

Climate Services for Africa

Thursday, 20 June 2024, Brussels, Belgium

Norway House | Rue Archimède 17, 1000 Brussels

- 09:30 ○ **Check-in and morning snacks, tea, and coffee**
- 10:00 ○ **Opening Remarks**
Joint introduction by the principal investigators of the three sister projects: Roberta Boscolo (World Meteorological Organization), Michael Singer (Cardiff University), and Erik Kolstad (NORCE)
- 10:20 ○ **Experiences and future needs**
- Assess the Socio-Economic Value of Climate Services in FOCUS-Africa**
Marie Veys (LGI) and Alberto Troccoli (WEMC)
Find out how FOCUS-Africa is assessing the impact of the climate services including baseline evaluation, prototype improvements through co-evaluation, impact measurement and exploitation strategies.
- Impact-Based Forecasting and Information Delivery from DOWN2EARTH**
Michael Singer (Cardiff University) and Khalid Hassaballah (ICPAC)
Michael and Khalid will discuss the new regional impact-based modelling capability developed by our project, now integrated into ICPAC's forecasting system. This includes staff training for impact-based forecasts and innovative methods for disseminating forecast information broadly.
- Advancing Climate Services through Co-production in CONFER**
Marta Bruno Soares (University of Leeds) and Stefan Lines (UK Met Office)
Marta and Stefan give a brief overview of the critical process of mapping real-world needs to effectively develop tailored climate services and our capacity building programme.
- 11:20 ○ **Break**

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Research-to-Policy World Café

We are pleased to welcome three esteemed stakeholders to our world café discussions: Dr. Lucy Mtilatila, Director of the Department of Climate Change and Meteorological Services, Malawi, who has led significant initiatives in integrating climate data into national planning; Dr. Hanan Rabbah, Director General of the Sudan Meteorological Authority, known for her advancements in weather forecasting and climate monitoring to enhance disaster preparedness in Sudan; and Dr. Joyce Kimutai of Kenya Meteorological Department, currently a visiting researcher at London's Grantham Institute, whose work focuses on the impacts of climate variability in East Africa and who serves as a negotiator in climate agreements at COP. Each brings a unique perspective to enhancing climate services on the continent.

Discussion themes:

1. Financing and Models for Sustainable Climate Services: Balancing Commercial Viability with Public Good
2. Workforce Development: Building Capacity and Creating Job Opportunities through Climate Services
3. Bridging Gaps: Research and Operational Priorities for Enhancing Climate Services in Africa
4. Empowering Local Action: The EU's Role in Supporting African-Led Climate Research and Regional Collaboration

13:00

Lunch



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