



# WORKING GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

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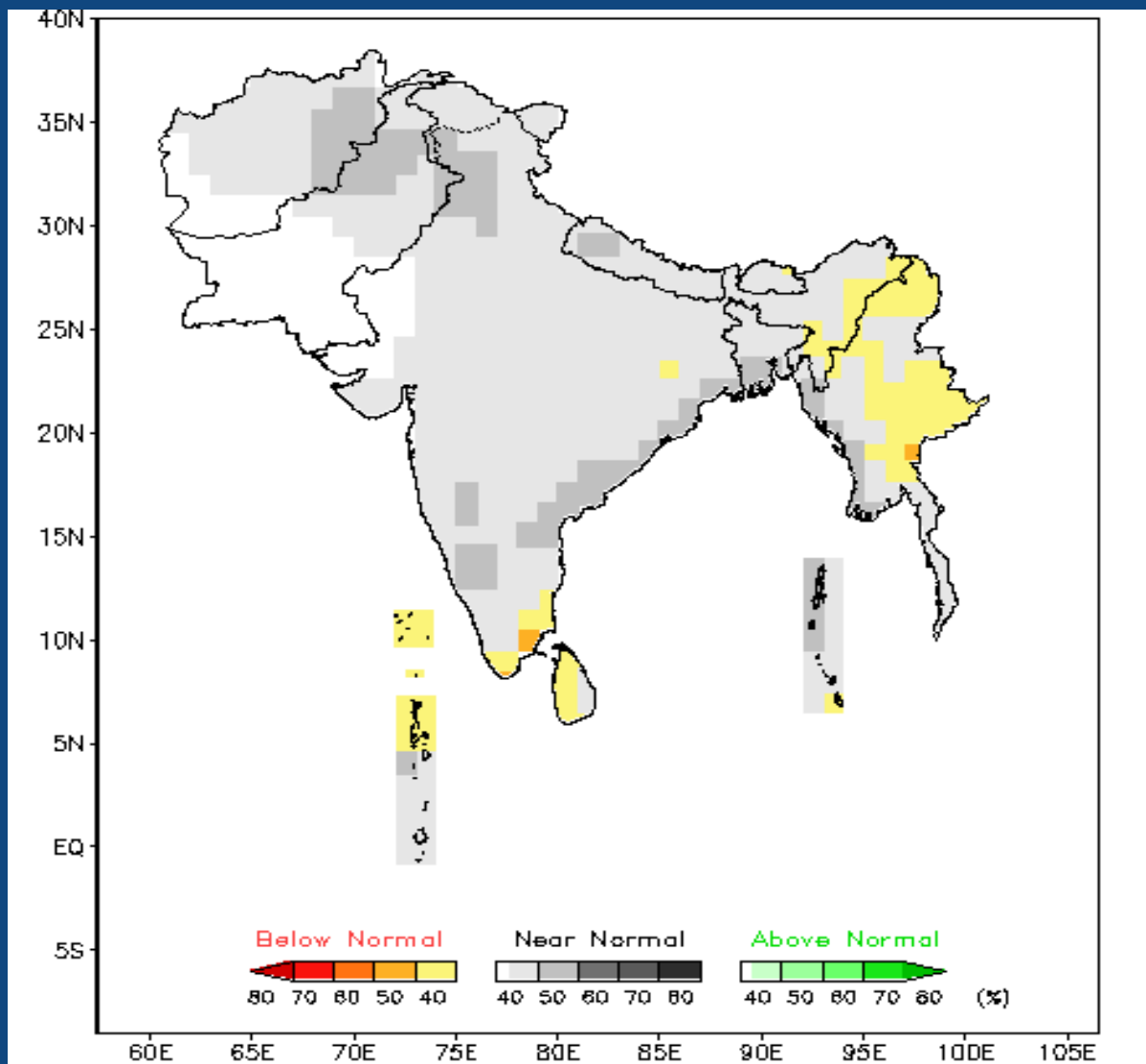
# Summary of Consensus Outlook for the 2016 Northeast Monsoon Season (October – December) Rainfall and Temperature over South Asia

Normal rainfall is most likely over most parts of south Asia during the 2016 Northeast monsoon season (October – December). However, below normal rainfall is likely over some areas of southeast peninsular India, Sri Lanka and Maldives. Below normal rainfall is also likely over some areas of north and eastern parts of the region. Above normal rainfall is likely over western and northwestern parts of Pakistan and some northeastern parts of the region. During the season, normal to slightly above normal temperatures are likely, over most parts of the region.

Currently cool neutral ENSO conditions prevail in the Pacific Ocean and it is most likely that borderline La Niña conditions will develop during the Northeast monsoon season. However, during the early part of the 2017, the conditions over Pacific are likely to turn back to cool neutral ENSO level. However, it is recognized that as the weak La Niña is likely to be short lived, there is uncertainty about its impacts on the seasonal rainfall and temperature patterns of the region. It is also recognized that other regional and global factors as well as the intra seasonal features of the region can affect the rainfall and temperature patterns over the region.



# Consensus outlook for 2016 Northeast Monsoon Rainfall over South Asia





# Working Groups

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- Bangladesh
- Maldives
- Myanmar

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- India
- Pakistan
- Sri Lanka

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- Bhutan
- Nepal



# Guide Questions

How would you interpret the Consensus Outlook for the 2016 Northeast Monsoon Season (October – December) Rainfall and Temperature over South Asia?

Noting the probabilistic nature of the Consensus Outlook and considering your countries' climatology, what are the possible implications in your countries' climate conditions in October – December? How will the Agriculture sector of your countries be affected based on the consensus outlook? Describe possible scenarios for the Agriculture sector of your countries for October-December.

- Based on these scenarios, specify the potentially negative impacts. What will be your management strategies or response options to mitigate the potential negative impacts?
- Also specify the potentially positive impacts. What will you do to take advantage of the potential climate in the next few months?



# Guide Questions

How would you implement these measures in the Agriculture sector of your country?

What are the challenges that you have encountered in interpreting, understanding, communicating, and using the consensus forecast?

What are your recommendations to improve Consensus forecast, its generation and application, and the conduct of South Asian Climate Outlook Forums?



*Thank you for your kind attention*

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