

## Annex 2: Agenda for NCOF

<b>Time</b>	<b>Activity and speaker</b>	<b>Chair of session</b>
9:00- 9:30 am	Registration	
<b>9:30 – 10:25 am</b>	<b>Session 1: NCOF and NSC opening ceremony</b>	<b>Tayba Tamang, DHMS</b>
9:30 –9:45 am	Welcome address ( <b>Offg. Director, DHMS</b> )	
9:45 – 10:00 am	Presentation on the role of NCOFs within the GFCS mechanism ( <b>Maxx Dilley, Director CLPA</b> )	
10:00 – 10:25 am	Keynote address by Chief Guest ( <b>Secretary, MoEA</b> )	
10:25 – 10:50 am	<b>Coffee/tea break and Group photo</b>	
<b>10:50 – 12:00 pm</b>	<b>Session 2: National Climate Outlook Forum in perspective</b>	<b>Offg. Director, DHMS</b>
10:50-11:25 am	National Climate Outlook Forum (NCOF) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Objectives and expected outcomes</li> <li>- Climate information and services in Bhutan: current status and future plans</li> <li>- Review of recent seasonal outlook performance in Bhutan by climactic zone</li> </ul> <b>(Tayba Tamang, Meteorology Division, DHMS )</b>	
11:25-11:45am	Climate outlook techniques and analysis: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Climate data issues including availability and quality</li> <li>• Communication and interpretation of uncertainties in seasonal climate outlooks</li> <li>• Presentation of CMA Forecast System on Dynamic and Analogy Skills (FODAS)</li> </ul> <b>(Ruby Rose Policarpio, RIMES and Zhiqiang Gong, GFCS Office/BCC)</b>	
11:45-12:00 pm	Discussion	
<b>12:00 – 1:00 pm</b>	<b>Session 3 (part 1) : National seasonal outlook</b>	<b>Maxx Dilley, WMO</b>
12:00-12:45 pm	Seasonal outlook/forecasting in Bhutan: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation of Winter SASCOF consensus outlook ( <b>Ugyen Chhophel, DHMS and Ruby Rose Policarpio, RIMES</b>)</li> <li>• National precipitation and temperature seasonal outlook for late autumn/ winter 2015/2016 (November to February). (<b>Ugyen Chhophel, DHMS</b>)</li> <li>• Use of relevant inputs from Global Producing Centres (GPCs), Regional Climate Centres (RCCs), and Regional Climate Outlook Forums (RCOFs) (<b>Ruby Rose Policarpio, RIMES and Zhiqiang Gong, GFCS Office/BCC</b>)</li> <li>• Challenges in preparing seasonal forecasts in Bhutan (<b>Ugyen Chhophel, DHMS</b>)</li> </ul>	
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<b>1:00-2:00 pm</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	
<b>2:00-3:45 pm</b>	<b>Session 3 (part 2) : National seasonal outlook</b>	<b>Maxx Dilley, WMO</b>
2:00-3:00 pm	Work in Break-out Groups (BG) on the usefulness and interpretation of the seasonal climate outlook information and preparedness measures for the upcoming season: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BG I Agriculture</li> <li>• BG II Energy/Hydropower</li> <li>• BG III Disaster Risk Reduction</li> </ul>	
3:00-3:15 pm	Break-out Group Presentations (5 minutes each group)	
3:30 –3:45 pm	Discussion	
3:45-4:05 pm	<b>Coffee/tea break</b>	
<b>4:05 -5:00 pm</b>	<b>Session 4: Sustaining the NCOF process and enhancing decision-support</b>	<b>Offg. Director, DHMS</b>
4:05 – 4:15 pm	Discussion on climate information and service delivery, accessibility, format and applicability between NCOFs <b>(Ruby Rose Policarpio, RIMES and Sonam Rabten, Meteorology Division, DHMS)</b>	
4:15 – 4:35 pm	Capacity development needs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Speaker from DHMS on future capacity building needs <b>(Tayba Tamang, DHMS)</b></li> <li>• Speakers from stakeholder agencies on potential climate service needs <b>(Department of Agriculture/Department of Hydropower and Power Systems)</b></li> </ul>	
4:35-4:45 pm	Discussion led by Tayba Buddha Tamang, DHMS and Maxx Dilley, WMO	
4:45-5:00 pm	Wrap up: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Next steps in providing consensus-based seasonal outlooks tailored for the agriculture, energy/hydropower, and disaster risk reduction sectors</li> <li>• Scoping of Bhutan NCOF process: frequency and timing of regular NCOFs</li> </ul> <b>(Maxx Dilley, WMO)</b>	