

Second Announcement


# Ibero-American Regional Climate Services Workshop

Towards Exploiting the Full Potential of Climate Services

3 - 6 May 2016, Santiago de Chile



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# Programme and Outcome

In this three-day workshop we explore possibilities to enhance the quality and availability of climate services by highlighting the necessity of integrated observing systems and data management, and the value of regional cooperation.



## Programme

The workshop opens with key-note speeches highlighting the value of climate services and providing insight into regionally specific needs. The main body of the workshop consists of four half-day sessions including presentations and panel discussions. Following up on the "Regional Workshop on Climate Services at the National Level for Latin America" in Costa Rica in July 2014, the first session provides an overview of existing projects and climate services in Ibero-America. Session 2 and 3 are jointly organised with the Southeast of South America Climate Outlook Forum (SSACOF) and contribute to enhancing the understanding of user needs for climate services in the user sectors agriculture and health. Session 4 addresses the observational capacities of Ibero-American NMHSs with respect to the provision of climate services. To conclude, the workshop outlines funding options and opportunities for partnerships. A field visit to the headquarters of the Chilean National Weather Service and a local winery gives the practical context of providers and users of climate services.

## Participants

Invited are senior experts in climate services from Ibero-American NMHSs, Ibero-American Regional Climate Centers (RCCs), regional stakeholders, international organizations (e.g. World Health Organization, World Bank) and users from the agricultural and health sectors. The workshop is a joint undertaking of the Dirección Meteorológica de Chile (DMC), the Swiss Federal Office of Meteorology and Climatology MeteoSwiss and the Global Framework for Climate Services (GFCS) Office of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO).

## Outcome

Considering the current capacities of the NMHSs in the region, gaps between existing and required climate services are identified with focus on the agricultural and health sectors. Recommendations are formulated on how to build upon the good progress made in recent years, in order to exploit the full potential of climate information for the envisaged sectors. Overall, the workshop contributes to further consolidate Ibero-American climate service capacities, and thereby supports the implementation of the GFCS in the region.

# Schedule

Venue: Hotel Diego de Almagro Providencia, Santiago de Chile

Date: 3 - 6 May 2016

Conference Language: Spanish

Updated Information available at [www.meteoswiss.ch/catcos/workshop](http://www.meteoswiss.ch/catcos/workshop)



Time	Tuesday 3 May 2016	Wednesday 4 May 2016	Thursday 5 May 2016
09:00 - 12:30	08:30 - 09:30 Registration <b>High-Level Opening</b>  <b>Setting the Scene: Climate Change and Climate Services</b>	<b>User-Expert Dialogue Agriculture</b>  Chair: F. Santibañez (Universidad de Chile)	<b>Data Capacities of NMHSs</b>  Co-Chairs: G. Torres (DMC) M. Skansi (RCC-SSA)
14:30 - 18:00	<b>Compilation of Existing Climate Services</b>  Co-Chairs: J. Báez (WMO) M. Skansi (RCC-SSA)	<b>User-Expert Dialogue Health</b>  Co-Chairs: WHO (tbc)	<b>Conclusions and Recommendations</b>  Chair: Filipe Lúcio (WMO)

## Field Visit

### Friday, 6 May 2016, 09:30 - 17:30

The visits to the DMC headquarters and the historic winery "Santa Rita" serve as an applied example illustrating the dialogue between users and providers of climate services from the agricultural sector. The transport is organised by bus and the number of participants is limited. More information will be provided during the workshop.



# Registration and Organization

Participants are invited to register for the workshop until 13 April 2016. The indicated catering is included. If not communicated differently, costs for accommodation are at own charge.



**Deadline**  
**13 April 2016**

## How to register

Online registration opens on 7 April 2016 via the workshop website

[www.meteoswiss.ch/catcos/workshop](http://www.meteoswiss.ch/catcos/workshop)

No registration fees.

## Hotel Booking

If you need assistance with the booking of your accommodation, please make sure to use the form "Inscripción taller y hotel"

## Logistics

### Registration and Welcome Coffee

**Tuesday, 3 May 2016, 08:30 - 09:30**

Welcome Desk

### Reception

**Wednesday, 4 May 2016, 18:00 - 21:00**

Hotel Diego de Almagro Providencia

### Conference Dinner

**Thursday, 5 May 2016, 18:00 - 21:00**

Hotel Diego de Almagro Providencia (tbc)

### Catering

There will be mid-morning and mid-afternoon coffee breaks. Lunch breaks will be from 12:30 - 14:30.

### Transport to/from the airport

At the airport arrival exit, there are several counters for shuttle vans and taxis to any hotel in the city. The rate charged by the major taxi companies to Providencia is about CLP 20'000.

