

Global Framework for Climate Services (GFCS)

PARTNER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

THIRTEENTH SESSION

Geneva, Switzerland, 03 March 2022

SUMMARY REPORT

The Thirteenth Session of the Partner Advisory Committee (PAC) of the Global Framework for Climate Services (GFCS) took place from 09:00-12:00 on Thursday, 3 March 2022, at the headquarters of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO), at 7 bis, avenue de la Paix, Geneva, Switzerland. The meeting was held virtually.

Representatives from PAC member organizations in attendance included Daniel Kull (the World Bank), Ronald Jackson and Patrick Gremillet (UNDP), Diarmid Campbell-Lendrum (WHO), Sara Venturini (GEO), Oscar Rojas (FAO), Valentin Eich (GWP), Roger Pulwarty (IUGG), Tessa Kelly and Adesh Tripathee (IFRC), Einar Bjorgo (UNOSAT-UNITAR), Loretta Hieber-Girardet and Animesh Kumar (UNDRR), Marte Graff Jenssen and Helen Kape Peters (NRC), and Veronica Grasso, Joy Shumake-Guillemot, Gulay Kahraman, Erica Allis, Maxx Dilley and Filipe Lucio (WMO). The meeting was chaired by Carlo Buontempo (ECMWF). Kevin Horsburgh (GCF) participated and contributed to both of the meeting agenda items:

1. Draft Recommendation from the 75th session of the WMO Executive Council to the 19th World Meteorological Congress on the next generation of implementation of the Global Framework for Climate Services

PAC members reviewed the text of a draft WMO Executive Council decision, which was generally very well received. Discussion emphasized the importance of definition of user requirements and increasing the availability of climate information and services to end user decision-makers. PAC members were invited to incorporate written input into the document by 18 March 2022 through the link provided in the meeting agenda circulated to all participants.

2. Climate science information for climate action: Tools and methods (a collaboration with the Green Climate Fund)

Kevin Horsburgh of the Green Climate Fund (GCF) presented an overview of tools and methods developed by WMO and the GCF for incorporating climate science information into climate action investments, plans and policies. Next steps include further enhancing the tools and methods for this purpose developed to date and rolling them out for application on a widespread basis. PAC members noted that their respective organizations have data and other technical resources that could complement those already identified – and that they in some cases are already supporting countries with scientific information for investments and planning – and expressed interest in collaborating. The need for quality-assessed historical climate data for use in observation- and data-poor contexts was highlighted as a particularly important and complex area requiring further attention. An annual forum is planned to engage a wider range of partners – including PAC member organizations – in tools, methods and data enhancements and applications.

3. Any other business

The next GFCS PAC meeting is tentatively scheduled for 2 September 2022, to include an update on the 75th Executive Council decision on measures to enhance the visibility, effectiveness and implementation of the GFCS, next steps on the enhancement and roll-out of tools, methods and data for incorporating climate science information into climate action, and Public-Private Engagement (preparations on the latter of which will be explored further with the GCF).
