



Global Framework for Climate Services



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Progress with the implementation of the Global Framework for Climate Services (GFCS)

Bonn, Germany, Thursday, 17 May 2012

Time and Venue:
13:15-14:45, Room: WIND (MoE)

The Global Framework for Climate Services (GFCS) is a United Nations lead partnership that will coordinate global initiatives building on existing efforts of various stakeholders to ensure the provision of climate services that are focused on meeting user requirements in climate sensitive areas. The Framework supports the philosophy that efficient management of climatic risks today is the foundation for managing the climatic risks of tomorrow, which are expected to increase in frequency and magnitude as a consequence of climate change.

Implementation of the Global Framework for Climate Services will help generate better understanding of the climate system; fill information gaps at global, regional, national and local scales; enable use of such information in various socio-economic sectors and help in climate risk assessment and development of mitigation and adaptation measures. Authoritative and credible climate services based on the latest scientific knowledge at various levels from global to regional, national and local at various time-scales are fundamental to the design of effective adaptation policies and climate risk management.

In this side event, speakers from various agencies will provide concrete examples of benefits and challenges in applying climate services and the progress being made in the development and implementation of the Global Framework for Climate Services.

Programme

Moderator: *Bruno Sekoli, Director, Meteorological Dept., Lesotho*

13:15 hrs **Introduction**
Bruno Sekoli, Moderator

13:20 hrs **Progress with the development of the Global Framework for Climate Services**
Filipe Lúcio, World Meteorological Organization (WMO)

13:40 hrs **Observation for Climate Services**
Adrian Simmons, Chairman, GCOS Steering Committee

13:55 hrs **German experiences in the provision of climate services**
Stefan Rösner, Deutscher Wetterdienst (DWD)

14:10 hrs **Capacity development needs to improve utilization of climate services for adaption**
Paul Desanker, Team Leader of the Capacity Building and Outreach Unit, UNFCCC

14:25 hrs **Discussion**

14:45 **Closure**

Light snack and refreshment will be provided after the meeting

