

Regional Climate Services Workshops

Enhance Regional Cooperation in the context of the Global Framework for Climate Services (GFCS)



“The Global Framework for Climate Services is an important step toward strengthening the application of climate science in local, regional, national and international decision-making.”

– Ban Ki-Moon, UN Secretary-General (WCC-3, 2009)



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Climate services help to better manage the risks arising from climate variability and change. Thus, to guide and advance worldwide collaboration in strengthening the resilience of climate vulnerable societies, the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) initiated the Global Framework for Climate Services (GFCS) in 2009. The GFCS seeks to foster the application of science-based high-quality climate information and services for decision-making on the national, regional and global levels.

The three Regional Climate Services Workshops organized within the CATCOS Project support the implementation of the GFCS for selected Priority Areas and assess its regional progress. Emphasis is put on systematic climate monitoring being a prerequisite for climate services. Moreover, user-provider dialogues allow the identification of sector-specific needs and requirements addressed to National Meteorological and Hydrological Services (NMHS) and other providers for future climate services.

By gathering key national, regional and international stakeholders from Southern Africa, Ibero-America and Central Asia respectively, the workshops enable strategic discussions to close the gaps between existing and required climate services. They further promote regional collaboration to optimize the benefit of existing expertise, institutional arrangements and infrastructure in the region. Final reports synthesize the content of the workshops and include the main results in the form of recommendations.



Region	GFCS Priority Areas	Partners
Central Asia	Disaster Risk Reduction Health Water	Agency of Hydrometeorology of the Kyrgyz Republic (Kyrgyzhydromet) Central-Asian Institute for Applied Geosciences (CAIAG) GFCS Office at WMO University of Central Asia (UCA)
Ibero-America	Agriculture and Food Security Health	Dirección Meteorológica de Chile (DMC) GFCS Office at WMO Regional Climate Centre Network for Southern South America (RCC-Network-SSA)
Southern Africa	Agriculture and Food Security Disaster Risk Reduction	German Weather Service (Deutscher Wetterdienst, DWD) GFCS Office at WMO Zimbabwe Meteorological Services Department (MSD)



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