



34th Session of the South Asian Climate Outlook Forum (SASCOF-34) for the Summer Season and Climate Services User Forum (CSUF)

Malé, Maldives | 25–30 April 2026

DETAILED AGENDA

Programme Overview

Date	Event
25–27 April 2026	Pre-COF Hands-On Training Workshop
26–27 April 2026	SAHF Climate Services Working Group Meeting (parallel track)
28 April 2026	34th South Asian Climate Outlook Forum (SASCOF-34)
29–30 April 2026	Climate Services User Forum (CSUF)



Pre-COF Hands-On Training Workshop

25–27 April 2026 | 09:00 – 17:00 (UTC+5) | Malé, Maldives

DAY 1 – 25 April 2026 (Saturday): Technical Forecasting and Modelling Capacities	
09:00 – 09:30	Registration
09:30 – 10:00	Inaugural Session
10:00 – 10:30	<i>High Tea</i>
10:30 – 11:00	Basics of Seasonal Forecast <u>Dr. O. P. Sreejith, IMD</u>
11:00 – 11:30	Introduction to Python Programming and Hands-on session <u>Khan MD Golam Rabbani, Nazmul Ahasan & Rajkumar Rai, RIMES</u>
11:30 – 12:00	Availability of Climate model in NMME and ECMWF Climate Data Store and Preparation of Climate Model data <u>Rajkumar Rai, RIMES</u>
12:00 – 13:00	<i>Lunch</i>
13:00 – 13:30	New Relative ONI Index for ENSO Monitoring & Prediction <u>Dr. Sabeerali C T., RCC-Pune</u>
13:30 – 15:30	Introduction to Xcast and Hands-on Exercise of Model evaluation using Xcast <u>Rajkumar Rai, Khan MD Golam Rabbani, RIMES / Sabeerali C. T., RCC-Pune</u>
15:30 – 16:00	<i>Tea Break</i>
16:00 – 17:00	Hands on Training on Xcast <u>Rajkumar Rai, Khan MD Golam Rabbani & Nazmul Ahasan, RIMES</u>
DAY 2 – 26 April 2026 (Sunday): XCAST, QGIS, and FOCUS X	
09:00 – 10:30	Hands-On: Xcast <u>Rajkumar Rai, Khan MD Golam Rabbani, RIMES</u>
10:30 – 12:00	Overview of Impact Analysis Tool with Hands-on Demonstration <u>Leila Salarpour Goodarzi & Rahul Suman, UN ESCAP</u>
12:00 – 13:00	<i>Lunch</i>
13:00 – 14:30	Demonstration and Hands-on Demonstration of Offline and Online GIS Tool <u>Leila Salarpour Goodarzi & Rahul Suman, UN ESCAP</u>
14:30 – 15:00	<i>Tea Break</i>
15:00 – 16:00	Interactive Session: Presentation and hands-on demo on the updated FOCUS Tool <u>Jie Qiu, RIMES & Andrew Colman, UKMO</u>
16:00 – 16:30	Open Discussions
DAY 3 – 27 April 2026 (Monday): Translation of Climate Information into Climate Services	
09:00 – 09:30	Communication of Forecast Uncertainty to Sectoral Stakeholders <u>RCC-Pune</u>
09:30 – 10:30	Co-Production of Climate Services <u>Dr. Jane Strachan, UK Met Office</u>
10:30 – 11:00	<i>Tea Break</i>
11:00 - 11:15	Co-Development of Seasonal Outlook with Sectoral Stakeholders



	<u>Monowar Hossain, BMD</u>
11:15 - 11:30	Climate Forecast Application in Sri Lanka <u>Shiromani Jayawardena, RIMES</u>
11:30 – 12:00	Development of IBF and Risk-Informed Climate Advisories <u>Asif Uddin Bin Noor, RIMES</u>
12:00 – 13:00	<i>Lunch</i>
13:00 – 15:30	Developing Sector-Specific Climate Outlook and Advisories <u>Raihanul Haque Khan and Asif Uddin Bin Noor, RIMES, & Dr. Jane Strachan, UK Met Office</u>
15:30 – 16:00	<i>Tea Break</i>
16:00 – 16:30	Extending DataX for Seasonal Forecast: Progress and Future Plan <u>Nazmul Ahasan, RIMES</u>
16:30 – 17:00	Valedictory Session and Feedback
	<i>End of Pre-COF Hands-On Training Workshop</i>



