

Supplementary Information

Seasonal source variability of carbonaceous aerosols at the Rwanda climate Observatory

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21 **Table S1.** Concentrations ($\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$; $\mu\text{gC m}^{-3}$ for carbonaceous components) and carbon isotope
 22 signatures (‰) of TC in PM_{2.5} at RCO during October 2014 to September 2015. Sampling
 23 occurred between 01.00 AM and 06.00 AM C.A.T.

| Start | Stop | TC | OC | EC | WSOC | NO ₃ ⁻ | SO ₄ ²⁻ | NH ₄ ⁺ | K ⁺ | $\Delta^{14}\text{C}_{\text{TC}}$ | $\delta^{13}\text{C}_{\text{TC}}$ |
|------------|------------|-------|-------|------|------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 2014-10-01 | 2014-10-07 | 2.76 | 2.46 | 0.30 | 1.90 | 0.15 | 0.98 | 0.37 | 0.17 | -19 | -23.6 |
| 2014-10-08 | 2014-10-14 | 2.80 | 2.50 | 0.30 | 1.55 | 0.12 | 0.68 | 0.23 | 0.15 | N/A | N/A |
| 2014-10-22 | 2014-10-29 | 1.58 | 1.41 | 0.16 | 0.93 | 0.01 | 0.58 | 0.19 | 0.08 | -44 | -24.0 |
| 2014-11-05 | 2014-11-18 | 1.03 | 0.93 | 0.10 | 0.56 | 0.01 | 0.51 | 0.15 | 0.03 | -84* | -26.1* |
| 2014-11-19 | 2014-11-25 | 1.43 | 1.28 | 0.15 | 1.32 | 0.01 | 0.57 | 0.19 | 0.04 | -84* | -26.1* |
| 2015-04-25 | 2015-05-01 | 2.61 | 2.42 | 0.19 | 1.42 | 0.07 | 0.80 | 0.24 | 0.06 | -24 | -27.3 |
| 2015-05-02 | 2015-05-08 | 1.51 | 1.41 | 0.11 | 0.98 | 0.05 | 0.29 | 0.13 | 0.03 | N/A | N/A |
| 2015-05-09 | 2015-05-15 | 1.89 | 1.77 | 0.12 | 1.20 | 0.09 | 0.27 | 0.14 | 0.04 | -3 | -25.8 |
| 2015-05-16 | 2015-05-22 | 3.45 | 3.23 | 0.22 | 2.25 | 0.27 | 1.02 | 0.37 | 0.08 | N/A | N/A |
| 2015-05-23 | 2015-05-29 | 4.99 | 4.63 | 0.36 | 2.79 | 0.32 | 1.22 | 0.49 | 0.15 | +9 | -23 |
| 2015-05-30 | 2015-06-05 | 4.31 | 3.99 | 0.32 | 2.53 | 0.19 | 2.08 | 0.60 | 0.22 | N/A | N/A |
| 2015-06-06 | 2015-06-12 | 4.63 | 4.16 | 0.47 | 3.17 | 0.67 | 0.80 | 0.41 | 0.27 | +18 | -21.7 |
| 2015-06-13 | 2015-06-19 | 9.89 | 9.06 | 0.83 | 6.76 | 0.61 | 4.99 | 1.33 | 0.78 | N/A | N/A |
| 2015-06-20 | 2015-06-26 | 10.05 | 8.67 | 1.38 | 6.15 | 1.30 | 2.63 | 1.02 | 0.72 | N/A | N/A |
| 2015-06-27 | 2015-07-03 | 11.01 | 9.24 | 1.77 | 7.02 | 1.76 | 2.22 | 1.03 | 0.81 | N/A | N/A |
| 2015-07-04 | 2015-07-10 | 9.27 | 7.93 | 1.34 | 5.22 | 1.27 | 1.55 | 0.68 | 0.65 | +25 | -21.3 |
| 2015-07-11 | 2015-07-17 | 11.21 | 9.29 | 1.92 | 6.84 | 1.64 | 1.53 | 0.66 | 0.83 | N/A | N/A |
| 2015-07-18 | 2015-07-24 | 13.73 | 11.77 | 1.97 | 8.45 | 2.12 | 2.33 | 1.02 | 1.02 | +30 | -22.4 |
| 2015-07-25 | 2015-07-31 | 17.00 | 14.84 | 2.16 | 9.44 | 2.48 | 2.43 | 1.11 | 1.18 | N/A | N/A |
| 2015-08-01 | 2015-08-07 | 12.00 | 10.24 | 1.77 | 6.97 | 1.81 | 2.42 | 0.80 | 1.01 | +26 | -22.4 |
| 2015-08-08 | 2015-08-10 | 8.50 | 6.82 | 1.68 | 4.80 | 1.59 | 1.14 | 0.59 | 0.26 | N/A | N/A |
| 2015-08-11 | 2015-08-17 | 7.63 | 6.37 | 1.26 | 4.87 | 0.91 | 1.47 | 0.60 | 0.59 | +19 | -22.8 |
| 2015-08-19 | 2015-08-24 | 12.63 | 11.52 | 1.48 | 7.11 | 1.46 | 1.48 | 0.64 | 0.68 | N/A | N/A |
| 2015-09-01 | 2015-09-07 | 3.59 | 3.24 | 0.35 | 2.25 | 0.17 | 1.79 | 0.52 | 0.31 | -25 | -23.3 |
| 2015-09-08 | 2015-09-14 | 7.43 | 6.44 | 0.99 | 4.25 | 0.53 | 1.83 | 0.48 | 0.48 | N/A | N/A |

