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WEATHER AND CLIMATE SERVICES FOR DISASTER RISK MANAGEM ENT

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- ✓ ACMAD CENTRE
- ✓ ACMAD'S FLOODS/DROUGTHS
 PRODUCTS
- ✓ CLIMATE VARIABILTY AND TRENDS
- ✓ SEASONAL OUTLOOKS

✓ DISCUSSIONS AND CONCLUSION



ACMAD was created in 1985 following the droughts of the 1970s and early 80s through the Resolution 540 of the UNECA Conference of Ministers. It is established in Niamey-Niger since 1992

MISSION

A <u>Continental weather and climate Watch</u> institution and Centre of <u>Excellence for the Applications</u> of Meteorology

VISION

To be a World Class continental operational Centre of Excellence supporting African countries to be well <u>resilient to extreme</u> <u>events</u> with <u>increased ability to adapt</u> to climate change impacts





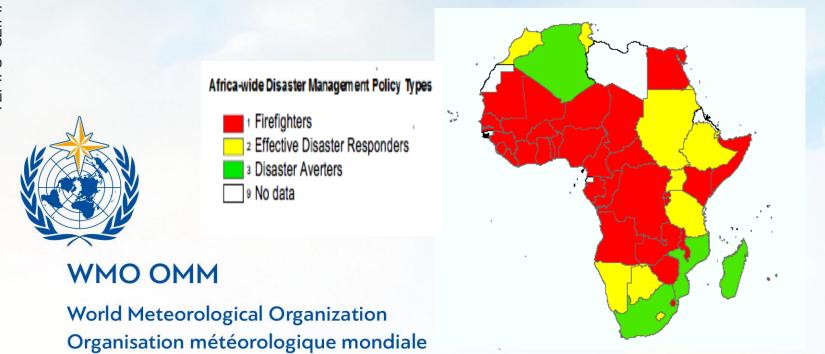
Why climate services?

Needs are at least at three levels

<u>policy level</u>: move from firefighting to disaster risk prevention and preparation policy <u>planning level</u>: update contingency plans, organize early warning mechanisms

<u>practice level</u>: Sensitize, warn, prepare, give instructions to evacuate, rescue...

✓ <u>Our Challenge</u> is to move from firefighting to prevention, preparation and early response therefore effectively implement the SENDAI framework for DRR





Examples of firefighting: 2015/16 Drought in Southern Africa

The Southern African Development Community (SADC) declared a regional drought emergency and launched a regional humanitarian appeal in July 2016

The Government of Mozambique activated the institutional Red alert due to drought on April 12, 2016

The Government of Madagascar declared a state of drought emergency for southern Madagascar on March 22, 2016

The Government of Zimbabwe, declared a State of Drought Disaster following the impact of El Niño induced erratic rainfall on *February 04, 2016*

Malawian government declared a state of disaster as a severe drought has caused a sharp decline in crop production across the country on January 11 2016.

On 22 December 2015, the Government of Lesotho declared a state of drought emergency and appealed for assistance from the international community.



2014 Late onset in Westernmost Sahel and Firefighting

- -FEWS alerted in Dec 2014 This year 2019 we have the alert in July let's plan and act
- -The ARC paid out \$26m in 2015 for the impacts of 2014 late onset
- This year we may prepare for impact earlier and therefore cheaper

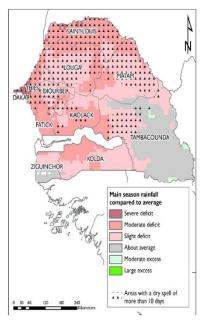


Figure 1: USGS/FEWS NET Seasonal Rainfall Estimate (RFE) with July and August dry spells indicated

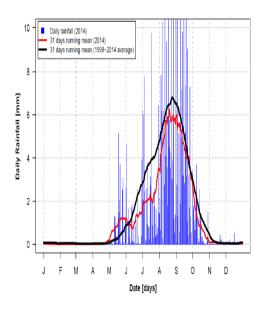


Figure 3: Evolution 2014 daily rainfall compared to the mean 1998-2014 over the western Sahel.

Weakness in CIS for early response to drought. There is a high value service to be developed with ARC, the global humanitarian networks and insurance industry.