SAHF Climate Services Working Group Meeting

26–27 April 2026 | 09:00 – 16:00 (UTC+5) | Malé, Maldives

DAY 1 – 26 April 2026 (Sunday)

09:00 – 09:10	Registration
09:10 – 10:00	Opening Session
10:00 – 10:20	<i>Health / Tea Break</i>
10:20 – 10:50	Global Status of Climate Services, Challenges and Opportunities for South Asia <u>Dr. Jane Strachan, UKMO</u>
10:50 – 11:10	Presentation of the CS Work Plan <u>CS WG Co-Chairs</u>
11:10 – 12:00	CS Project Activities: Presentation and Validation of the Assessment Reports (Regional and National Levels) <u>Dr. Anshul Agarwal, RIMES</u>
12:00 – 13:00	<i>Lunch Break</i>
13:00 – 13:30	Presentation and Validation of the TNA Results and Corresponding Training Plan <u>Raissa Ancheta, RIMES</u>
13:30 – 14:30	Group Activity: Updating of Work Plan and Identification of Priority Activities
14:30 – 15:00	<i>Health / Tea Break</i>
15:00 – 16:00	Presentation of Group Activity, Open Discussions

DAY 2 – 27 April 2026 (Monday)

09:00 – 09:15	Recap of Day 1
09:15 – 09:45	Presentation of the DSS Catalogue and the SKHub COP Discussion Board <u>Danna Valdez, RIMES</u>
09:45 – 10:30	Presentation of the Proposed Enhancements to the FOCUS Tool with Hands-On Demo <u>Jie Qiu, RIMES</u>
10:30 - 10:45	<i>Health / Tea Break</i>
10:45 - 11:45	Update on NFCS implementation in India <u>Dr. Satyaban Bishoyi Ratna, IMD</u>
11:45 – 12:00	Open Discussions
12:00 – 13:00	<i>Lunch Break</i>
13:00 - 14:00	Interactive Session: RFCS for South Asia and Requirements for Implementation <u>David Corbelli, UKMO</u>
14:30 – 14:45	Presentation of Group Activity; Open Discussion
14:45 – 15:00	Summary and Wrap-Up
15:00 – 15:15	Messages from the WG Co-Chairs, RIMES, and UKMO

End of SAHF Climate Services Working Group Meeting



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28 April 2026 | 09:00 – 17:00 (UTC+5) | Malé, Maldives

34th SOUTH ASIAN CLIMATE OUTLOOK FORUM (SASCOF-34) – TUE 28 April 2026

09:00 – 09:30	Registration
09:30 – 10:00	Opening Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Recitation of Holy Quran ● Remarks/Messages <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dr. O.P. Sreejith, RCC-Pune, IMD ○ Director General Abdulla Wahid, MMS ○ Dr. Anshul Agarwal, RIMES-SAHF ○ Dr. Jane Strachan, UKMO
10:00 – 10:20	Participants' Introduction
10:20 – 10:30	Group Photo Opportunity
10:30 – 11:00	<i>Tea Break</i>
Session I: Seasonal Prediction of South Asia for JJAS Season 2026 – Country Perspectives (Part 1) Session Chair: Dr. Sreejith	
11:00 – 11:15	Afghanistan <u>Soma Popalzai, AMD (online)</u>
11:15– 11:30	Bangladesh <u>Monowar Hossain, BMD</u>
11:30 – 11:45	Bhutan <u>Kinley Tenzin, NCHM</u>
11:45 – 12:00	India <u>Dr. Aarti Bandgar, IMD (online)</u>
12:00 – 13:00	<i>Lunch Break</i>
Session I: Seasonal Prediction of South Asia for JJAS Season 2026 – Country Perspectives (Part 2)	
13:00 – 13:15	Maldives <u>NasooH Ismail, MMS</u>
13:15 – 13:30	Myanmar <u>Dr. Tin Mar Htay, DMH</u>
13:30 – 13:45	Nepal <u>Sudarshan Humagain, DHM</u>
13:45 – 14:00	Pakistan <u>Dr. Gohar Ali, PMD</u>
14:00 – 14:15	Sri Lanka <u>Gayana K. Hendawitharana, DOM</u>
14:15 – 14:30	Open Discussion
Session II: Seasonal Prediction of South Asia for JJAS Season 2026 – Global and Regional Perspectives Session Chair: Mr. Ahmed Rasheed	
14:30 – 14:45	Introduction of Emerging ENSO indices and its application <u>Dr. Sabeerali, C.T., RCC-Pune</u>
14:45 – 15:00	<i>Health / Tea Break</i>
15:00 – 15:15	JMA's Seasonal Prediction of South Asian Climate for JJA 2026



