums (RCOFs), initiated in 1996 in Southern Africa, helped mainstream the routine use of seasonal forecasts across the developing world. They provide an important mechanism for communicating climate information as well as supporting knowledge sharing and collaboration with relevant stakeholders.

The RCOFs present a unique opportunity to raise awareness and receive feedback about AICCRA in the climate community with next users – both the regional and national meteorological agencies who are creating the seasonal forecasts, but also the user communities – such as from agriculture and national disaster agencies – who also use these forecasts. In East Africa, the regional COF, which is known as the the Greater Horn of Africa Climate Outlook Forums (GHACOF), is convened by the IGAD Climate Prediction and Applications Centre (ICPAC).

In August 2022, IPAC organized the [GHACOF62](#) in Mombassa, Kenya. At that forum, the climate community gathered to produce the seasonal forecast for October, November, and December 2022. The overall theme of the forum was "Managing Climate Risks for Resilience" and its main objectives were to:

- Review the impact of June - August 2022 season
- Present the regional forecast for the October - December 2022 season
- Present the expected impact of the forecast and advisories for key sectors in each country
- Provide a marketplace for decision makers, climate scientists, researchers, and users of climate information

Several AICCRA teams and partners took the opportunity to present on the project. In this session, representatives from the International Research Institute for Climate and Society, ICPAC, RUFORUM, as well as from the East and Southern Africa and Ethiopia teams presented on AICCRA. The objective of the session was to share plans, activities, and accomplishments of AICCRA at national and regional levels in East Africa and solicit feedback. Importantly, ICPAC presented as an implementer of AICCRA, illustrating how embedded the project is with the key regional climate institute.

Approximately 40 people attended the session, whether in person or via Zoom. The agenda is presented below.

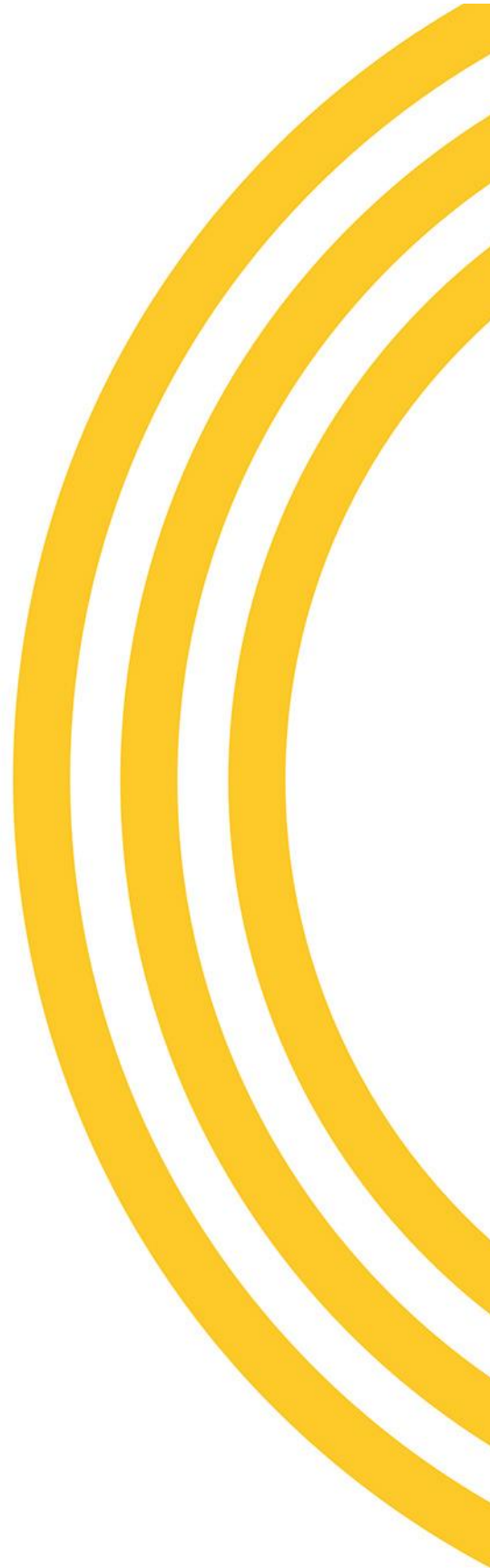
## Program of the session

14:00 – 14:10	Arrival and registration
14:10 – 14:20	Overview of AICCRA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr Tufa Dinku, Senior Research Scientist, IRI-Columbia Climate School</li> </ul>
14: 20 – 14:30	Implementation of AICCRA by ICPAC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr Hussen Seid, Senior Climate Model Expert</li> </ul>
14:30 – 14:45	Implementation of AICCRA at regional level (ESA) and country level (Ethiopia) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr Dawit Solomon, Eastern and Southern Africa Regional and Ethiopia Program Leader for AICCRA</li> </ul>
14:45 – 15:00	IRI’s Contribution to AICCRA: Presentation of IRI approaches and tools supporting AICCRA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr Tufa Dinku, Senior Research Scientist, IRI-Columbia Climate School</li> </ul>
15:00 – 15:20	RUFORUM contribution to climate training on the continent <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prof. Majaliwa Mwanjalolo Jackson Gilbert, Manager Regional Anchor Universities, RUFORUM</li> </ul>
15:20 – 15:30	Discussion



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