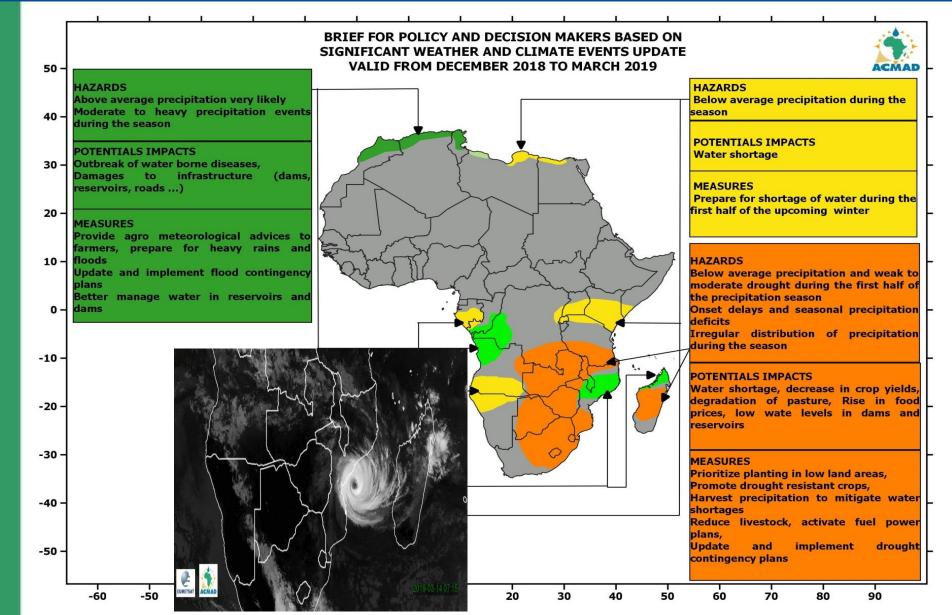




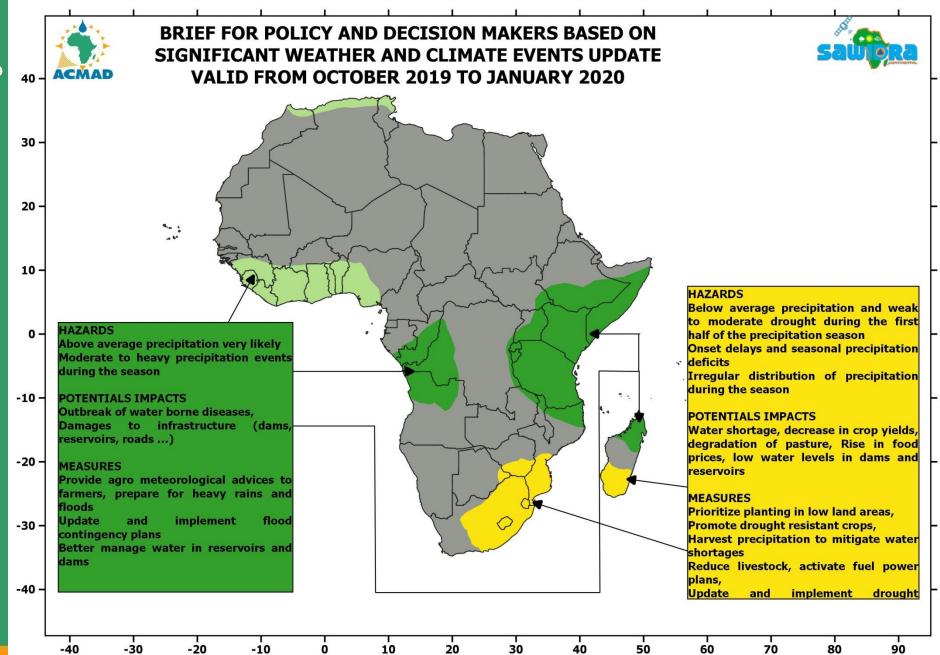






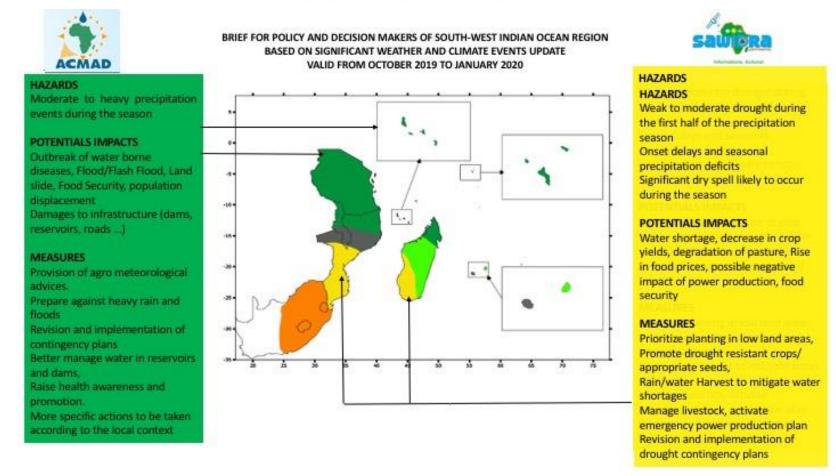








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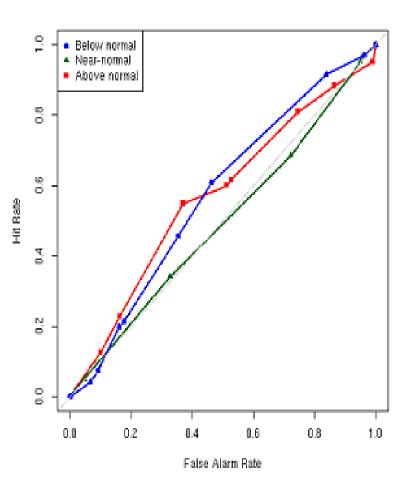


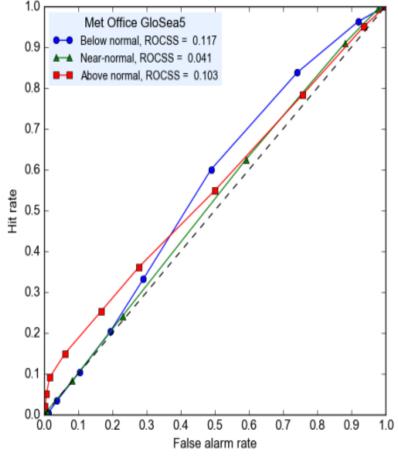
Normal to below normal cyclone activity is expected during the coming cyclonic season. The privileged cyclogenesis area may be shifted west of Diego Garcia region.



QUALITY OF SEASONAL FORECASTS PRODUCTS – RCOF products are more skillful compared to Dynamical models Outputs

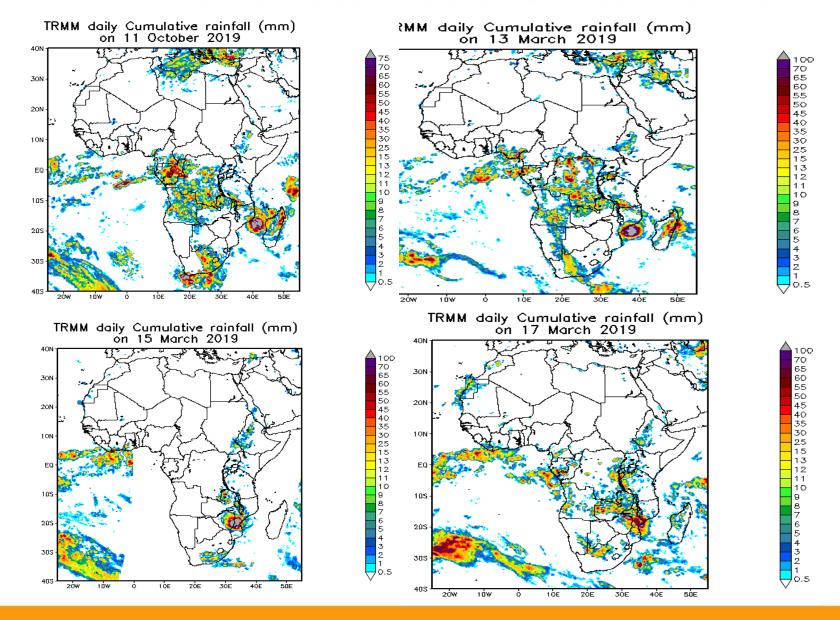








CYCLONE IDAI PRECIPITATION MONITORING — REAL TIME SUPPORT TO EARLY RESPONSE. GPM Product FROM NASA





OCCURRENCE PROBABILITY OF EXTREME WEEKLY PRECIPITATIONS

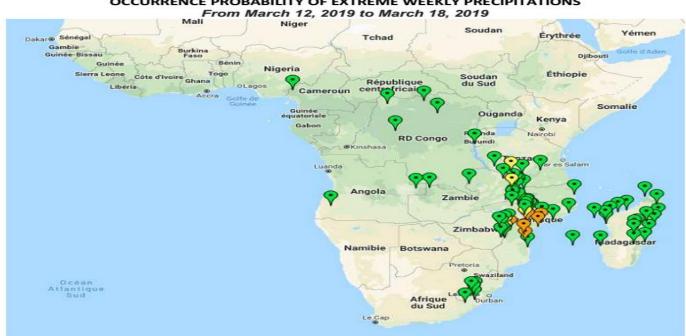


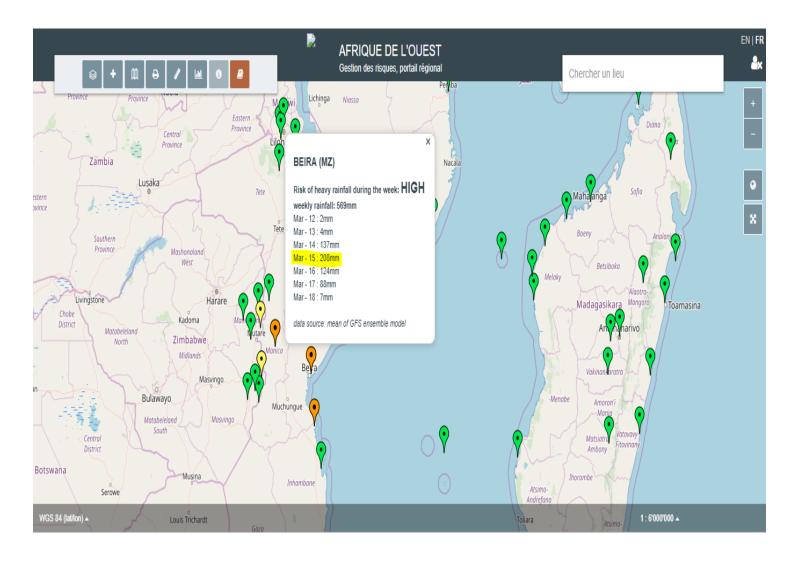
Figure 2: Heavy rain warning for the week, issued on: 20190312 Data Source: Mean of GFS ensemble model Details: http://41.203.146.53:8080/thredds/fileServer/FIT/RISK.html

