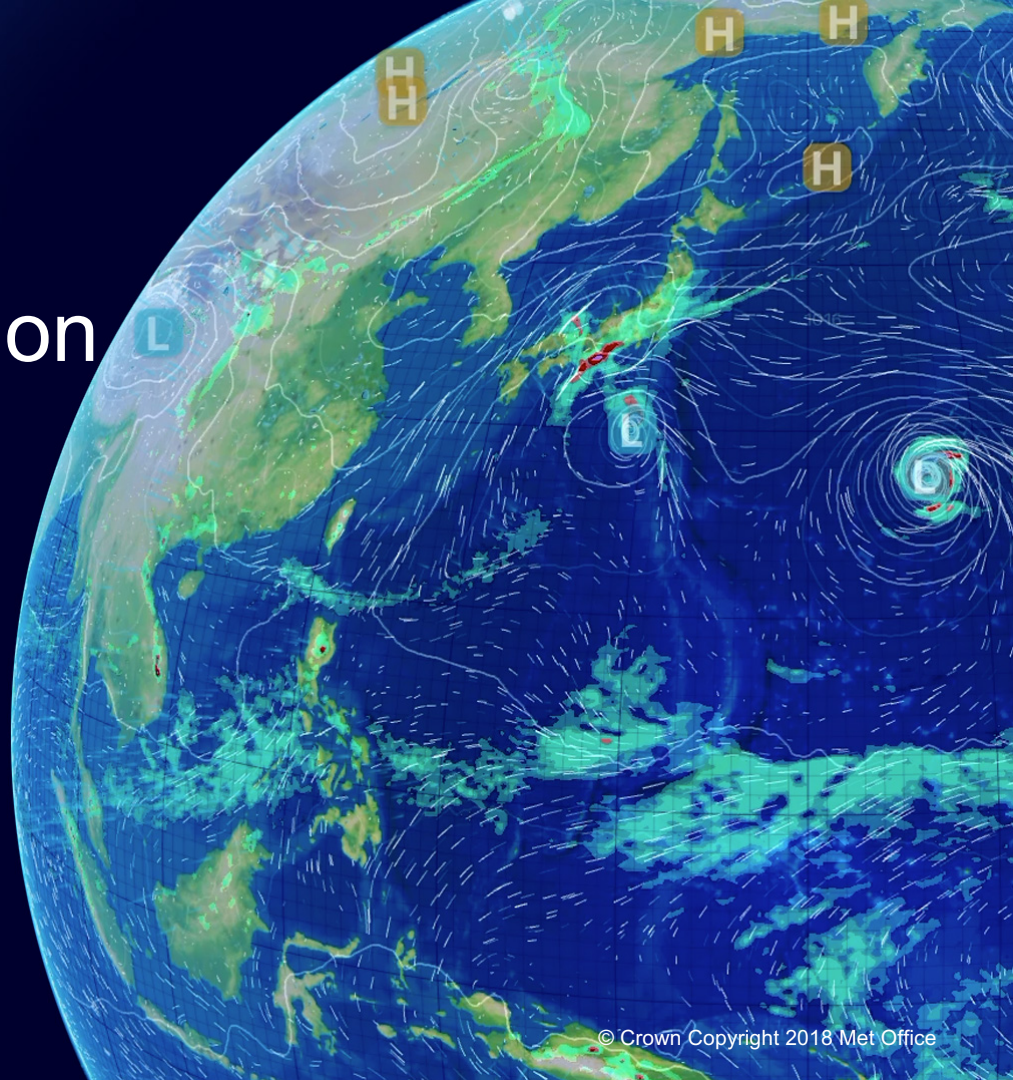


ARRCC Special Session

Strengthening Climate Information
Partnerships – South Asia (SCIPSA)

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ARRCC and SCIPSA

- ARRCC aims to accelerate regional cooperation to build climate resilience across all timescales.
- SCIPSA wants to bring together regional and national climate information providers, users and researchers to strengthen seasonal forecasting activities and advice services to vital sectors such as agriculture in the region.
- SCIPSA has the proposed year 1 activities:
 - Regional Coordination – supporting SASCOF activities.
 - With climate information providers and users – trialling co-development activities of tailored seasonal forecast services.
 - Capacity development – effective training program.

Format

- You will be responding at country level to feedback into the regional program.
- There are questions for the NWS and other organisations attending to discuss on SASCOF
- These views will be used to help further shape year one activities where SCIPSA could assist in building upon your SASCOF forums. So please provide as much information.
- 20 minutes to answer questions.
- Designate a country rapporteur to report back key points.
- 3 minutes per group to report back.

Questions

National Met. Services

1. Are the SASCOF consensus forecasts - winter and summer – used in your country?

- How are the two forecasts used;
- Who are their main users, and;
- How are these disseminated in your country (e.g. through a NCOF)?

2. What needs to be done to increase the use of the SASCOF forecasts in terms of:

- The process of developing the consensus forecast;
- The conditions in your NMHS;
- The users of these forecasts in your country.

Other organisations

Do you use the SASCOF Seasonal forecasts?

YES

1. How do you use it in your work?
2. From whom do you receive the forecast?
3. Could this forecast be improved? How?

NO

1. Why don't you use it?
2. Would it be helpful to know more about it?
3. Do you think it could be useful to your work? Why?

What is next?

- If there are any points you didn't want to share today please do feel free to speak to us in confidence.
- Moving forwards ARRCC will look to identify and develop a comprehensive programme for regional cooperation with key stakeholders.
- Please do get in contact if you would like to share current activities and opportunities where ARRCC can act to support, link into existing programmes of work, your needs and/or areas you could support.
- We will be making contact and following up with questionnaires in October and November. Please let us know who to contact.

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