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# **CLIMATE SERVICES WORKSHOP**

Working Group Inception Meeting  
and Technical Brainstorming on the Application of  
Seasonal and Sub-Seasonal Forecasts

**24-26 JUNE 2025 | BANGKOK, THAILAND**

**AGENDA**

## DAY 1 – Establishing the SAHF CS WG

Time	Session	Details	Lead
08:30–09:00	<b>Registration</b>		
09:00–09:15	<b>Opening Session</b>	Welcome remarks and overview of workshop objectives and agenda	Dr. K. J. Ramesh, Advisor (Weather and Climate Services), RIMES Mr. David Corbelli, Senior International Development Manager, UKMO
09:15–09:30	<b>Participants Introduction</b>	Brief introduction of participants	RIMES
09:30–10:15	<b>WG Governance</b>	Appointment of Co-chairs, review and endorsement of Terms of Reference (ToR)	CS WG Members/ RIMES
10:15–10:45	<b>Group Photo &amp; Coffee Break</b>		
10:45–12:30	<b>Country Presentations:</b> Overview of Climate Services in South Asia	Presentations from countries on the insights of their current status of climate service and application of S2S, seasonal and climate projections <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Afghanistan</li> <li>● Bangladesh</li> <li>● Bhutan</li> <li>● India</li> <li>● Maldives</li> <li>● Myanmar</li> <li>● Nepal</li> <li>● Pakistan</li> <li>● Sri Lanka</li> </ul>	CS WG Members/Country Representatives
12:30–13:00	<b>Open Discussion</b>	Participants reflection on country presentations, highlighting common challenges, opportunities and priorities for regional collaboration	WG Members/Country Representatives/ User Sector Representatives
13:00–14:00	<b>Lunch Break</b>		
14:00–15:30	<b>Interactive Session:</b> Building on National/Regional Platforms	Lessons and linkages from GFCS, SASCOF, CSUF, and National Outlook Forums	Facilitated by RIMES/UKMO

15:30–16:15	<b>Plenary Discussion:</b> Aligning National Insights for the Climate Services Work plan	Synthesizing inputs to inform CS WG workplan and align with ongoing and planned national initiatives	Facilitated by WG Co-Chairs
16:15-16:30	<b>Coffee Break</b>		
16:30-17:30	<b>Preparing draft workplan for the SAHF CS WG</b>	<p>Workplan prepared based on discussions in above sessions and SAHF EC priority themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Enhancing regional coordination</li> <li>• Climate data access and standardization</li> <li>• Stakeholder engagement and capacity development</li> <li>• Resource mobilization and sustainability</li> <li>• Monitoring, evaluation, and workplan implementation</li> </ul>	CS WG Members/User Sector Representatives

## DAY 2 – Technical Brainstorming on the Application of Seasonal and Sub-seasonal Forecast

Time	Session	Details	Lead
09:00–09:15	<b>Session Overview</b>	Recap of Day 1, outline of session objectives and structure	RIMES
09:15–10:30	<b>Session 1:</b> Context Setting	Application of S2S for Climate Services: points to ponder and practical examples	RIMES
10:30–11:00	<b>Coffee Break</b>		
11:00–12:30	<b>Session 2:</b> Interactive Group Work	Scenario based Decision Guidance Preparation based on S2S	RIMES
12:30–13:30	<b>Lunch Break</b>		
13:30–14:30	<b>Session 3:</b> Interactive Group Work	Sectoral requirements for S2S, challenges associated and possible solutions	RIMES

14:30–15:30	<b>Session 4: Hands on Demonstration</b>	Climate Services Toolkit and National Livestock Advisory System, Bangladesh	RIMES
15:30–16:00	<b>Coffee Break</b>		
16:00–17:00	<b>Discussions and Experience Sharing</b>	Identifying priorities, immediate and medium term activities for S2S Application Demo	RIMES

### DAY 3 – Operationalising the SAHF CS WG

Time	Session	Details	Lead
09:00–09:15	<b>Recap</b>	Reflections and framing of action-planning sessions	RIMES/UKMO
09:15–10:30	<b>Regional Climate Modeling and Data Systems</b>	<p>An overview of regional climate modeling platforms/data systems and their application in delivering demand-driven climate services. The session will explore how projections can be tailored to support user needs across key sectors.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional Resilience Data and Analytics Service (<b>RDAS</b>) Platform (15 mins)</li> <li>• Coordinated Regional Climate Downscaling Experiment (<b>CORDEX</b>) (15 mins)</li> <li>• National Centre for Medium Range Weather Forecasting (<b>NCMRWF</b>)- Numerical Weather Prediction and Applications (15 mins)</li> <li>• <b>Open Discussion</b> Informing priorities for development and collaboration (15 mins)</li> </ul>	RIMES/ Technical Experts
10:30–11:00	<b>Coffee Break</b>		

11:00-11:30	<b>Presentation of the Draft Workplan</b>	WG Co-Chairs will present the draft CS WG workplan, including proposed activities.	WG Co-Chairs
11:30-12:00	<b>Open Discussion:</b> Feedback on the CS Workplan	Structured feedback session where all participants and development partners will provide inputs to refine the draft workplan	Facilitated by RIMES/UKMO
12:00-13:00	<b>Partner Perspectives:</b> Supporting the SAHF CS WG Priorities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation on Overview of WISER AP</li> <li>• Discussion: Other donor and related initiatives that could be leveraged to support the SAHF CS WG priorities</li> </ul>	Facilitated by UKMO
13:00–14:00	<b>Lunch Break</b>		
14:00-15:30	<b>Plenary:</b> Drafting the implementation plan aligning with regional initiatives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sharing and consolidating outcomes into a draft implementation plan (2025–2026)</li> <li>• Synthesizing inputs to inform CS WG work plan and align with regional initiatives</li> </ul>	CS WG members/User Sector Representatives/Participants
15:30-16:00	<b>Coffee Break</b>		
16:00–16:30	<b>Finalization of CS WG Workplan &amp; Next Steps</b>	Confirm actions, governance structure, and coordination mechanisms	CS WG Co-chairs/UKMO/RIMES
16:30–17:00	<b>Closing Session</b>	Remarks- WG Co-Chairs Closing Remarks- RIMES & UKMO	