

PREVENTION, PREPARATION AND RESPONSE TO DISASTER USING CLIMATE OUTLOOKS

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WMO members and their global and regional centres provide climate outlooks. Collaboration with DRR platforms in Africa has led to tailoring of climate information including potential impacts assessments and measures required to update contingency plans.

However, official declarations of states of emergencies are still being very late when impacts become significant on livelihoods of vulnerable population. The last two droughts in Southern Africa and Eastern Africa respectively were declared late with little or no opportunity for prevention or preparation actions.

Given the current performance of forecasting systems demonstrated with these two events:

- African countries and Regional Economic communities are encouraged to operationalize collaboration between disaster risk managers, climate services providers, impacts assessment experts and the media.
- mainstreaming hazards outlooks in state of disaster declarations and investing in prevention, preparation and early response based on hazards and potential impacts outlooks are recommended in Africa