Table 1: The symbols, their meanings and the actions expected to be taken by Disaster Risk reduction personnel according to the level of risk.

| Symbol | Implication | Advisories/ Actions | |
|--------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|
| • | -7 days rainfall is expected to be less than 100mm.- There is Low risk of heavy rainfall | Disaster Risk Management Authorities: - Keep informed; - Monitor the next 7days forecast. | |
| • | -7days rainfall is expected to be more than 150mmBe aware of the existing risk of heavy rainfall; -There is a potential flash flood in the coming days. | DRR Management Authorities : - Taking action is more likely; - The situation needs to be monitored closely with National Meteorological Service. | |
| • | -7days rainfall is expected to be more than 250mm. -There is High risk of flash flood due to the high ground saturation and continued heavy rains. | DRR Management Authorities: - Prepare to be ready to take action; - Meet with National Meteorological Service to identify vulnerable area. | |



DAY -3



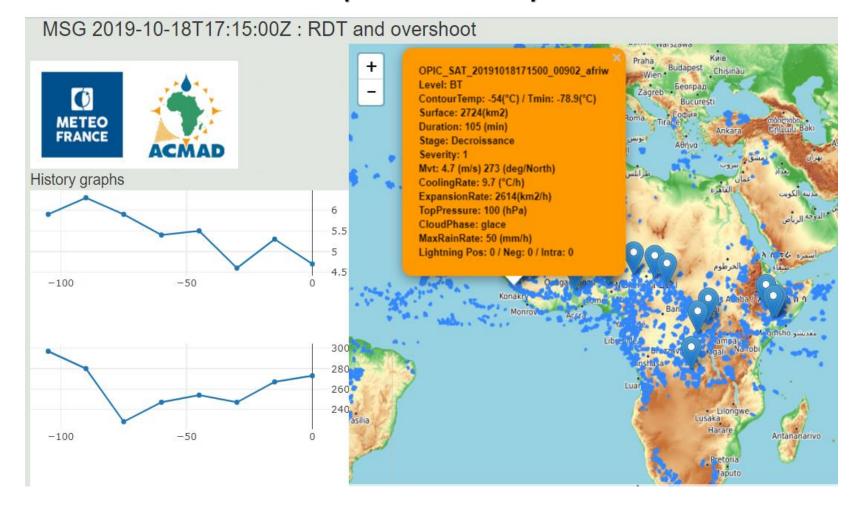


HAZARDS OVER WEST AND CENTRAL AFRICA

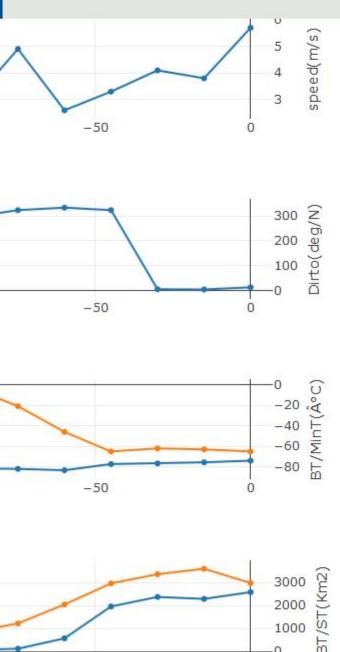
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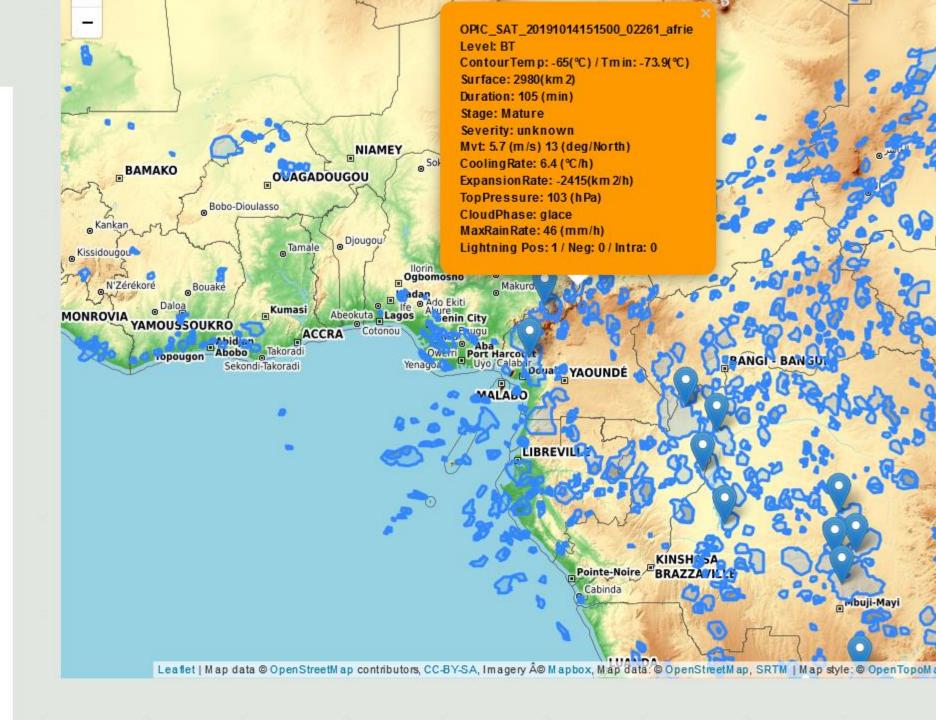


High Impact weather watch services every 15 in for Africa to support early response and recovery



History graphs -50-50 -50







Inondations à Abidjan: la pluie a encore tué ce 5 octobre 2019

Par Vincent Toh Bi Irié - 5 octobro 201





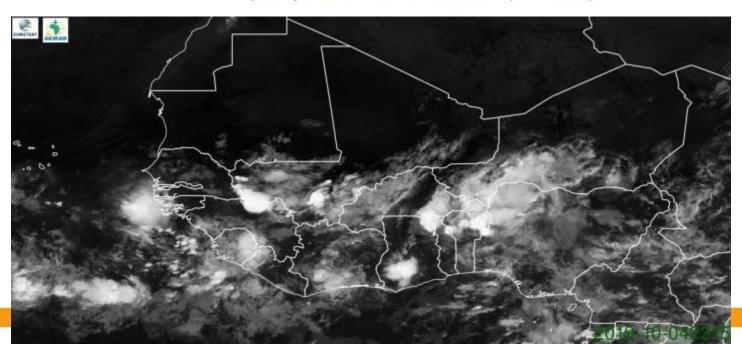






Une personne est décédée suite à l'effondrement d'un mur à Yopougon Gesco, causé par les pluies et les inondations ce 5 octobre 2019 à Abidjan.

Les pluies ce jour Samedi 05 Octobre 2019 ont eu des conséquences dramatiques.







