



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

PORT OF SPAIN, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO, 29–31 MAY, 2013

Participants arrive in Port of Spain (28 May 2013)

Day ONE, 29 May 2013

SESSION 1: OPENING OF THE MEETING

(Chair: Adrian Trotman Rapporteur: Cedric Van Meerbeeck)

- 09:00 hrs** **Welcome**
Representative of the
Permanent Representative of Trinidad and Tobago
- 09:08 hrs** **Address**
Tyrone Sutherland
Director CMO
- 09:16 hrs** **Address**
Albert Martis
Vice-President, RA IV
- 09:24 hrs** **Address**
Filipe Lúcio
Head of the GFCS Office, World Meteorological Organization
- 09:32 hrs** **Opening of the Meeting**
Representative of Ministry of Environment and Water Resources

SESSION 2: Introduction to the GFCS

(Chair: David Farrel Rapporteur: Glenroy Brown)

Description: Provide the rationale, objectives, key components and implementation priorities of the GFCS

- 09:45 hrs** **Key Note Presentation: Global Framework for Climate Services**
Filipe Lúcio, WMO
- 10:15 hrs** **Discussion**
- 10:30-11:00** **Coffee/Tea Break & Group Photo**

SESSION 3: Provision and Application of climate services

(Chair: Selvaraju Ramasamy Rapporteur: Austin Greaves)

Description: Provide details of services that are being provided by various institutions to the region and lessons learned on development and applications of climate services in various regions

11:00-12:00 Experiences on the provision of climate services of direct relevance to the region (10 min ppt each)

- **NOAA** Roger Pulwarty
- **IRI** Simon Mason
- **CSP** Stephen Zebiak
- **CIMH** David Farrell

Discussion

12:00-13:00 Experiences on the development and application of climate services from various parts of the world (10 min ppt each)

- **Germany** Andreas Becker
- **UK** Jane Strachan (by teleconference)
- **Costa Rica** Patricia Ramirez
- **Pacific** Neville Coop (TBD)

Discussion

13:00-14:00 Lunch

SESSION 4: Climate Services and Development

(Chair: Tannecia Stephenson Rapporteur : Christopher Gayle)

Description: Provide the link between climate services and development through Climate Risk Assessment and Management

14:00-14:30 Essential Elements for Climate Risk Assessment and Management
Roger Pulwarty

14:30-14:50 Caribbean Climate Research in Support of Services
Michael Taylor

14:50-15:15 Discussion

15:15-15:30 Coffee/Tea Break

SESSION 5: Capabilities for the provision of climate services at national level

(Chair: Roger Pulwarty Rapporteur: Kenneth Kerr)

Description: Provide the current status of countries' capabilities to provide and use climate services, future perspectives and their expectations from the GFCS.

15:30-15:50 Status of capabilities for Risk Assessment and Multi-hazard Early Warning Systems for weather, climate and water
Albert Martis

15:50-16:10 Disaster Risk Management in the Caribbean
Elizabeth Riley

16:10-16:30 Summary of national capacities in the production, delivery and application of climate services (based on answers provided by countries)
Adrian Trotman

16:30 -17:30 Discussion on overarching issues

Day TWO, 30 May

SESSION 6: Discussion Groups on needs for climate services, current interfacing mechanisms

(Chair: David Farrell Rapporteur: Sheryl Etienne-Leblanc)

Description: Discuss user needs for climate services under the four priority areas of the GFCS (linking with the needs identified through the Exemplars), as well as other sector(s) of critical importance to the Caribbean.

09:00-09:45 Examples of Climate Services and their Application in priority sectors

Agriculture and Food Security

Selvaraju Ramasamy, FAO

Water

Albert Fisher, UNESCO

David Farrell, CIMH

09:45-11:00 Breakout groups: discussion on user needs and the available capacities

(See additional Guidelines)

(Coffee/Tea Break at leisure of group chairs)

Group I: Agriculture and food security

Group II: Water

Group III: Health

Group IV: Disaster risk reduction

11:00-12:00 Report and summary from discussion groups (10 min each group)

12:00-13:00 Discussion

13:00-14:00 Lunch

SESSION 7: Developing Climate Services at the National Level and communication of climate services to users

(Chair: Sally Ann Bhagwan-Logie Rapporteur : Cavell Francis-Rhiney)

Description: Provide the essential elements required for effective implementation of the GFCS

14:00-14:15 The priority projects of the GFCS Implementation Plan and their key deliverables

Filipe Lúcio

14:15-14:35 Caribbean Agrometeorological Initiative (CAMI): Potential synergies with GFCS Implementation

Adrian Trotman

14:35-15:45 Discussion on the national perspectives of the implementation of GFCS

- User Interface Platform
- Climate Services Information System
- Observations and Monitoring
- Research, Modelling and Prediction
- Capacity Development

15:25-15:45 Discussion

15:45-16:00 Coffee/Tea Break

16:00-16:30 Overview on the WMO/GFCS outreach activities, GFCS key messages and branding – avenues for interaction

Michael Williams

SESSION 8: Linking in with global, regional and national opportunities

(Chair: Ulric Trotz Rapporteur: Shonel Dwyer)

Description: Provide an overview of current and upcoming funding streams, opportunities of interlinkages and outreach.

16:30-16:50 Opportunities for the region (support from Canada and other potential partners)
Wayne Elliot (by teleconference)

16:50-17:10 Opportunities from the region (including the RA IV Task Team on GFCS)
David Farrell/Tyrone Sutherland

17:10-17:30 Discussion

Day THREE, 31 May 2013

SESSION 9: Charting the Way forward

(Chair: David Farrell Rapporteur :)

Description: From the previous session draw key lessons on why to invest in climate services and engage with the GFCS. Determine critical steps to advance implementation of the GFCS in the region

09:00-13:00 Discussion on the way forward with GFCS in the region
(Coffee/Tea Break at leisure of chair)

SESSION 10: Closing Session

13:00 Word of thanks on behalf of the organizers and Workshop Closure
Filipe Lúcio

13:30-14:30 Lunch

14:30-17:30 Closed meeting (definition of concrete activities and plans)