



CONCEPT NOTE FOR
100th NATIONAL CLIMATE OUTLOOK FORUM (COF-100)

March 22, 2018

Venue: TBC

Background

In 1997, the Climate Information, Monitoring and Prediction Center (CLIMPC) was established as a new approach to climatological services integrating past, present and future climatic information in response to the Climate Prediction Services (CLIPS) project of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO).

Under the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical, and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA) rationalization program in 2002-2003, CLIMPC became the Climate Monitoring and Prediction Section (CLIMPS) as one of the operational section of the Climatology and Agrometeorology Division (CAD) aside from the Farm Weather Services Section. At present, the CLIMPS is intensively involve in climate monitoring, issue monthly forecast of rainfall, temperature and other climate parameters such as dry days/wet days and temperature extremes, El Niño/La Niña advisories, dry spell/drought assessment/outlook and holds regular climate forum to disseminate information on what to expect in the coming season to its stakeholders.

As one of CLIMPS' flagship activity, the Climate Outlook Forum, as a platform to disseminate climate information, ENSO update and outlook in the coming seasons, provides opportunity for a regular dialogue between PAGASA and its stakeholder institutions to promote: (a) enhanced understanding of forecast products and services, including their limitations and uncertainties, and (b) better appreciation by PAGASA of users' information requirements.

During the 2015-2016 El Nino and the ongoing 2017-2018 La Nina, aside from the National Climate Outlook Forum, National El Nino Forum and Provincial Forum on La Nina were conducted in several parts of the country. These forums provided a significant opportunity for the World Food Programme (WFP) to dovetail support to PAGASA's Modernization Plan in its target DPR-CCA Programme provinces, capacitate provinces on the use of climate information, and showcase the use of PAGASA's information through demonstrations of the use of Disaster Response Operations Monitoring and Information Center (DROMIC) and WFP's 72-Hour Assessment Approach.

This activity is also being implemented as one of the priority objectives of PAGASA under PAGASA Modernization Program (PMP): to integrate disaster risk reduction and management, climate change adaptation and water resources management in the sustainable socioeconomic development planning at the national and local levels in coordination with appropriate government agencies and other entities; and to strengthen linkages and cooperation at the national level among the various providers and users of

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weather, climate, and water-related information, products and services as well as to provide for the appropriate mechanisms for this purpose.

COF-100

Fifteen years since its inception, PAGASA will conduct its 100th National Climate Outlook Forum on March 22, 2018, a pre-event of the celebration of World and National Meteorological Day (WNM Day) on March 23, 2018.

GENERAL OUTLINE

The structure of COF-100 is proposed as follows:

- History of National Climate Outlook Forum (Video Presentation)
Dr. Flaviana D. Hilario
Deputy Administrator for Research and Development, PAGASA-DOST
- Recollection of Previous COF (Testimonial Message)
Dr. Aida M. Jose
Former Chief, Climatology and Agrometeorology Branch, PAGASA-DOST
- Evolution of Climate Information and Prediction Services
WMO-CLIPS Representative
- Significance of Regional/National/Local Climate Outlook Forums in Information Dissemination Strategies of World Meteorological Organization
Dr. Flaviana D. Hilario, WMO - WG Leader for Climate Services
- The ASEAN-COF Process and Prospects, *RCC-SEA Representative*
- Use and relevance of PAGASA Climate Information Services
End-users from agriculture sector, water resources and management, disaster risk reduction (DRR) and public health, business/private/finance, and local governance
- Climate Review (January-March 2018)
Ms. Ana Liza S. Solis
Officer-in-charge, Climate Monitoring and Prediction Section, CAD, PAGASA-DOST
- Climate Outlook (April-October 2018)
Ms. Edna L. Juanillo
Chief, Climatology and Agrometeorology Division (CAD), PAGASA-DOST
- Press Briefing and Launching of New/Improved Climate Products and Services
Dr. Vicente B. Malano, Administrator

COF-100 Details and Logistics

Timing

This concept note relates to the 100th National Climate Outlook Forum being planned on March 22, 2018 to present climate outlook in April-October 2018 while presenting recent and historical perspectives of dissemination and provision of climate information and services since the first conduct of COF in 2003.

Participants

The target audience of the forum includes national, provincial and local government officials, end-users from the water, agricultural and related disaster risk management sectors, tri-media, private sectors, academe and other interested weather/climate information users. Meanwhile, representatives from the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) Climate Information and Prediction Services, Southeast Asia Regional Climate Center Network for RA V, representative from ASEAN member countries' NMHSs, and PAGASA staff will also be invited.

Funding

The World Food Programme (WFP) will cover the cost of venue, local organization costs, airfare, accommodation and Daily Subsistence Allowance (DSA) of two (2) foreign invitees, while PAGASA shall cover the cost of per diem, accommodation, local travels of 20 participants (16 from PAGASA Regional Services Division and 4 stakeholders outside of NCR and miscellaneous expenses related to the organization of the Outlook Forum. (*see attached Line Item Budget*)

Local Organizing Committee

A Local Organizing Committee for 100-COF shall be created and will closely coordinate this activity with the Organizing Committee of WNM Day.