Alert for heavy rains potentially leading to flooding in Abidjan possible 2 hours ahead based on weather monitoring products



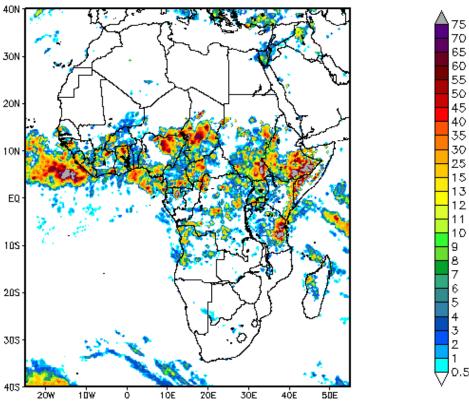


Vigilance map issue on 4th October, 2019

Vigilance for heavy rains over Cote d'Ivoire 2 Valid from Oct 05 2019 at 006UTC to Oct 60, 006UTC days and one day ahead available

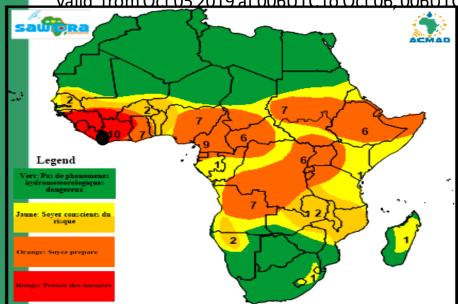
Legend

TRMM daily Cumulative rainfall (mm) on 05 October 2019



Vigilance map issue on 3rd October, 2019

Valid from Oct 05 2019 at 006UTC to Oct 06, 006UTC

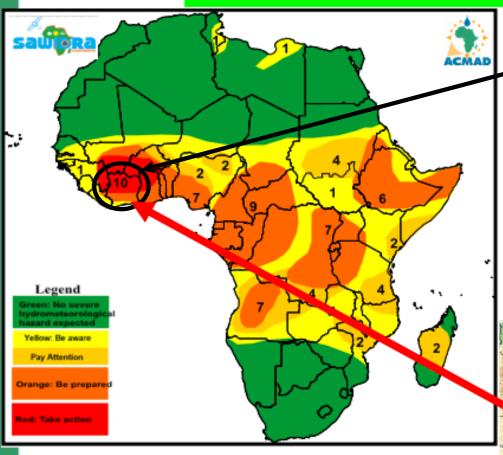


Heavy rain over Abidjan on 5 October 2019 associated by 3 deaths [lightning]



WEATHER WARNING BULLETIN ISSUED ON 11th October 2019 at 12h00 UTC

Valid: From 12h00 UTC to 18h00 UTC on 11th October, 2019

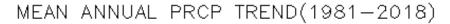


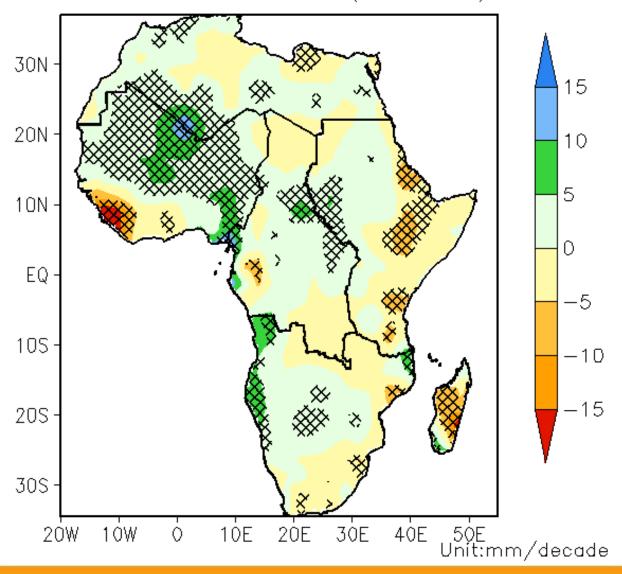
Flood reported in Abidjan





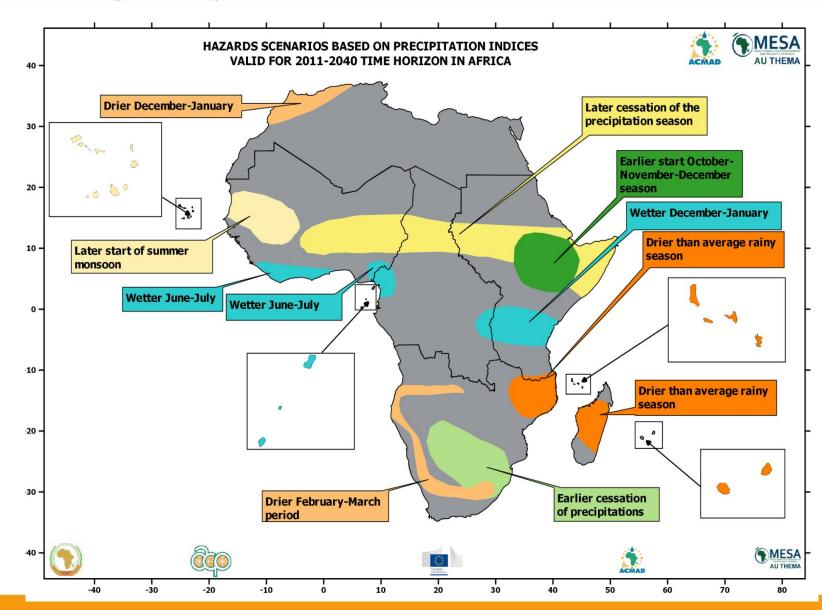
Annual precipitation trend over Africa for the period from 1981-2018. Hatched areas show significant increase (positive) or decrease (negative) at 95% level of confidence.







HAZARDS SCENARIOS FOR DISASTER RESILIENCE <u>STRATEGY FORMULATION</u>, <u>PLANNING</u>, <u>DESIGN</u>, <u>BUILDING AND OPERATING RESILIENT INFRASTRUCTURE</u>





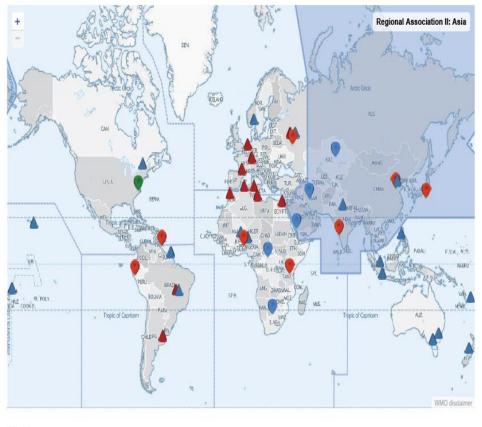
INSTITUTIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE FOR CLIMATE SERVICES - GLOBAL-REGIONAL-NATIONAL WMO Designated Global Centers for Long Range Forecasts

