

## Knowledge Exchange Webinar

### “Stakeholder Engagement through the EUPORIAS Project,” Dr. Carlo Buontempo

First, we are delighted to announce the inaugural CSP Knowledge Exchange webinar, which will be led by Dr. Carlo Buontempo on "Stakeholder Engagement through the EUPORIAS Project", on April 3 at 10 am NY | 3 pm GMT. The webinar will discuss activities of the pan-European EUPORIAS project, specifically with regards to recent stakeholder engagement workshops. We are very excited about this event, and hope many of you will be able to join the webinar and discussion on this topic of widespread interest to the climate services community.

To do so, please consult the attached flyer (technical guidance is also attached). You can also join by logging on to the following link at the appointed time: <http://irgltd.adobeconnect.com/climate/>.

## Third International Conference on Climate Services, Jamaica

### ICCS 3

We are also pleased to announce that the third International Conference on Climate Services will be held in Kingston, Jamaica, in early December. We'll circulate the first announcement with more details shortly. In the meantime, please find a short document that highlights some initial ideas that have been proposed for conference topics/themes. We would very much like your feedback on these ideas, and your additional ideas on topics as well as possible contributions to the conference program. Anyone interested in participating in the ICCS 3 planning committee, just now being established, should also please reach out.

### Side Events

One idea that seems to have garnered quite a bit of interest is the idea of a side event day. As such, we are eagerly soliciting ideas regarding side events that you would be interested in leading or participating in. We're happy to help plan and organize to the extent possible, or for you to take the lead.

# Evaluation Workshops, NY & Geneva

Earlier this month, a small group convened to develop a methodology for the assessment of climate services at relative modest levels of investment. The idea was to come up with guidelines for evaluation that would be somewhat more rigorous than the [case study template](#) we sent out last year, but not as onerous in terms of time or money and the [Mali](#) and [India](#) evaluations that were featured at ICCS 2 in Brussels.

We've secured funds to hire experts in the field to put the methodology in action in up to five sites in developing countries; we're also reaching out to developed-country partners who may like to employ the methodology to assess a climate service in their region. If you are interested in having a climate service you are involved in evaluated, please do let us know.

Once the evaluations are complete, we intend to synthesize them -- documenting lessons learned about the services themselves and also about the process of evaluation, sharing information on both of these fronts at ICCS3.

The CSP Economic Working Group is also heavily involved in a WMO forum on this topic that is taking place next month. The forum, which explores the Social and Economic Applications and Benefits of Weather, Climate and Weather Services, will more closely follow up on issues related to economic valuation of climate services. We will share the workshop report once it is available.

## Climate Services Mapping

Some of you may have noticed the project [map](#) on our website; this highlights climate services activities we are aware of as of the first International Conference on Climate Services.

We wish to update this database so as to build a useful and accurate representative of the activities of our members. We are also aware that there are several mapping activities current taking place in different parts of the world and are working to link our efforts to those. Please check back on this soon.

## Guidance and Training Materials

As many of you are aware, the Climate Services Partnership is gathering, synthesizing and analyzing training materials geared toward the development, use, and investment in climate services. We have already gathered quite an extensive list, but do encourage you to share any materials you are aware of so that we can build an accurate picture of what is available. Our goal is to point people to appropriate resources, analyze gaps, and point out areas in which guidance and/or training materials should be further developed.

We hope this will be a resource to the partnership as a whole and so are also eager to solicit any comments or suggestions you may have regarding the process as a whole. Please do let us know if you would like to be further involved in this project.