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**AGENDA ITEM 3: REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE LAST MEETING OF PAC INCLUDING FOCUS ACTIVITIES FOR 2018**

**AGENDA ITEM 3.1: STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF NATIONAL FRAMEWORKS FOR CLIMATE SERVICES**

**SUMMARY**

**DECISIONS/ACTIONS REQUIRED:**

Review the status of implementation of National Frameworks for Climate Services and provide guidance to further enhance their implementation and effectiveness.

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**STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF NATIONAL FRAMEWORKS FOR CLIMATE SERVICES**

3.1.1 As part of the implementation of the Global Framework for Climate Services (GFCS), the GFCS Office started in 2012 supporting countries in establishing National Frameworks for Climate Services (NFCS) in Burkina Faso, Chad, Mali, Niger, and Senegal. Through direct support to these countries, experiences and lessons were collected, which allowed the development of a “*Step-by-Step Guideline for Establishing a National Framework for Climate Services*”. This publication is now available in all official WMO languages under the following link: <https://library.wmo.int/doc_num.php?explnum_id=4335>. NFCS is an institutional mechanism to coordinate, facilitate, and strengthen collaboration among national institutions and other key stakeholders, such as the United Nations and international agencies, to improve the co-production, tailoring, delivery, and use of science-based climate predictions and services by focusing on the entire value chain for the production and application of climate services.

3.1.2 The establishment of NFCS is guided by five steps. Countries can identify what is applicable to their circumstances and implement the steps, which are relevant. The steps include:

* Step 1: assess the baseline on climate services capacities at national level to identify users and providers, map existing services, and establish capacities;
* Step 2: organize a national consultation workshop on climate services to bring together all relevant stakeholders and identify gaps and key elements for the development of a plan of action for NFCS implementation;
* Step 3: develop a national strategic plan and costed action plan on climate services for establishment of NFCS;
* Step 4: endorse the strategic plan and costed action plan with timelines for NFCS implementation;
* Step 5: launch the NFCS, implement the NFCS action plan on climate services, and conduct rigorous monitoring and evaluation.

3.1.3 From the initial four countries (Burkina Faso, Chad, Mali, and Senegal), NFCS have been started in various parts of the world with support from the GFCS and are at various stages of development as provided in Figure 1 (<http://www.wmo.int/gfcs/NFCS_status>) that is regularly updated using the following source information spreadsheet: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1AB_iPtoUC1grAASho1lI4CGiNbV_8ExS482hh89Ptsc/edit#gid=1331275203>. Countries such as China, Germany, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom have developed their NFCS independently. More information on the national action plans can be found here: <http://gfcs-climate.org/national-action-plans>.

3.1.4 The implementation of the NFCS is gaining impetus. The Economic Community of West Africa (ECOWAS) is partnering with the GFCS to support its member states in establishing their NFCS. Through funding made available by ECOWAS, the Gambia, Guinea-Bissau, Guinea, and Togo have conducted their national consultation and are formulating their strategic plans and costed action plans for the NFCS. Cabo Verde and Nigeria are in the process of pursuing the same process. Similarly, the GFCS is partnering with the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) to support the establishment of NFCS in Bahrain, United Arab Emirates, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, and Saudi Arabia. A regional workshop is being organized by the GCC at the end of the year to kick-start the project.

3.1.5 The implementation of NFCS is going to be further promoted through the African Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) Climate Services and related applications programme funded by the European Commission (Euro 85 million). The specific objective of the programme is to strengthen the climate services value chain through building the capacities of decision-makers at all levels to make effective use of climate information and services. Under Result 1 of the programme, it is expected to deliver structured interaction between users, researchers, and climate services providers in ACP regions through a User Interface Platform (UIP). Regional Climate Centres will be trained under the programme to facilitate the establishment of UIP, national and regional frameworks for climate services.

3.1.6 At a strategic level, NFCS have been recognised as an essential mechanism for the development of capacities as part of the Global Weather Enterprise (GWE) and public-private engagement (PPE). The Green Climate Fund (GCF) has recognized NFCS as an essential element for the implementation of projects, which are being submitted to the GCF. Other key actors, such as the World Bank, are integrating NFCS into their hydromet investment activities.

3.1.7 Under the National Framework for Climate Services (NFCS) process, the GFCS Office has provided direct support to and attended a number of events that are listed under the following link: <http://www.wmo.int/gfcs/NFCS_status>.

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