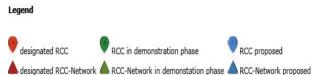




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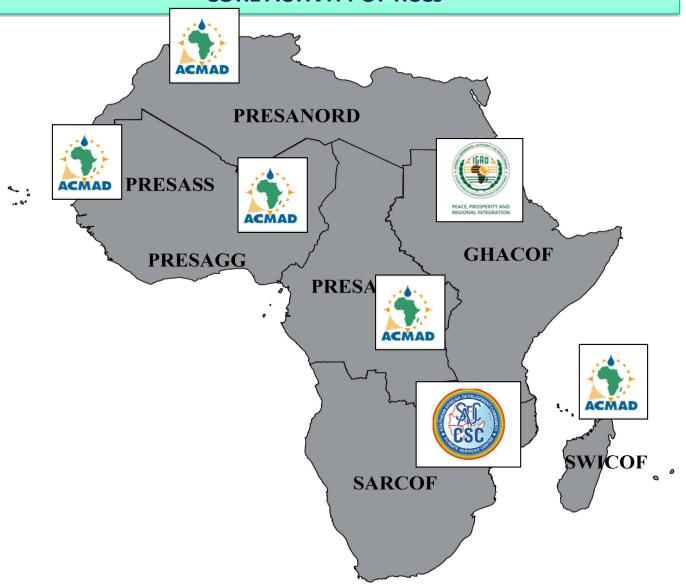
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ACMAD SPEARHEAD Regional Climate Outlook Forums in AFRICA CORE ACTIVITY OF RCCs





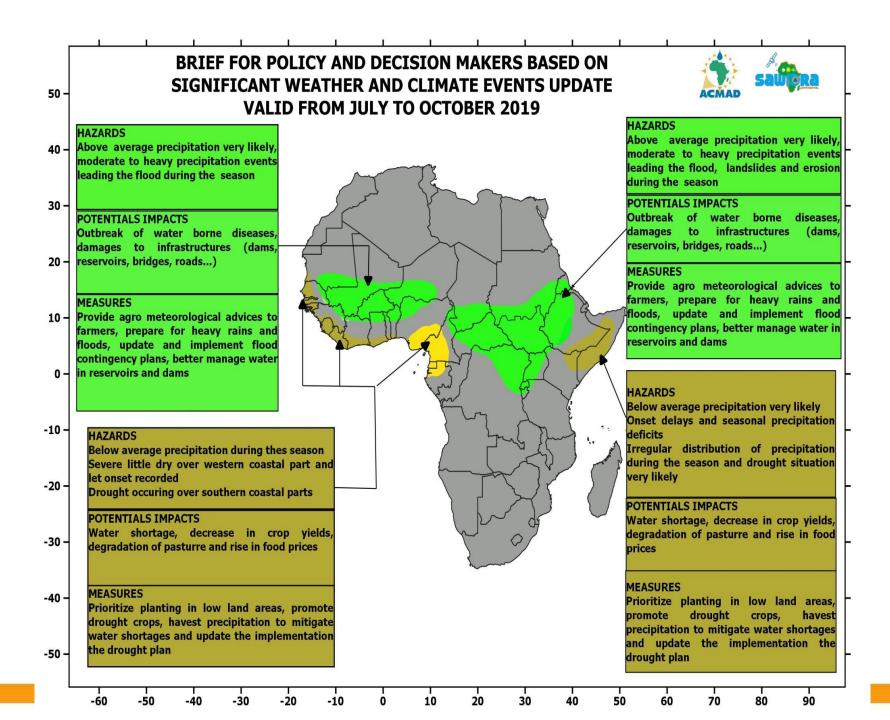
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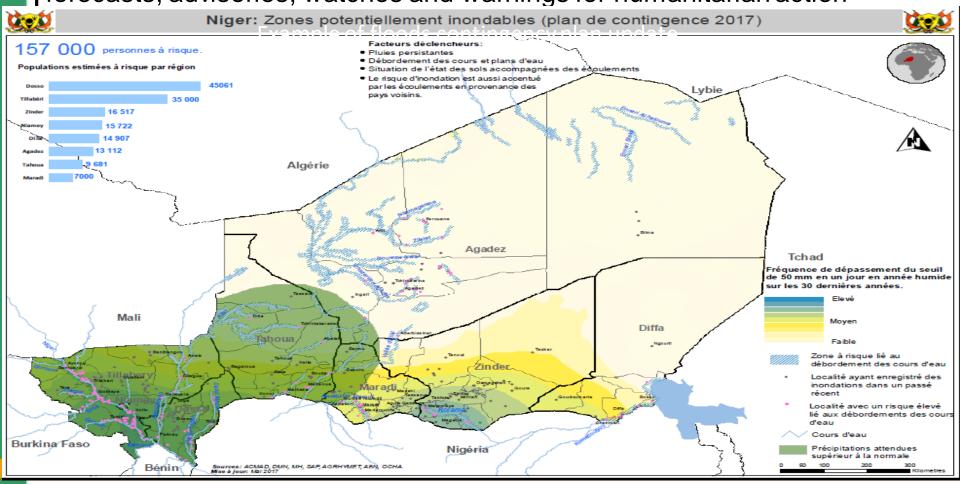






PRODUTS: Contingency plan updated with a pilot experiement with UNOCHA Bureau in Niger

MoU between ACMAD and IFRC recently signed to provide Seasonal forecasts, advisories, watches and warnings for humanitarian action





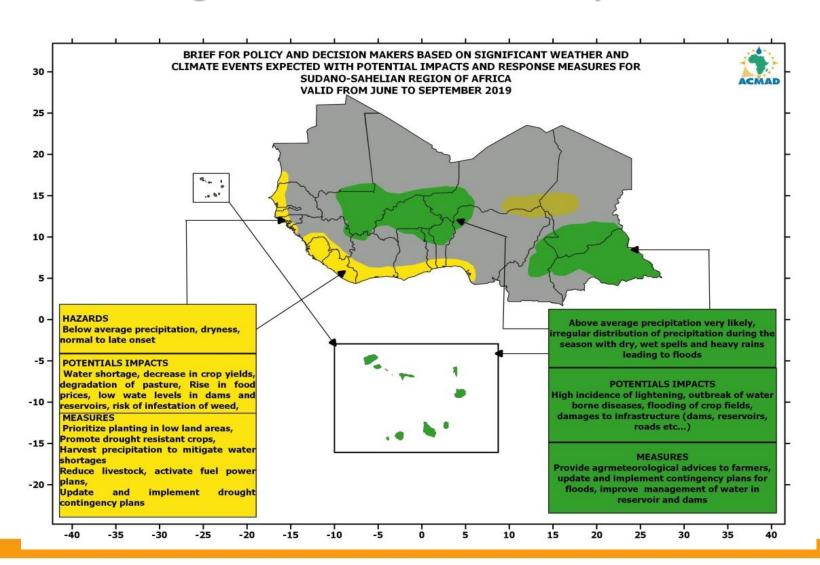




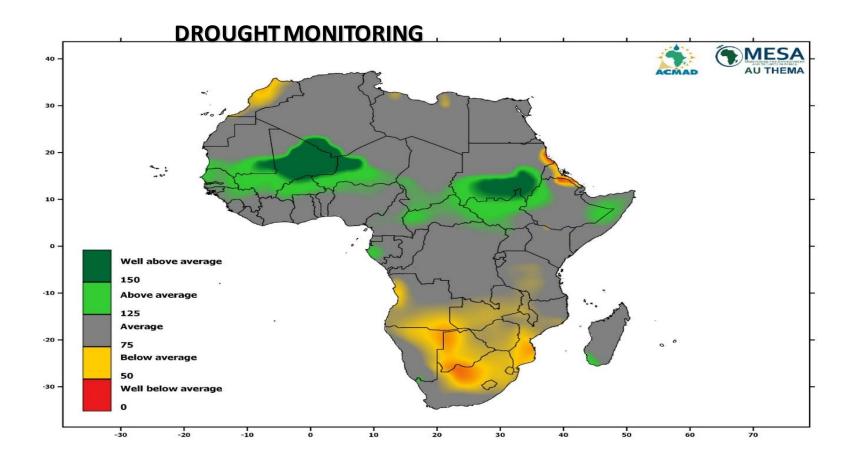




Regional Seasonal Outlook update







African annual precipitation in percent of average for 2015 Commodity (e.g Corn) reserve could be set up with excess production over the Sahel, ECOWAS and ECCAS RECs in October-November 2015 to reduce inflation on commodity markets in Southern Africa from December 2015 into 2016

