The Rwanda National Meteorological Authority (RNMA) has urged farmers to speed up the preparation of fields in order to control soil erosion, ahead of the anticipated heavy rains expected early next month.

These remarks were made by the Director General of Meteo-Rwanda, Aimable Gahigi during the National Climate Outlook Forum held on Thursday 24, 2023.

Gahigi urged all government agencies, non-profit organizations, various projects operating in Rwanda, private companies and all farmers in general, to rely on this forecast and take measures related to their farming activities to make informed decisions.

According to the weather agency, forecast for the 2023 season shows that there will be heavy rains in the Western districts of Rubavu, Rutsiro, Nyabihu, Musanze and Ngororero.

The area is expected to experience significant rainfall ranging between 700 and 800 millimeters during this period.

The high amount of rain expected early next month was last experienced 17 years ago, according to weather agency.

The districts of Nyagatare, Gicumbi, Rulindo, Gasabo, Kamonyi, Muhanga, Ruhango, Nyanza, Huye, and Gisagara will experience rainfall ranging from 500 to 600 millimeters

In addition, specific areas of Eastern Province, such as southern Gakenke, western Kayonza, and eastern Rwamagana, are also predicted to experience this level of rainfall.

Meteo-Rwanda also predicted that parts of the City of Kigali and the Eastern Province will also see rainfall ranging from 400 to 500 millimeters in the northeastern parts of Kirehe and specific areas in Kayonza.