



## CONCEPT NOTE

# OPERATIONAL CLIMATE SERVICES: A DIALOGUE ON PRACTICAL ACTION

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Geneva International Conference Centre (Geneva, Switzerland)

## PURPOSE

Following the successful Dialogue for "Climate Service Users and Providers: Towards Implementation of the Global Framework for Climate Services" (Geneva, 26–27 October 2012), organized as part of the Extraordinary Session of the World Meteorological Congress (29–31 October 2012), WMO is organizing a second Dialogue as part of the first meeting of the Intergovernmental Board on Climate Services (IBCS-1), which will be held in Geneva from 1 to 5 July 2013 at the Geneva International Conference Centre (CICG).

The first Dialogue, attended by more than 300 participants, allowed the expression of the strong international commitment to the Global Framework for Climate Services (GFCS) and the sharing of experiences and lessons on the production and application of climate services in various socio-economic sectors around the globe. The Dialogue also brought up critical issues that still need to continue to be addressed in the lead up to IBCS-1, in particular:

- The linkage across the pillars of the GFCS and coordination between various actors to enable operational climate services;
- How countries and partners can engage in the practical implementation of the GFCS from the global to the national level.

This second Dialogue is being constructed around these themes. It intends to provide a platform to demonstrate the benefits of an organized and coordinated system with concrete examples of current activities being implemented by various actors from the global to the national level.

## ORGANIZATION OF THE DIALOGUE

The Dialogue is being organized with an operational focus. A committee consisting of the key stakeholders involved in the implementation of the pillars of the GFCS (User Interface Platform; Climate Service Information System; Observations and Monitoring; Research, Modelling and Prediction; and Capacity Development) and the leading UN agencies in the implementation of the initial four priorities of the GFCS (Disaster Risk Reduction, Health, Water, and Agriculture/Food Security) will support the organization of the event. The Dialogue will revolve around the pillars or components of the GFCS that are needed to enable operational provision of climate services. Special attention will be given to the four GFCS priority areas.

The Dialogue will be conducted entirely in "plenary mode". Facilitated panel discussions will engage the audience and the panelists.

## PARTICIPATION

It is expected that the following groups will participate in the Dialogue:

- Climate service users drawn from decision-makers and practitioners, including representatives of NGOs and the private sector, who have day-to-day decision-making responsibilities that are affected by climate, climate variability and climate change in the disaster risk reduction, water, health, and agriculture communities;
- Climate service providers drawn from national meteorological and national hydrological services, universities and research laboratories (including those focused on the use of satellite products for the generation of climate services);

- Partner agencies already investing in various activities related to the pillars or components of the GFCS;
- Geneva-based missions and national delegations attending the IBCS-1.

## ASSOCIATED ACTIVITIES

Poster sessions to showcase concrete examples of initiatives or activities by partners and countries are invited. Posters are expected to be displayed during the entire duration of the IBCS-1. In addition, a limited number of side events will be accommodated. Booths for exhibitions will be available on request.

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