	<u>Ken Yamada, Tokyo Climate Center-Japan Meteorological Agency (TCC-JMA)</u>
15:15 – 15:30	Global and Regional Perspectives: WMO Lead Center for Long-Range Forecast <u>Dr. Jeongmin Han, APEC Climate Center (APCC)</u>
15:30 – 15:45	Global and Regional Perspectives: UK Met Office <u>Andrew Colman, UKMO</u>
15:45 – 16:10	Pre-Consensus Presentation and Discussion on Outlook <u>Dr. Sreejith O.P., RCC/IMD</u>
16:10 – 16:30	Agreement / Final Remarks on the Draft Text of the Consensus Forecast for JJAS 2026
	<i>End of SASCOF-34 Program</i>



Climate Services User Forum (CSUF)

29–30 April 2026 | 9:00 – 16:00 (UTC+5) | Malé, Maldives

DAY 1 – 29 April 2026 (Wednesday)

08:30 – 09:00	Registration
09:00 – 09:45	<p>Opening / Inaugural Session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Recitation of Holy Quran ● Remarks/Messages <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dr. OP Sreejith, RCC-Pune, IMD ○ Mr. David Corbelli, UKMO ○ Honorable Ali Shareef, Minister of Climate Change, Environment and Energy
09:45 – 10:00	Overview of the Forum, Participant Acknowledgment <u>Dr. Anshul Agarwal, RIMES</u>
10:00 – 10:10	Group Photo Opportunity
10:10 – 10:30	<i>Health / Tea Break</i>
Session I: SASCOF-34 Consensus Outlook for JJA 2026 Season Session Chair: Ken Yamada, TCC-JMA	
10:30 – 10:50	Presentation of SASCOF-34 Consensus Outlook <u>Dr. Sreejith, RCC/IMD</u>
10:50 – 11:10	Presentation on Impact Outlook Developed for the South Asian Region at SASCOF-34 and its implications for key sectors <u>Leila Salarpour Goodarzi, ESCAP</u>
Session II: Sub-Seasonal Products and their Utilisation Session Chair: Dr. Jane Strachan, UKMO	
11:10 – 11:25	Extended-Range Forecast Products <u>Dr. Avijit Dey, IITM</u>
11:25 – 11:40	S2S Forecast Products from NCMRWF <u>Dr. Ankur Gupta, NCMRWF</u>
11:40 – 12:00	Introduction of Recent Updates of Tokyo Climate Center (TCC)'s Services <u>Ken Yamada, TCC-JMA</u>
Session III: Status of Climate Services and Impact-Based Forecasting	
12:00 – 12:15	Presentation of the Regional Assessment on the Status of Climate Services and TNA Report <u>Dr. Anshul Agarwal, RIMES</u>
12:15 – 13:00	<i>Lunch Break</i>
Session IV: Interpretation of Climate Information and Products Session Chair: Mr. David Corbelli, UKMO	
13:20 – 13:40	Forecasting Impact of Climate Drivers on Agricultural Sector: An ongoing research at RIMES <u>Raihanul Haque Khan, RIMES</u>
13:40 – 14:10	Interpretation of Seasonal Outlooks, Probabilistic Forecasts, and Climate Advisories <u>Dr. Jane Strachan, UK Met Office</u>
14:10 – 14:25	User Sector Presentation <u>Dr Jothiganesh Shanmugasundaram, WFP</u>
14:25 – 14:40	<i>Health / Tea Break</i>
Session V: Case-based Discussions: Application of Climate Services in Decision-Making Session Chair: Mr. Raihanul Haque Khan, RIMES	
14:40 – 14:50	Climate Services for Disaster Management



