**JOINT SESSION OF**

**11th MEDITERRANEAN CLIMATE OUTLOOK FORUM**

**20th SOUTH-EAST EUROPEAN CLIMATE OUTLOOK FORUM**

**13th PRÉVISIONS CLIMATIQUES SAISONNIÈRES EN AFRIQUE DU NORD**

**3rd ARAB REGIONAL CLIMATE OUTLOOK FORUM**

**November 26-29, 2018**

**Cairo, Egypt**

**Programme**

(as of 07/11/2018)

**DAY 1: MONDAY, 26 NOVEMBER**

**08:30 – 09:00 Registration**

**09:00 – 09:15 Opening & Working arrangements**

* Information on logistical arrangements during the sessions (host)

**Pre-COF Day**

**09:15 - 10:30 Session I (chair: Peter Bissolli)**

* Silvio Gualdi (CMCC, Italy): Progress of MEDSCOPE project:
* Roxana Bojariu (ANM, Romania): “Introduction to drivers at seasonal scale relevant to the Mediterranean”
* Silvio Gualdi (CMCC, Italy): “Preliminary results from the sensitivity experiments exploring the sources of predictability for the Mediterranean region at seasonal time scales”

**10:30 - 11:00 Coffee break/ group photo**

**11:00 – 13:00 Session I (cont.) (chair: P.Bissolii)**

* XXXXXX: “Role of soil moisture at seasonal time scale. MEDSCOPE: sensitivity experiments” (tbc)
* J. García-Serrano (BSC//UB, Spain): “Role of sea-ice and snow cover extent over northern Asia on predictability of the NH cold season. MEDSCOPE sensitivity experiments”
* J. García Serrano (BSC/UB, Spain): “Role of ENSO/PDO at seasonal time scale over the Mediterranean region. MEDSCOPE sensitivity experiments”

**13:00 - 14:00 Lunch**

**14:00 Session II (chair: W. Badi)**

* E. Rodriguez-Guisado (AEMET, Spain): “Development of an Empirical Seasonal Forecasting System for the Mediterranean”
* C. Viel (MF, France): “New products for heat waves and cold spells at seasonal time scale”
* Carmen Alvarez-Castro (CMCC, Italy): “Dynamical proxies, bias correction and statistical downscaling as tools for seasonal forecast”
* E. Rodríguez-Camino (AEMET, Spain): “Combination and weighting of seasonal forecasting information”

**15:30 - 16:00 Coffee break**

**16:00 - 18:00 Session II (chair: W. Badi)**

* Anca Brookshaw (ECMWF, UK): “Recent developments of C3S on Seasonal Forecasting”
* E. Rodríguez-Camino (AEMET, Spain): “Update on the LC LRFMME operations”.
* A. Hovsepyan (WMO, Switzerland): “Summary of Second WMO Workshop on Operational Climate Prediction”
* A. Hovsepyan (WMO, Switzerland): “Moving forward in RCOF operations and procedures”.

**18:00 Adjourn day 1**

**DAY 2: TUESDAY, 27 NOVEMBER**

**09:00 – 09:30 Opening**

* **Welcome addresses by:**

**09:30 – 09:45 Practical arrangements**

**09:45 – 10:30 Session I – Verification of MedCOF-10 outlook (chair: XXX)**

* Peter Bissolli (DWD, Germany) and Haythem Belghrissi (INM, Tunisia): Presentation of MedCOF-10 verification draft.
* Discussion and approval of step 1 MedCOF-11 document
* XXXX

Presentation of ArabCOF-2 verification draft.

* Discussion and approval of step 1 ArabCOF-3 document

**10:30 – 11:15 Session II – Climate monitoring (chair: Christian Viel)**

* Peter Bissolli (DWD, Germany) and Haythem Belghrissi (INM, Tunisia): Presentation of MedCOF-11 climate monitoring draft.
* Discussion and approval of step 2 MedCOF-11 document.
* XXX

Presentation of ArabCOF-3 climate monitoring draft.

* Discussion and approval of step 2 ArabCOF-3 document.

**11:15 – 11:45 Coffee break**

**11:45 – 13:00 Session III - Production of large-scale climate outlook for winter (DJF) 2018-2019 (chair: Branko Bijelic)**

* Anca Brookshaw (ECMWF, UK): Seasonal forecast from GPC ECMWF and GPC Exeter (via weblink)
* Valentina Khan (Hydrometeorological Research Center, Russia): Seasonal forecast from GPC Moscow.
* Christian Viel (Meteo-France, France): Seasonal forecast from GPC Toulouse
* Silvio Gualdi (CMCC, Italy): Seasonal forecast from CMCC
* Peter Bissolli (DWD, Germany): Seasonal forecast from GPC Offenbach

**13:00 – 14:00 Lunch**

**14:00 – 15:30 Session III - Production of large-scale climate outlook for winter (DJF) 2017-2018 *(cont.)* (chair: Roxana Bojariu)**

* Massimiliano Pasqui (IBIMET, Italy): Seasonal forecast from statistical systems
* Esteban Rodríguez (AEMET, Spain): Seasonal forecast from the MEDSCOPE statistical system
* Christian Viel (Meteo-France, France): Summary from RA VI RCC-LRF
* Andre Kamga (ACMAD, Niger): Summary from RA I RCC-LRF
* Wafae Badi (DMN, Morocco): Summary from North African RCC-LRF
* Ashraf Zakey (EMA, Egypt): Summary from GCC
* Discussion

**15:30 – 16:00 Coffee break**

**16:00 – 17:30 Session III - Production of large-scale climate outlook for winter (DJF) 2018-2019 (Chair: C. Viel/W. Badi) *(cont.)***

* Editing and provisional MedCOF-11 climate outlook statement (step 3 document)

**17:30 Adjourn day 2**

**DAY 3: WEDNESDAY, 28 NOVEMBER**

**09:00 – 09:10 Welcome address by:**

**09:10 – 11:00 Parallel sessions SEECOF-20, PRESANORD-13, ArabCOF3**

***11:00 – 11:30 Coffee break***

**11:30 – 13:00 Parallel sessions SEECOF-20, PRESANORD-13, ArabCOF3 *(cont)***

***13:00 – 14:00 Lunch***

**14:00 – 15:00 Parallel sessions SEECOF-20, PRESANORD-13, ArabCOF3 *(cont)***

**15:00 – 16:00 Session V - Production of large-scale climate outlook for winter (DJF) 2018-2019 (Chair: XXXXX)**

* Branko Bijelic: Brief report back from SEECOF-20
* Wafae Badi: Brief report back from PRESANORD-13
* XXXXXXXX: Brief report back from ArabCOF-3
* Discussion

***16:00 – 16:30 Coffee break***

**16:30 – 18:00 Session V - Production of large-scale climate outlook for winter (DJF) 2018-2019 (Chair: XXXXXX) *(cont)***

* Provisional version of MedCOF-11 climate outlook statement (step 3 document)

**18:00 Adjourn day 3**

**DAY 4: THURSDAY, 29 NOVEMBER**

**Plenary session with users and stakeholders**

To be filled with Ashraf’s inputs