Buses of the companies Tur-Bus and Centropuerto frequently connect to downtown bus terminals with Metro stops for about 1'600 CLP .



# Hotel Overview

For the participants of the Regional Climate Services Workshop, single/double rooms have been blocked in the Hotel Diego de Almagro Providencia from 2 - 7 May 2016. Please indicate your preferred room category upon registration (costs at own charge).



## \*\*\*\* Hotel Diego de Almagro Providencia

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Email: [centraldereservas@dahoteles.com](mailto:centraldereservas@dahoteles.com)  
<http://www.dahotelesprovidencia.com>

## Room Categories Rate per night

Single room	110 USD, VAT included*
Double room	125 USD, VAT included*

\*Prices are subject to change

## Rooms

All rooms are air-conditioned with TV, WiFi, minibar, safety deposit box and shower.

## Location

The hotel is located in the municipality of Providencia, in the proximity of the centre of Santiago, 6 minutes from Tobalaba metro station (Line 1 and 4).

## Hotel Facilities

WiFi, parking, sauna, gym, TV, swimming pool, luggage room. Accessible for people with impairments.

## Payment

Upon departure by credit card or in cash.

## Hotel Cancellation Conditions

No refund for cancellations later than 15 days prior to arrival.



# General Information



## Travel

### International Airport

Aeropuerto de Santiago (SCL), officially 'Aeropuerto Internacional Comodoro Arturo Merino Benítez', is located 17 kilometres (ca. 30 minutes) northwest of the city centre.

### Visa

Holders of passports of around 90 countries can visit Chile without a visa for up to 90 days, including most European and Ibero-American countries. Visa required for visitors with Cuban passports. Visitors from Mexico pay a reciprocity fee upon arrival. Please check the entry/visa requirements at the appropriate consulate or embassy in your country.

### Insurance

You are strongly advised to organise your own personal travel and medical insurance. No responsibility for any incident arising during the conference can be accepted by the organiser.

## Country



### Currency

Chilean Peso (1 USD = 680 CLP; 1 CLP = 0,00148 USD); Banks, the airport and licensed moneychanger booths exchange USD and currencies of neighbouring countries. Credit cards are widely accepted.



### Time Zone

UTC-3



### Security

Chilean cities are generally safe, but like in any global city, theft and fraud can happen, especially at night. Keep valuables locked in your hotel and consider taking licensed taxis if venturing out late.

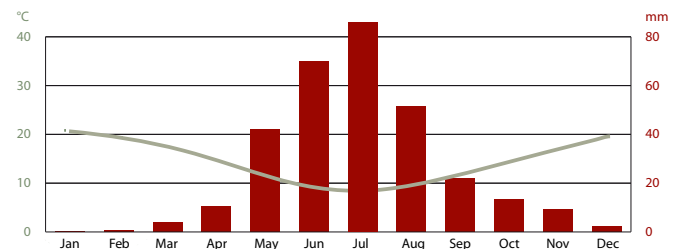


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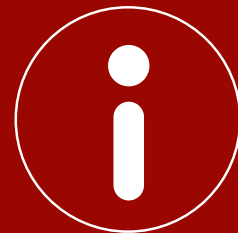


### Climate



# Global Framework for Climate Services (GFCS)

The workshop is organized in the context of the WMO-led Global Framework for Climate Services.



## Background

Unprecedented weather and climate-related events have a significant impact on the socio-economic development. In response, the WMO-led Global Framework for Climate Services (GFCS) was established at the World Climate Conference 3 (WCC-3) in 2009 in Geneva, aiming to enable society to better manage risks and opportunities arising from climate variability and change, especially those who are most vulnerable to such risks.



## Climate Services in Ibero-America

Climate change increases the demand for climate services by decision makers and other users. Therefore, developing and providing science-based climate information and prediction for planning, policy making and practice is crucial. Fostering systematic observation of climate variables as well as regional cooperation in Ibero-America allows to improve existing climate services and further develop user-tailored climate services.



## Ibero-American Regional Climate Services Workshop

To this end, the Ibero-American Regional Climate Services Workshop brings together regional stakeholders of two GFCS priority areas, agriculture and health, as well as regional and international climate services experts.



For more information on GFCS visit: [www.gfcs-climate.org](http://www.gfcs-climate.org)

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"The GFCS 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

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## Partners

The workshop is organized by MeteoSwiss in collaboration with DMC and the GFCS Office at WMO. The workshop takes place in the framework of the CATCOS (Capacity Building and Twinning for Climate Observing Systems) project, which is supported by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) and coordinated by MeteoSwiss.

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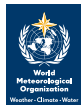
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