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4th session of the **SAHF** **EXECUTIVE COUNCIL** **MEETING**

06 MAY 2025

AGENDA



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TIME	SESSION	SPEAKERS/ PRESENTERS	EXPECTED OUTCOMES
9:00 – 9:30	Registration	All Participants	
9:30 – 9:45	Opening Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Welcome address. - Overview of the session's objectives and expected outcomes. 	Mr. Athula Karunanayake , DG, DOM, Sri Lanka/Representative of the Host Country Dr. Mrutyunjay Mohapatra , DG, IMD, India/Chair, SAHF EC (Virtual) Mr. Karma Dupchu , Director, NCHM, Bhutan/Co-Chair, SAHF EC Mr. A. R. Subbiah , DG, RIMES	
9:50 – 10:00	Adoption of Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Formal adoption of the session agenda. - Confirmation of discussion flow and session objectives. 	Chair & Co-Chair	
10:00 – 10:15	Re-appointment of Chair and Co-Chair <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The SAHF EC Chair and Co-Chair's 2nd term of two years has concluded. - EC members will discuss and vote on the re-appointment or selection of new Co-Chairs. 	All EC Members	Confirmation of leadership to ensure continuity and strategic direction for SAHF
10:15 – 10:45	SAHF Progress and Next Steps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Review of SAHF's progress (2023-2025), impact of SAHF/CARE integration, key achievements, challenges and priority areas for going forward. 	Dr. Anshul Agarwal , Lead-SAHF, RIMES	-Identification of SAHF's progress and challenges. -Agreement on sustenance of the tools/products -Agreement on priority areas for future development.
10:45 – 11:15	Group Photo & Morning Refreshments		

11:15 – 11:45	Observational Networks (OBN) Strategy and Roadmap <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Presentation of the strategy and roadmap</i> - <i>Discussion and decision</i> 	Dr. Alice Soares, Senior Hydromet Adviser, WBG/ OBN WG Co-Chairs	-EC endorsement for the OBN Strategy and Roadmap -Decision on action items
11:45 – 12:15	Numerical Weather Prediction (NWP) Strategy and Roadmap <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Present the NWP Roadmap, developed in consultation with SAHF Working Group (WG) members, to strengthen regional forecasting capabilities and cross-border collaboration</i> - <i>Discussion and decision</i> 	Dr. Alice Soares/ NWP WG Co-Chairs	-EC endorsement for the NWP Strategy and Roadmap -Decision on action items
12:15 – 12:35	Impact-based Forecasting (IBF) WG <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Present the IBF Workplan outlining key activities, timelines, and collaborative efforts for implementation in South Asia.</i> - <i>Discussions will focus on stakeholder coordination, data-sharing mechanisms, policy integration, and capacity-building needs.</i> 	Ms. Helen Caughey, Deputy Chief & International Meteorologist, UKMO	-Inputs for regional IBF implementation strategies for 2025-2027. -Agreement on priority areas for IBF expansion and integration into DRR frameworks. -Adoption of the IBF Workplan with a clear implementation timeline.
12:35 – 12:45	Climate Services WG <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Introduce the ToR for Climate Services Working Group (WG), highlighting its role in enhancing Climate Services in SA Region.</i> - <i>Discussions will focus on securing EC endorsement for the WG, integrating IBF within the broader Climate Services framework, and defining a roadmap for its operationalization.</i> 	Mr. David Corbelli, Senior International Development Manager, UKMO	EC endorsement for the Climate Services WG and Roadmap
12:45 – 13:45	Lunch Break		

13:45 – 14:15	Hydrology Working Group	Mr. Ben Churchill, Director, WMO Regional Office for Asia and the Southwest Pacific (RAP)	- Opportunities to link with ongoing initiatives like FFGS and HydroSoS and build a regional approach for the SAHF region. -Identifying technical assistance needed to enhance SAHF's effectiveness. -WMO plan and support for Hydrology WG
14:15 – 15:00	Resources and funding to support the SAHF program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Overview of RAP, WISER AP and CREWS programs supporting SAHF - Potential funding, and technical support 	Mr. David Corbelli, UKMO Dr. Melanie Simone Kappes, DRM Specialist, WBG (Virtual) Mr. Ben Churchill, Director, WMO	-Enhanced collaboration with global hydromet service providers. -Identification of funding and capacity-building opportunities.
15:00 – 16:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Maximizing the value of SAHF NMHSs: Testing new approaches to long-term sustainability - an invitation to collaborate 	Dr. Alan Thorpe, Hydromet Advisor, WBG (Virtual) Dr. David Rogers, Senior Hydromet Advisor, WBG (Virtual) Dr. Shiromani Jayawardena, Advisor, (Weather and Climate Services)- SAHF, RIMES	-Presentations -EC Decision on the way forward
16:00 – 17:00	EC Resolutions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Review of key discussions and draft resolutions. - Agreement on SAHF's strategic priorities and commitments for 2025-2027. - Approval of resolutions by EC members. 	Chair & Co-Chair	-Official adoption of action points and policy directions. -Commitment from SAHF members to implement agreed-upon strategies.

17:00 – 17:30	Closing Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Closing remarks highlighting key takeaways and future collaboration.</i> - <i>Vote of thanks by Director General, RIMES</i> 	EC Chairs & Members	-Reinforcement of SAHF's regional mission. -Acknowledgment of contributions from partners and stakeholders.
17:30 – 18:00	High Tea		