

Climate Services Partnership UPDATES



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Second International Conference on Climate Services

As you no doubt gathered from Steve's last message, we're getting very excited about the second **International Conference on Climate Services**, which is being hosted by the German Climate Services Center in Brussels next month.

There are a number of special events associated with the conference, including side events by WMO, UNEP FI, KfW, and others. As Steve mentioned in his last message, we've also organized a one-day Development Day workshop to address needs and opportunities unique to the developing-country context. We hope you'll take this opportunity to share your knowledge and experiences with colleagues and to help chart the upcoming activities of the CSP

GFCS Implementation Plan Second-Order Draft

First and foremost, we're very interested in the latest version of the **GFCS Implementation Plan**, which was released today and is available here: <http://www.wmo.int/pages/gfcs/office/2ndOrderDraft.php>. Comments are being accepted until midnight Geneva time on August 19.

After comments are submitted, writers will get back to work revising the document, turning around a final draft version by the end of the month so that documents can be translated and distributed in advance of the Technical Conference and Extraordinary Congress late in October.

We benefited from the CSP group discussions on the first-order draft and would like to do this again for this new version. To that end, I'm organizing a few new conference calls to facilitate conversations about the Implementation Plan. Calls will be rapporteured, and a summary of the discussions will be submitted as feedback to the GFCS. Partners are also encouraged to submit feedback to the GFCS directly.

At the moment, calls are scheduled for

Monday, August 13 at 9 am NY

Tuesday, August 14 at 10 NY

Wednesday, August 15 at 4 pm NY

If you're interested in joining a discussion please drop me a note to let me know. If you are interested in participating but unable to join at these times, please let me know and we will try to accommodate your schedule.

Membership Document

Thanks to those who sent back their membership forms. It is much appreciated! In case you missed it, I've re-attached the document again here. Those with questions should not hesitate to reach out.

Climate Services Calendar

We're hoping to release our new-and-improved Climate Services Partnership website at the conference in September. As part of this effort, we're producing a calendar to help keep people abreast of climate service events. If there's something you'd like to contribute to this calendar, please do let me know.

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Farmer-Focused Workshop

In my last message, I announced a “Farmer-Focused Climate Information and Advisory Services in Africa and South Asia” that is being co-organized by CSP, CCAFS, WMO and USAID. The dates of this meeting, which will take place in Dakar, Senegal, have now been changed to the week of December 10. If you’re interested in more information, please get in touch.

Adaptation Partnership Report

I also wanted to direct your attention to a report recently released by the Adaptation Partnership. The Adaptation Partnership, co-chaired by the United States, Spain, and Costa Rica, seeks to encourage effective adaptation by catalyzing action and fostering communication among the various institutions and actors engaged in the effort to scale up adaptation and resilient development around the world.

As part of this effort, the Adaptation Partnership commissioned a review of planned and existing adaptation activities in 12 sub-regions across Asia and the Pacific, Africa, and Latin America and the Caribbean. This review provides an inventory of regional and country-level adaptation activities and a summary of key adaptation priorities, based on documents like the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change’s National Adaptation Programs of Action and National Communications. It also identifies gaps and opportunities for scaling up and enhancing collaboration.

The report can be found here: <http://www.adaptationpartnership.org/blog/activities>