

Scaling up Action on Climate-informed Digital Farmer Advisory Services

Side Event: ICCS6

Thursday, February 13

2:00pm-5:00pm

In September 2019, the Global Commission on Adaptation announced plans to develop several initiatives over the coming year, including an Action Track on Agriculture and Food Security. The Action Track is supported by a range of development partners, associations, and other organizations from around the world. It is intended to mobilize resources during a 'Year of Action' to further goals of food security and enabling smallholder farmers to improve climate resilience and adapt to climate change.

One focus under the Action Track is to "Expand access to climate informed digital agricultural advisory services for at least 100 million small-scale producers by 2030". This involves extending real-time surveillance and early warning systems, seasonal and long-term forecasts, and digitally enabled farmer advisory services.

In support of this initiative, the World Food Program and the International Research Institute for Climate and Society, together with the Climate Change, Agriculture, and Food Security Program (CCAFS), are leading an effort to develop an "Investment Blueprint for Climate Informed Digital Advisory Services" during the Year of Action. At the Climate Adaptation Summit in October 2020, we envisage the announcement of the Blueprint – co-developed and endorsed by countries and major development agencies – aiming as well for announcement of a coalition of actors intending to take it forward, and significant funding for climate services development.

The Blueprint potentially will include:

1. Vision – what is the change we want to achieve?
2. Gaps and challenges
3. Principles for good practice (including standards, metrics)
4. Mapping of current program/investment landscape
5. Data needs (climate, environmental, agricultural, financial,...)
6. Getting to scale, inclusivity, and sustainability
7. Recommendations
8. Costed interventions

Objectives of session:

- Increase visibility of Action Track activity
- Solicit feedback and advice of participants on gaps, challenges and opportunities
- Solicit input on Blueprint design, content, potential partners

Agenda:

The session will include:

- Introduction to the GCA Action Track on Agriculture and Food Security
- Summary of the proposed Blueprint design and content
- Introduction of prototype investment mapping tool to support Blueprint
- Comments from selected participants
- Facilitated discussion on key questions regarding Blueprint components, and process for development of Blueprint

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