	<u>Ms. Faroosha Ali Naseer, NDMA Maldives</u>
14:50 – 15:00	Climate Services for Agriculture: SESAME DSS <u>Ms. Tshering Pem, Department of Agriculture Bhutan</u>
15:00 – 15:10	Climate Services for Transportation <u>Puja Shakya, RIMES</u>
15:10 – 15:40	From Outlook to Action: Translating Climate Information into Practical Decisions Across User Sectors <u>Malaka Abdul Hameed, Maldives / Soe Moe Win, Myanmar / Nirmala Regmi, Nepal / Y.A.C.R. Kumara, Sri Lanka / Moderator: Raihanul Haque Khan</u>
15:40 – 16:00	Open Discussion

DAY 2 – 30 April 2026 (Thursday)

09:00 – 09:20	Registration, Recap of Day 1 <u>Asif Uddin Bin Noor, RIMES</u>
Session VI: Heat Health Initiatives for South Asia Session Chair: Dr. Sreejith	
09:20 – 09:35	Framing and Objectives <u>Dr. Roxy Mathew Koll, IITM</u>
09:35 – 09:50	Seasonal Heat Outlook for Indian Region and South Asia <u>Dr. Rohini P., IMD / WMO RCC</u>
09:50 – 10:05	Sub-seasonal Heat Outlook and Forecast Use for Early Action <u>Dr. Akhil Shrivastava, IMD</u>
10:05 – 10:30	Heat-Health Advisory and Public Health Preparedness <u>Dr. Aakash Shrivastava, NCDC/MOHFW</u>
10:30 – 10:50	Health / Tea Break
10:50 – 11:30	From Forecasts to Action: Synergizing Heat Health Resilience across Meteorology, Health Sectors, and Communities in South Asia <u>Dr. Novil Wijesekaram, Sri Lanka</u>
11:30 – 11:40	Demonstration of the INSTANT South Asia Portal <u>Khan MD Golam Rabbani & Nazmul Ahasan Shawn, RIMES</u>
Session VIII: Using Long-Term Climate Information Session Chair: Dr. Anshul Agarwal, RIMES	
11:40 – 12:00	Use of Climate Projections to Support Infrastructure Planning and Climate Adaptation Strategies <u>Dr. Sabin T.P., IITM (online)</u>
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch Break
13:00 – 13:15	GHHIN South Asia <u>Dr. Vishwas Chitale, GHHIN South Asia</u>
Session VIII: Using Long-Term Climate Information (continuation)	
13:15 – 13:30	Use of Climate Projections to Support Infrastructure Planning and Climate Adaptation Strategies <u>Leila Salarpour Goodarzi, UN ESCAP</u>
Session VII: Analyzing and Communicating Sector Specific Climate Risks Session Chair: Dr. Anshul Agarwal	
13:30 – 15:00	Interactive Session: Co-Production of Climate Outlook and Advisories <u>Raihanul Haque Khan & Asif Uddin Bin Noor, RIMES</u>



15:00 – 15:20	Open Discussions and way forward
15:20 – 15:30	Closing Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Director General Abdulla Wahid, MMS• Dr. Sreejith O.P., RCC-Pune, IMD• Mr. David Corbelli, UKMO• Dr. Anshul Agarwal, RIMES
15:30 – 16:00	Tea Break
	<i>End of SASCOF-34 & CSUF Programme</i>