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**ROCKEFELLER  
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**ROBUST CLIMATE OBSERVATION IN  
AFRICA AND LOW RESOURCE  
COUNTRIES: DEVELOPING A PUBLIC-  
PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP MODEL**

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**TUESDAY MARCH 7TH - ARRIVAL**

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Arrival of participants in the afternoon.

Register with Rebecca and get name tags.

Dinner with all participants and organizers.

**13:00** Lunch

**19:00** Cocktail

**19:30** Dinner

## WEDNESDAY MARCH 8TH - DAY 1

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8:00 - 9:00 Breakfast

9:00 - 9:30 **Introductions:** *John Selker explains the invitee list, and each self-introduces* (Getting to know each other: Sharing a story involving climate a weather from your country. Feel free to bring a snack or other cultural item for sharing at the coffee break).

9:30 – 10:00 **Meeting goals and methods:** *Frank Annor - TAHMO CEO*

**Goal:** Deep consideration of feasible public-private partnerships models for international climate observation, starting in Africa.

**Method:** Brainstorm, critical analysis, breakout-team sub-model building, re-critique, break-out team refinement, final presentation of framework and next steps.

10:00 - 10:30 Coffee break

10:30 - 11:45 **First Brainstorm in 3 Groups** - Four 15 minute topics: *Nick van de Giesen facilitates*

1. What should a climate observation system **deliver**?
2. What is the current funding structure for climate observations? Should the status quo change? Pros & Cons.
3. **Who** would pay **how much** for **what** climate service?
4. What are the most **helpful examples** of successful PPPs and their key lessons in your perspective?

11:45 - 13:00 **Reports from small groups** and Plenary Discussions: 10 minute report, 15 minute discussion & 15 minute wrap up - Nick van de Giesen moderates.

13:00 - 14:30 Lunch break

14:30 - 15:15 **Overview of the current situation** w.r.t. funding of climate observation systems. **What is PPP** w.r.t. climate services? *Alan Miller and John Selker*

**15:15 - 16:00 Major projects in African climate observation:** the GEF CIRDA Experience - a two perspective review of contemporary interventions in climate observation. **Cheikh Kane** (Private consultant and formerly of the African Center of Meteorological Application for Development (ACMAD) Niamey, Niger.) and **Alan Miller** (Private Consultants and climate change specialist in the climate finance and policy unit of the International Finance Corporation (IFC))

**16:00 - 16:30** Coffee break

**16:30 - 18:00 1st group working session.** *3 groups of 5 participants (excluding TAHMO team)*

**Global objective of the group sessions:** All teams will be working in parallel in order to produce the optimal PPP for meteorological services in the context of (different) African countries.

**Aspect to consider during this group session:** Climate observation business models: what has worked, has not worked? Be specific with agencies, countries and outcomes. Map data and funding flows for each model.

**19:00** Cocktail

**19:30** Dinner - casual conversation

## THURSDAY MARCH 9TH - DAY 2

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8:00 - 9:00 Breakfast

9:00 - 9:30 **Recap of Day 1 and Plenary Discussions**

9:30 - 11:30 **2nd group working session** (*3 groups of 5 participants (excluding TAHMO team) - same teams as the previous day*)

**Global objective of the group sessions:** All teams will be working in parallel in order to produce the optimal PPP for meteorological services in the context of (different) African countries.

**Aspect to consider during this group session:**

Blending culture and business: develop examples of business models which have worked **synergistically** or were **at odds** with their cultural context. List the key pitfalls that must be avoided, and the leverage points where cultural traits open possibilities. Address the distortions of current and expected donor funding

Frame an operational model that attends to: station costs; data curation and dissemination; development of socially necessary products (e.g. flood maps); making data available nationally and globally.

Costs must balance income; deliverables must include severe weather warnings, climate mapping, and accessible data for researchers and companies.

11:30 - 13:00 **Reports from small groups** and deeper discussions on the PPP  
Frameworks developed: *10 minute report, 15 minute discussion - Nick van de Giesen moderates.*

13:00 - 14:30 Lunch break

14:30 - 15:30 **The great debate:** teams present competing business models from the previous activity in debate format.

Each group will have 15 minutes to describe their system and its advantages, then audience members will question aspects of the economic model, social service aspects, sustainability and data availability.

15:30 - 16:00 Coffee break

16:00 - 18:00 **Discussion:** framing the PPP for African Climate Observation

1. Data sharing/governance, and copyright of the commons.
2. A fair financial model: synthesis of the great debate
3. If it works in Africa, why not everywhere?

19:00 Cocktail

19:30 Dinner - casual conversation

## FRIDAY MARCH 10TH - DAY 3

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8:00 - 9:00 Breakfast

9:00 - 9:15 Goals of today's synthesis. Three robust models - John Selker

9:15 - 12:15 **3rd group working session** (*3 groups of 5 participants (excluding TAHMO team) - remixing of teams*)

**Global objective of the group sessions:** All teams will be working in parallel in order to produce the optimal PPP for meteorological services in the context of (different) African countries.

**Aim of this work session:** Take into consideration question and comments from yesterday's debate.

12:15 - 13:00 5-minute presentations of the models with light Q and A

13:00 - 14:30 Lunch break

14:30 - 15:30 Polishing the models in the groups.

15:30 - 17:30 15 minute **updated presentations** of models and final discussions - outputs.

17:30 - 18:00 **Evaluation** of the conference and coffee break

18:00 - 18:15 **Thanks and Closing ceremony**

19:00 Cocktail

19:30 Dinner - casual conversation

## SATURDAY MARCH 11<sup>TH</sup> – DEPARTURE

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**8:00** Breakfast

Depending on departure times pick-ups are organized.