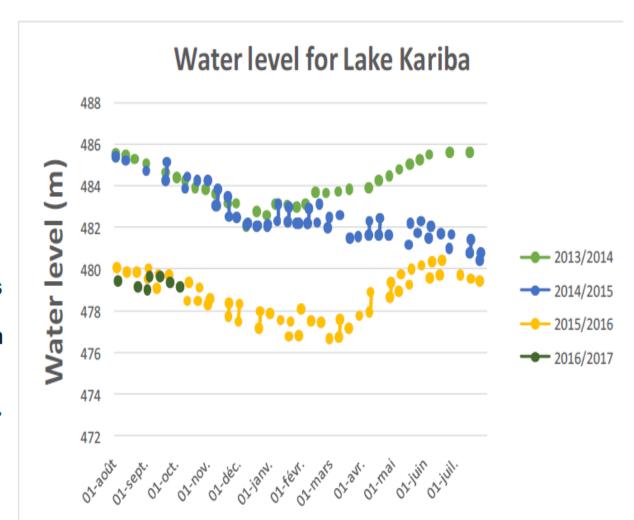
A <u>continental Free trade area</u> would accelerate movement of commodities desperately needed to reduce droughts, floods and other events impacts



C. HYDROLOGICAL DROUGHT MONITORING WITH SENTINEL 3A Satellite SENSOR

The hydrological situation of lakes and rivers reflects the relationship between supply and demand of water for human consumption, livestock forage or hydroelectric power production. On the supply side dependence on precipitation is obvious. Thus, meteorological drought has a direct impact on hydrological drought.

Figure 4: Kariba Lake level fluctuations since 2013/2014 and reflecting the 2015/2016 drought; 475 meters is the minimum level for hydropower **production**. This level was almost reached between February and March 2016 as detected by Sentinel 3A data.





D. The ACMAD-MESA African Drought Monitor as part of the Drought Service and Continental Seasonal Climate Forecast

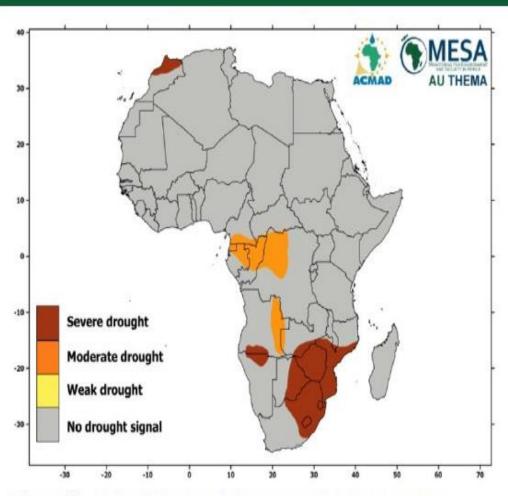
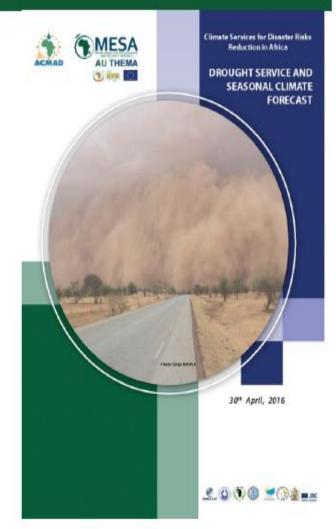


Figure 5: Drought Monitor product valid for February 2016.

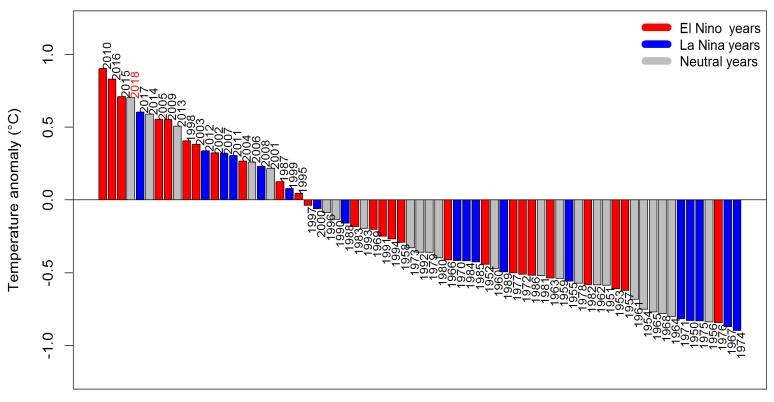


Please visit: http://www.acmad-au.org/products-services/drought-services-seasonal-climate-forecast/



Mean annual temperature anomalies (°C) over Africa for 1950-2018 period relative to 1981-2010.

Ranked Temperature Anomaly over Africa

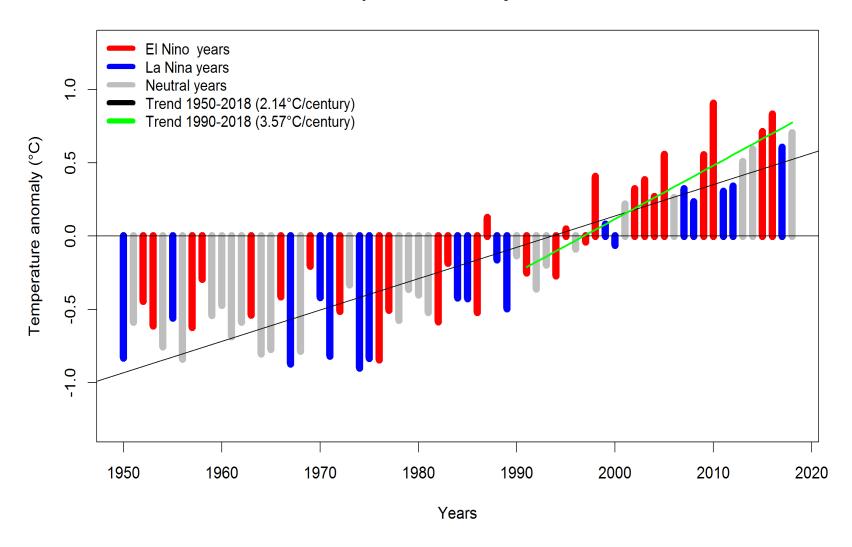


- 2018 is the 4th warmest year on record since 1950
- 2017 was the 5th warmest year
- 2010 is still the warmest year on record over the African Landmass

