

Outcome Declaration of Inaugural Event Geneva, Switzerland, September 20th, 2018

Forum attendees declared that:

The South Asia Hydromet Forum is a platform for regional exchange, collaboration and fostering innovation.

The Forum aims at:

- Increasing the coverage, quality and access to hydromet services and ensuring their sustainability in the region
- Strengthening technical, institutional and human capacity at scale for service delivery
- Enhancing partnerships that translate priorities for regional cooperation into programs and investments, and
- Strategically positioning this agenda as the central piece for climate resilient development

Joint Statement made in Geneva, Switzerland on September 20th, 2018



What Next?

- **SAHF Engagement and Dialogue – raising the profile of SAHF**
 - **Regional collaboration analytical/strategic report**
 - **Deepen relationships between hydromet agencies (technical meetings)**
 - **Communications between regional forecasters**
 - **Engagement and dialogue with multi-stakeholders (key sectors), academia and private sector**
 - **Annual SAHF Flagship event**

- **Regional Capacity Building Initiative (training, technical assistance)**

- **Regional Hydromet Information Portal**

- **SAHF Communications**

What Next?

- Numerical Weather Prediction (SAHF NWP forecaster group, monthly meetings)
- Impact Based Forecasting
- Multi-hazard early warning
- Operational support to forecasting (information sharing and real-time support)
- Harmonization of approaches/standards, data sharing formats and technical specifications across partners (including effort to reduce procurement process burden)
- Optimization of Observation system density (in country, regional)
- Skill building and strategic staff planning
- Communication to users and Public Weather Advisers including for key sectors (agriculture, disaster management, aviation, other)
- Policy frameworks

How?

- Regional and Global Expertise
- Coordinated through RIMES with administrative function (intergovernmental mechanism)
- Sub-committee of RIMES Council for South Asia – policy body (Jan 2020)
- SAHF expert group (planning and supporting decision makers: technical representatives from SAHF countries and key partners)
- SAHF technical teams (development)

CLOUD FROM NETWORKING EXERCISE

