

**SBSTA 49 Side Event
11 December 2018, 18:30-20:00 Room: Wisla**

Climate information for decision making: Science, Research and Innovation for Paris Agreement implementation

A joint event by UNFCCC, EC, WMO and IPCC

The successful implementation of the Paris Agreement will depend on the capabilities of Parties to enhance their mitigation ambition and adequately and effectively adapt to the adverse effects of climate change. To this end, access to the best available science is essential for supporting effective climate decision making.

This event will focus on showcasing the latest products from WMO, EC and IPCC that support climate decision making. Experiences from a developed and a developing countries perspective will be presented, with a view to identifying gaps and opportunities for enhancing the flow of climate information and services at the regional, national and local levels.

Agenda

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| Opening and welcome | | |
| 18:30-18:35 | Setting the scene | Ovais Sarmad, Deputy Executive Secretary, UNFCCC Secretariat |
| Climate information for decision making | | |
| 18:35-18:50 | <p>The WMO State of the Global climate 2017 and the statement on the State of the Global Climate 2018</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentation (10 minutes) - Open discussion (5 minutes) <p>Guiding questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What are the new findings of this report? - How do the findings of this report compare with those of the IPCC Special Report on Global warming of 1.5? | Presentation by Petteri Taalas, Secretary-General of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) |
| 18:50-19:05 | <p>European Commission Research and Innovation actions to support the development of climate services and information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentation (10 minutes) - Open discussion (5 minutes) <p>Guiding questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How can we support and strengthen the provision/use of climate services in developing countries? - What is the relationship between the European State of the Climate 2017 report and the WMO State of the Climate 2017 | Presentation by Patrick Child, Deputy Director-General, Research and Innovation, European Commission (EC) |

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| 19:05-19:20 | <p>Outreaching the findings of the IPCC Special Report on Global warming of 1.5C</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentation (10 minutes) - Open discussion (5 minutes) <p>Guiding questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How is IPCC disseminating the findings of this special report? - What are the lessons learned from producing this report with regard to addressing the needs of decision makers? | Presentation by Hoesung Lee, IPCC Chair |
| 19:20-19:35 | <p>Climate information for decision making in Japan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentation (10 minutes) - Open discussion (5 minutes) <p>Guiding questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - How can scientific knowledge and information support decision making? - What are the lessons learned and good practices that can be shared with other countries? | Presentation by Mr. Ryuzo Sugimoto, Director, International Cooperation Office, Ministry of the Environment, Japan |
| 19:35-19:45 | <p>Intervention by Green Climate Fund</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentation (5 minutes) - Open discussion (5 minutes) | Mr. Pa Ousman Jarju, Director of GCF's Country Programming Division |
| Closing | | |
| 19:45-20:00 | General discussion and closing remarks | |