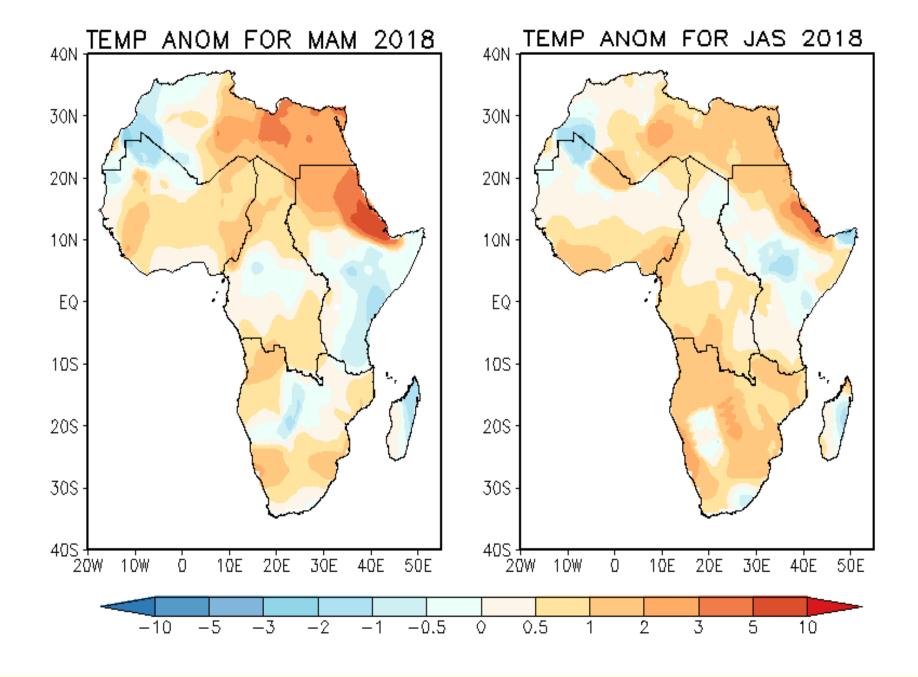


Trends in the mean annual temperature anomalies (°C) over Africa for 1950-2018 period

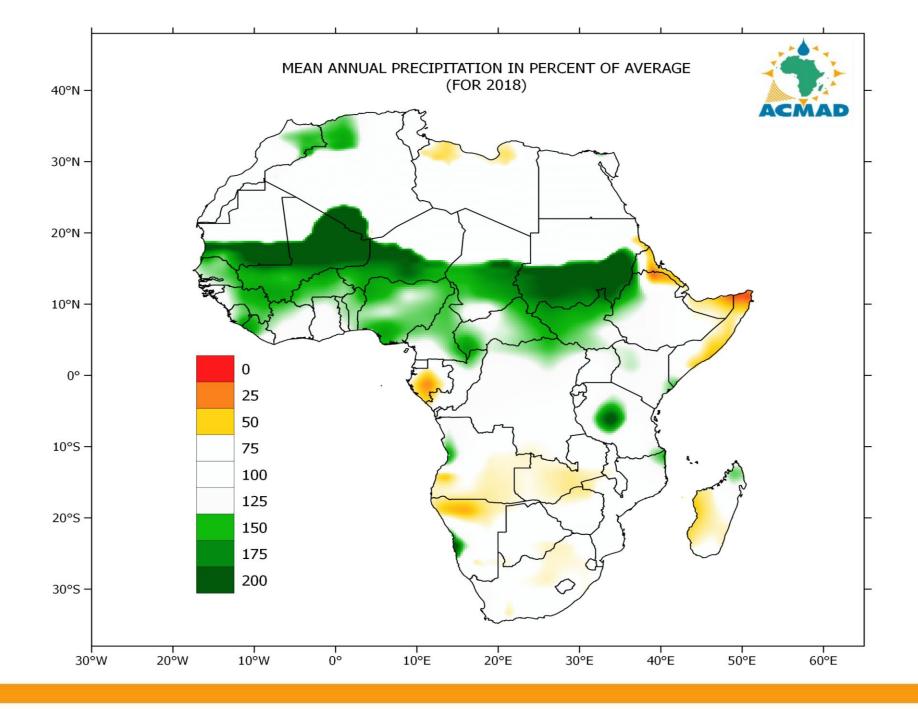
Temperature Anomaly in Africa



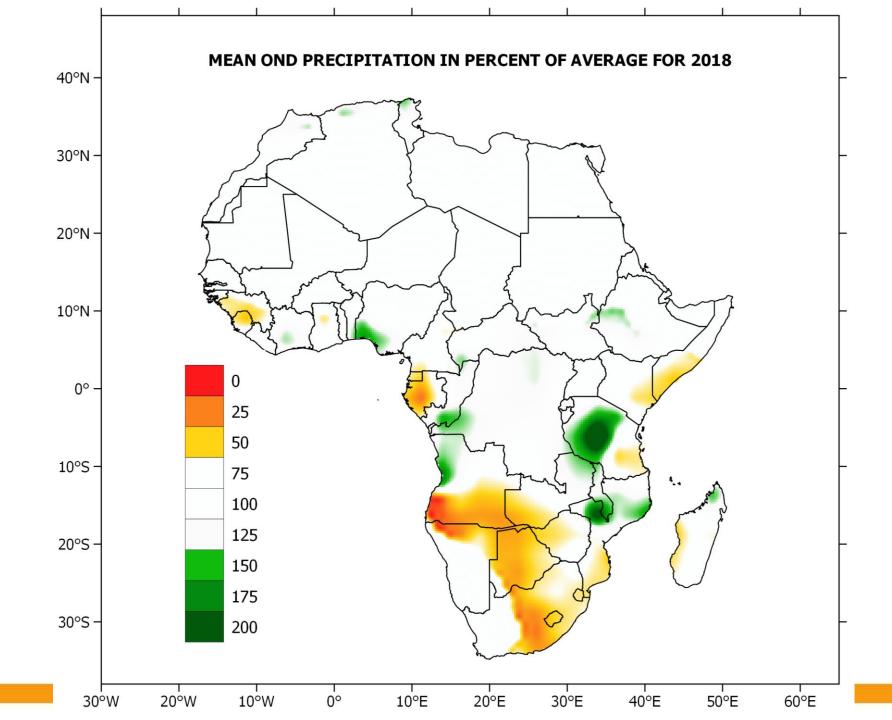














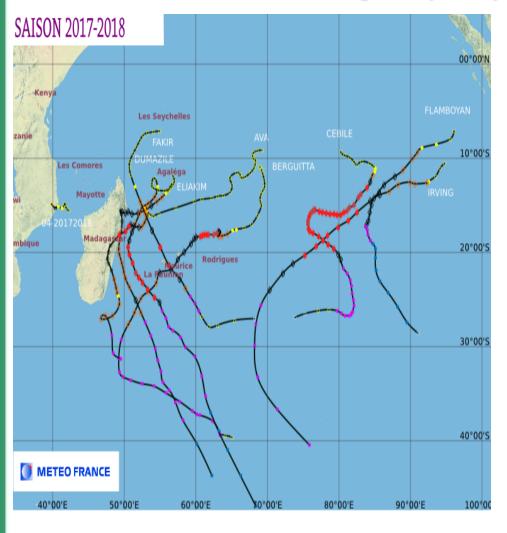
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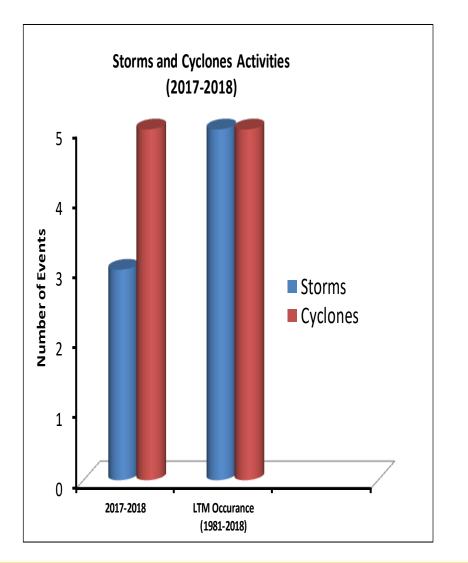
| Region | Anomaly (° C) | Ranking per region since 1950 |
|-----------------|---------------|-------------------------------|
| Africa | +0.70 | 4th |
| Northern Africa | +0.84 | 3rd |
| Southern Africa | + 0.86 | 3rd |
| Western Africa | +0.52 | 7th |
| Eastern Africa | + 0.70 | 5th |
| Central Africa | +0.82 | 3rd |
| Madagascar | -0.29 | 35th |



