



REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON CLIMATE SERVICES AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL FOR THE CARIBBEAN

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Guidelines for discussion groups on user needs and capacities

Most of Day 2 is dedicated to a detailed discussion on user needs and the capacities that are available to fulfill these. We have suggested the formation of 5 groups:

- Group I: Agriculture and food security
- Group II: Water
- Group III: Health
- Group IV: Disaster risk reduction

Discussion on needs and gaps

The subsequent discussion of about 1 hour should focus on obtaining the following outcomes:

- 1) List of available and used climate services (see Table 1):
 - a. Regional
 - b. National
- 2) List of additional services that are needed (see Table 2):
 - a. Regional
 - b. National
- 3) List of gaps/needed capacities to better use climate services (observation stations, research, enhanced interaction between users and providers, institutional arrangements and mandates, etc.). Revise the gaps, needs and activities described in the GFCS-Exemplars. Are the activities suggested here useful? Which ones can be implemented, which ones are superfluous, which ones are missing?
 - a. Regional
 - b. National

Table 1: List of available and used climate services

Type of Climate Service	Type of Climate Information	Provider – Source	Entity that uses CS	Regional/National
i.e. Crop management	Seasonal rainfall and temperature forecast	NOAA	Ministry of Agriculture	National

Table 2: List of additional services that are needed

Type of Climate Service	Type of Climate Information	Potential Provider – Source	Entity that requests CS	Regional/National
i.e. Crop management	Seasonal rainfall and temperature forecast	NOAA	Ministry of Agriculture	National

More information on this event can be found under http://www.wmo.int/pages/gfcs/office/Car_Reg_WS.php.