Scoping Meeting for the Establishment of ArabCOF

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Background

- An Arab Climate Outlook Forum (ArabCOF) concept has been actively considered as part of RICCAR implementation strategy over the past three years;
- A concept note developed by WMO and ESCWA was presented for consideration by the 30th Meeting of the Arab Permanent Committee on Meteorology;
- The present scoping meeting is pursuant to the resolutions adopted by the Arab Permanent Committee on Meteorology;
- The scoping meeting will discuss, *inter alia*:
  - Functions of the proposed ArabCOF;
  - Measures to be taken for its establishment;
  - Types of climate services ArabCOF would provide, including regional climate change projections and assessments;
Meeting Objectives

- Discuss the ArabCOF establishment, functions, outputs and institutionalization process, including data needs and capacity development requirements;
- Identify the potential partners and liaise with existing initiatives at the regional and sub-regional scales;
- Review and synthesize the available regional climate change information for the Arab Region, including the analysis of regional climate model simulations for the Arab Region performed under RICCAR as well as the IPCC AR5 findings relevant to the Arab Region; and
- Discuss how to utilize the RICCAR Regional Knowledge Hub to support the management and archiving of climate data for generating forecasts by the ArabCOF, and to act as a regional base for consolidating future projections and predictions for updating existing climate modelling ensembles.

Meeting Structure

- 3 days, 8 sessions
- Presentations on key topics including:
  - Major programmes of relevance
  - RCOF concepts
  - Existing RCOF initiatives within the Arab region
  - Climate monitoring aspects
  - Country status on climate data and monitoring
  - Regional climate change projections
  - IPCC AR5 messages
  - User requirements
- Open discussions and country interventions
- Discussions on ArabCOF proposals, including scoping on its content and structure
- Recommendations on ArabCOF establishment and way forward
Thank You

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