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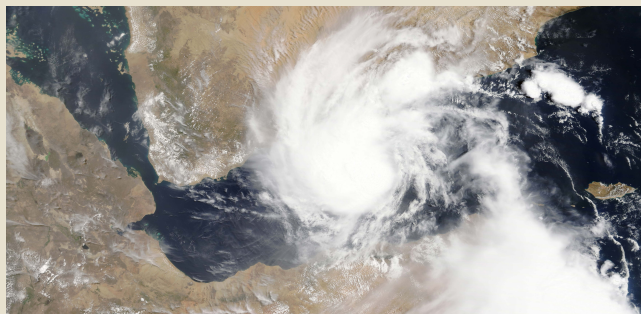
INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

REGIONAL RESEARCH

OBSERVATORY ON THE

ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE

*RESILIENCE, CHALLENGES AND
OPPORTUNITIES*



October 23rd-25th 2022

Kempinski Palace

Djibouti, Republic of Djibouti

The Conference

Across the East African region, climate variability and change are major challenges to resilience, punctuated by chronic droughts, floods, tropical cyclones, locust invasions and emerging diseases. These factors detrimentally impact the population (famines, epidemics, etc.) and their security (conflicts, migrations, etc.)



These issues are the root cause of political and economical instability in the region. Aware of this topic, the Republic of Djibouti has taken the initiative since 2015 to finance and launch a Regional Research Observatory on the Environment and Climate (**RROEC**), supported by the IAEA, the AFD, the IRD, UNESCO ... for the collection, processing and analysis of environmental and climatic data. The **RROEC** will serve as a scientific tool to guide political decisions in terms of adaptation, conflict prevention and resilience.

Conference Objectives Official inauguration of the RROEC

The **RROEC** facilities will be inaugurated by the President of the Republic of Djibouti, **H.E Ismaïl Omar Guelleh** together with his homologs from the region.

The conference kick-off will consist of a presidential panel that will present their national strategy plan towards climate change and a statement of their commitment to support such an initiative. The specific objectives to be achieved are :

- i. Review on the regional environmental and climate issues;
- ii. Share experiences, identify opportunities to initiate partnership among researchers and various partners on the field;
- iii. Encourage networking with **RROEC**;
- iv. Funding opportunities and donors contributions.



This conference is aimed at scientists, student, researchers and decision-makers of the region as well as to professionals and members of organizations resolutely committed to the issue of climate and the environment . The official language of the conference will be English and interpreted in French and Arabic.

Programme

The conference will be held over three days with a focus on climate change and environmental issues in the East African region as well as solutions to prevent their impacts and develop adaptation and resilience strategies. The conference will be organized around six main themes. Each theme will be introduced by a few guest presenters who will be followed by a general debate.

Thème 1: Climate Change Impacts and Resilience

Biodiversity, water resources, emerging diseases, migration-conflicts-inequalities, risk management-natural disasters, sustainable cities

Thème 2: Climate, Modeling and Data

Modelling, Data management, Remote sensing

Thème 3: Training and education program

Thème 4: Societal transfer-Resilience and adaptation

Success story NGO/Start-up, technologies and innovation

Thème 5: Working sessions/round tables

Observatory activities implementation and international networking



General Information

The Republic of Djibouti is located in East Africa at the crossroads of the Red Sea and the Gulf of Aden. The territory with an area of 23,000 km² is open to the sea with more than 370 km of coastal areas. Djibouti is the country's largest city, located on the southeast coast of the Gulf of Tadjoura. The climate is arid to semi-arid and the average annual rainfall is around 150 mm. The conference will be held during the cool season and temperatures should be around 25-30°C.

VISA: Visas for the Republic of Djibouti can be obtained from the nearest embassy or online:

<https://www.evisa.gouv.dj/>

COVID-19: Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the following minimum rules must be observed for travel:

- A PCR test 48h before boarding to Djibouti
- A rapid test carried out by the Djiboutian authorities upon arrival in Djibouti
- A Complete vaccination scheme
- A PCR test before boarding for departure

Registration to roec.conference@gmail.com



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