

Review of the Revised manuscript “Hydrological drought forecasting and skill assessment for the Limpopo river basin, Southern Africa” (MS No: hess-2014-351) by P. Trambauer, M. Werner, H.C. Winsemius, S. Maskey, E. Dutra, and S. Uhlenbrook

The submitted manuscript described the potential for seasonal ensemble hydrological and drought forecasting over the Limpopo River basin in southern Africa. Three methods were applied to provide the seasonal meteorological forecasts that were used to force the PCR-GLOBWB hydrological model at a 0.05×0.05 degree spatial resolution and a daily time step. The review of the original manuscript indicated that the underlying research was solidly carried out but that there were a number of shortcomings in the description of methods, explanation of results and overall a lack of clarity due. The original recommendation was a major revision.

The authors addressed the concerns raised in the original review and provided a comprehensive description of the revisions. After reading the revised paper I find it acceptable for publication.