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Formal partnerships for seamless forecasting from now casting to seasonal forecasting of tropical cyclones (AUC, IOC, SADC to attend)







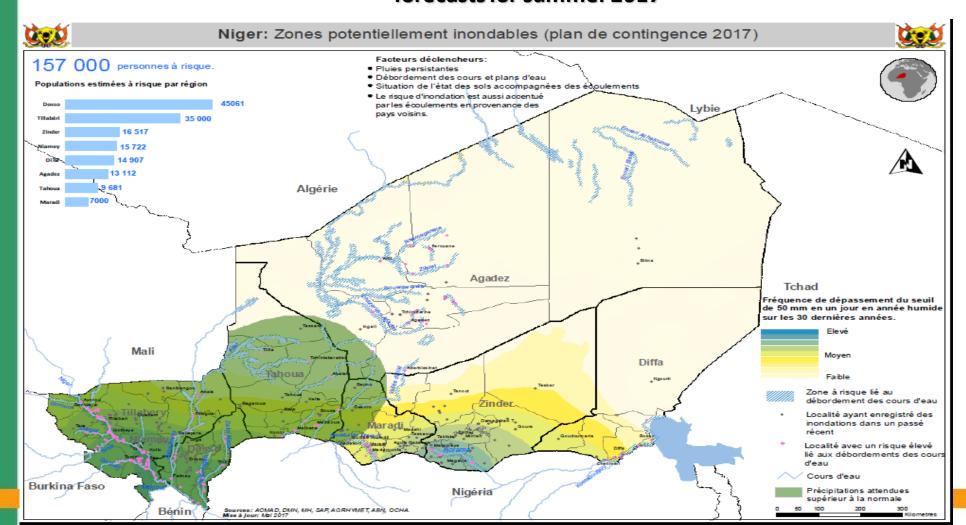
SERVICES FOR DRM
REQUIRING
SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVES
By supporting <u>continued</u>
<u>production with donors</u> and
<u>mobilizing policy</u> and <u>country</u>
<u>budgets decision makers</u>



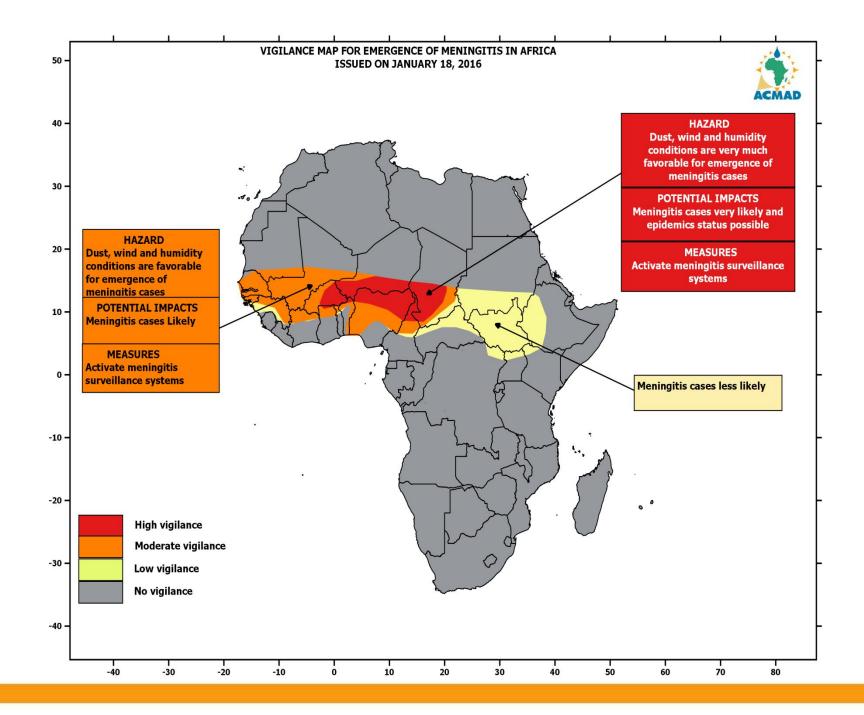
SERVICES TO MEET THE NEEDS

At planning level

Potentially flooded zones in the contingency plan update in Niger based on seasonal forecasts for summer 2017









CONCEPT FOR A DEMONSTRATION PROJECT PROVIDING AND USING OPTIMAL CLIMATE SERVICES FOR RESILIENCE

- Major steps of the demonstration
- Climate advisory/watch and contingency planning
- Sub seasonal advisory/watch and <u>preparation</u>
- Medium/Short Range Forecasts/watch and <u>early</u> <u>response</u>
- Nowcasting // go-actions of response and recovery
 - Forecasts, Outlooks, Advisories, watches and warnings are <u>services</u> dedicated for Disaster resilience



MAIN ACTIVITIES OF DEMONSTRATION PROJECT

Main Activities of the pilot

- Document historical performance of WMCs products over Africa
- -- verify WMC products
- -- develop regionally tailored products
- -- prepare **technical notes** to guide forecasts briefings at National level
- -- deliver bulletins, pilot advisories and watches
- -- support NMHS to deliver impact based forecasts and risk based warnings as part of twining exercise with WMCs-ACMAD-pilot NMHS
- -- store data and products for post events studies
- -- support SWFDP and MHEWS with forecasts of regional scales features driving severe or high impact *meso to local scale* weather or climate
- -- organize on the job training and workshops
- Organize joint forecasts discussions involving WMCs-ACMAD-pilot NMHSs with emphasis on potential emergency situations
- -Target users: NMHSs, RSMCs, RCCs, DRM Agencies, Humanitarian institutions, AUC and RECs
- -Institutions with expertise on risk identification and assessments, warning, communication, preparation and response are the ecosystem of institutions and actors needed for effective resilience



Questions to DRM - recommendations and conclusions Based of forecasts, <u>advisories</u>, <u>watches and warnings</u> did authorities issued evacuation orders? If not why?

- ✓ Does the national/regional contingency plans for floods include <u>prevention and preparation</u> <u>as</u> well as <u>early response measures</u>? If yes, how did this worked?
- ✓ Are the <u>orders mandatory</u> or can <u>be ignored</u>? If not why? Are they left to local official with little DRM experience?
- ✓ Is there <u>reluctance</u> to issue orders? Are they issued in odd hours?
- √With climate change, policies, strategies, rules and regulations crafted
 with old historical experience and empirism no longer apply.
- ✓ For better or for worse, <u>Africa should innovate in the DRR field</u> because we are the most vulnerable in the world.
- ✓ <u>ACMAD, UNECA, WB, UNDRR, UNOCHA, IFRC, ARC, and AUC effectively establish and operate the Continental Early Warning System</u>, a similar governance set up with RECs and Countries is <u>highly recommended</u> and urgent





The <u>Challenging question</u> is: how does the Climate community <u>more effectively</u> let the public/User/DRM Managers <u>know what we know</u>, and <u>how it may impact them</u>?

Trust better forecasts and heed warnings