

## ***Interactive comment on “The inter-annual variability of Africa’s ecosystem productivity: a multi-model analysis” by U. Weber et al.***

### **Anonymous Referee #1**

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I agree with the general comments of the previous anonymous reviewer. Additional qualities of this study include that it is simple, straightforward, and clearly presented.

Specific comments:

- 1) In equation 2 it’s not clear what you use in the denominator for years without CRU data (2004-2006).
- 2) Section 2.4.1 "resulting in a grid a IAV": Should this say "resulting in a grid of IAV"?
- 3) Section 2.4.3: I don’t know much about PCA. I got the gist of it when I also saw Table 3. Would it help to add more info in an appendix?
- 4) Section 3.1: I suggest adding references after the various GPP and NPP estimates.

5) Section 3.3: Was the acronym "TER" defined?

6) Section 3.4: I think that you refer to Fig. 11 before referring to Fig. 10. Better to reorder them.

7) Fig. 6: Do I understand correctly that "pluses" and "minuses" cancel each other out in this depiction of model agreement?

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