24 * two filters were combined for isotope analysis.

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26 **Table S2.** Dual carbon isotope constrained fractions (f , in %) and concentrations of TC (μgC
 27 m^{-3}) from the three main sources: C_3 -plants, C_4 and fossil at RCO during October 2014 to
 28 September 2015.

| Start | Stop | f_{C_3} | f_{fossil} | f_{C_4} | TC_{C_3} | $\text{TC}_{\text{fossil}}$ | TC_{C_4} |
|------------|------------|------------------|---------------------|------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| 2014-10-01 | 2014-10-07 | 48±6 | 12±3 | 40±6 | 1.32±0.17 | 0.33±0.08 | 1.10±0.17 |
| 2014-10-22 | 2014-10-29 | 48±6 | 14±3 | 38±6 | 0.76±0.09 | 0.22±0.05 | 0.60±0.09 |
| 2014-11-05 | 2014-11-25 | 50±6 | 18±3 | 32±6 | 0.62±0.07 | 0.22±0.04 | 0.39±0.07 |
| 2015-04-25 | 2015-05-01 | 57±6 | 12±3 | 31±6 | 1.49±0.16 | 0.31±0.08 | 0.81±0.16 |
| 2015-05-09 | 2015-05-15 | 54±6 | 11±3 | 36±6 | 1.02±0.11 | 0.21±0.06 | 0.68±0.11 |
| 2015-05-23 | 2015-05-29 | 49±6 | 9±3 | 42±6 | 2.44±0.30 | 0.45±0.15 | 2.10±0.30 |
| 2015-06-06 | 2015-06-12 | 47±6 | 9±3 | 45±6 | 2.18±0.28 | 0.42±0.14 | 2.08±0.28 |
| 2015-07-04 | 2015-07-10 | 46±6 | 8±3 | 46±6 | 4.26±0.55 | 0.74±0.28 | 4.26±0.56 |
| 2015-07-18 | 2015-07-24 | 49±6 | 8±3 | 44±6 | 6.72±0.82 | 1.1±0.41 | 6.04±0.82 |
| 2015-08-01 | 2015-08-07 | 49±6 | 8±3 | 44±6 | 5.88±0.72 | 0.96±0.36 | 5.28±0.72 |
| 2015-08-11 | 2015-08-17 | 49±6 | 9±3 | 43±6 | 3.74±0.46 | 0.69±0.23 | 3.28±0.46 |
| 2015-09-01 | 2015-09-07 | 47±6 | 13±3 | 40±6 | 1.69±0.22 | 0.47±0.11 | 1.44±0.22 |

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