



**NINTH SESSION OF THE
SOUTH-WEST INDIAN OCEAN CLIMATE OUTLOOK FORUM (SWIOCOF-9)
MAURITIUS, 14-17 SEPTEMBER 2020**

Sessions schedule for each time zone of the SWIO region

Time zone :	UTC+2	UTC+3	UTC+4
Morning :	8h00 - 10h00	9h00 - 11h00	10h00 - 12h00
Afternoon :	13h00 - 15h00	14h00 - 16h00	15h00 - 17h00

PRE-FORUM

Monday 14th September 2020

Participants:

- National weather services;
- Météo France ;
- International experts ;
- Indian Ocean Commission.

Opening of the virtual venue (15mn before Morning session starts)

Participants welcome (connexion to the web-meeting)

- **facilitator : MF**

[Morning] Opening of the workshop (30mn)

Opening addresses

- **contributor : IOC, AFD, WMO, other representatives**

Presentation of the objectives, deliverables, agenda

- **contributor: MF + group discussion**

[Morning] Session 1 : SWIOCOF-8 recommendations follow-up (45mn)

- **contributor : MF + group discussion**
- 1. Regional forecast : regional zoning and related database
- 2. Regional forecast : forecast monthly update
- 3. Forecast assessment tool
- 4. Regional climate monitoring tool
- 5. Use of SAWS GCM forecast



[Morning] Session 2 : Climate monitoring (45mn)

1. Regional climate monitoring (OND, NDJ & DJF 2019)
 - contributor : MF + group discussion
2. Regional forecast assessment
 - contributor : MF + group discussion
3. Countries climate monitoring
 - contributor : SMHNS
4. Countries forecast assessment
 - contributor : SMHNS

[Meridian break]

[Afternoon] Session 3 : Seafords installation (2h00)

- contributor : MF + group questions / assistance
1. General presentation of Seafords new version
 2. Software installation
 3. First tests with regional data (Seafords practice)

Tuesday 15th September 2020

[Morning] Session 4 : Seasonal forecast (2h00)

- contributor : MF + group discussion
1. Feedback on previous day
 - SMHNS
 2. Basics of seasonal forecast : from Large scale to local forecast
 3. Large scale present situation
 4. Seasonal forecasts downscaling (Seafords practice)

[Meridian break]

[Afternoon] Session 4 : SWIO Seasonal forecast (2h00)

1. Rainfall forecast (regional and national)
 - contributor : SMHNS
2. Cyclone activity forecast
 - contributor : MF + group discussion
3. Composing the consensus outlook (draft : defining the technical elements)
 - contributor : SMHNS



Wednesday 16th September 2020

[Morning] Session 4 (continuation) : SWIO Seasonal forecast

NB : OFFLINE session : the draft document circulates by email

1. Completing the wording of the consensus outlook
 - contributor : SMHNS

[Meridian break]

[Afternoon] Session 4 (end) : SWIO Seasonal forecast (30mn)

1. Finalization of the consensus outlook
 - facilitator : MF
2. Set up of the forum presentation
 - facilitator : MF

[Afternoon] Session 5 : Way forward (1h00)

1. RCOF evolutions (WMO)
2. Data sharing (climate monitoring / forecast assessment)
3. All year round activity for SWIO region
4. General discussion

[Afternoon] Session 6 : Seafords installation (30mn)

1. Climate monitoring with Seafords
 - contributor : MF + group discussions
2. Forecast verification with Seafords
 - contributor : MF + group discussions



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Thursday 17th September 2020

Participants:

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- National users ;
- Regional users ;
- International experts ;
- Indian Ocean Commission ;

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[Morning] Opening of the workshop (20mn)

Opening addresses

- **contributor : IOC, AFD, WMO, other representatives**

[Morning] Introduction to seasonal forecast (20mn)

1. What is seasonal forecast
2. On the use of seasonal forecast : climate services

[Morning] Climate Outlook presentation (30mn)

1. Large scale context
2. Rainfall forecast
3. Temperature forecast
4. Cyclonic activity forecast

[Morning] Discussions by sector (50mn)

- Health
- Water resources
- Agriculture