

ClimDev-Africa

Climate change signals at local scale over Ethiopia: Insights from high resolution gauge and satellite rainfalls

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Introduction



- Complex topography
- Climate is characterized by high rainfall and temperature variability in both spatial and temporal scales.
- The Indian Ocean, the Atlantic Ocean and both the African and the Asian landmasses

Data and Methods

Data set

- Rain guage
- Rain guage & satellite blended: CMAP, GPCP
- TRMM

Methods

- Change point detection & homogeneity adjustment: Quantile matching
- Data gap filling: Regularized Expectation maximazation, Multichannel Singular Spectrum Analysis
- Gridded data set: Kriging
- Trend detection & significance test: Harmonic Analysis, Singular Spectrum Analysis, Mann-Kendal test

Data and Methods: Data status



- Left: Percentage of stations with missing data
- Right: stations used in this study (Red) and with records < 15years (black, not used)

Climate Change Signal

• Dominant Seasonal Components and Timing of Peak Rainfalls: Annual Cycle



Intercomparison: Homogeneous regions



Left (top): Clustering is based on self organizing map (SOM) using new gridded data:- 9 regions; Right (top):for R-8 based on MSSA

Intercomparison: Homogeneous regions



 Right (top):GPCP for R-8 (monomodal region) & R-4(bimodal region)

Intercomparison: Homogeneous regions

 TRMM (right); GPCP(bottom) time series for R-8





Historical Rainfall Trend



- Rainfall trend from new data set (Left) and SSA technique for trend detection(Right)
- Mixed signals in contrast to IPCC report

Conclusion and policy Issues

- Data on climate variables such as rainfall & temperature over Africa is not useable due to data gaps and inhomogeneity
- Data "rescue" should be given due attention in Africa
- Important information on climate variability & change can be retrieved with sufficient accuracy from quality controlled, homogenized and imputed data set
- African governments should support :
 - 1. data "rescue" projects in Africa
 - 2. efforts towards good quality weather & climate observations
 - 3. climate research and dissemination

Thank you



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