

Why a Global Framework for Climate Services?

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Side event for the International Conference on Climate Services, New York, 17 October 2011 The need for climate services is well documented.

What I will focus on today is the need for a **Global Framework** for these services Users, Government, private sector, research, agriculture, water, health, construction, disaster reduction, environment, tourism, transport, etc





HLT user survey: Which climate service elements do you need but are currently unable to obtain ?





HLT user survey: What are the barriers that prevent you from obtaining these elements of the climate services framework?





	1999-2000	2000-2001	2001-2002	2002-2003	2003-2004	2004-2005
United States	108,750	114,241	121,263	134,406	137,437	133,854
India		82,107	109,376	129,000	139,000	170,000
China: MoE Yearbook	212,905	219,563	252,024	351,537	442,463	517,225



Global requirement for: a north to south transfer of capacity;

The major gaps in the observing systems are predominantly in the developing

a south-south capacity exchange and commitment to mutual support;

a south-to-north transfer of experience and understanding of vulnerabilities.



Blue dots – more than 90% of data received Red and yellow dots – less than 5% of data received







Another view of the **GFCS**:

Focusing on the Framework aspect

INPUTS

Distributed

Global Participation

User Aware Government User requirements, financial and human resources, observations, information, research, ...

MECHANISMS

Observing systems, data processing systems, communication Besearch the Besearch systems, platforms, programmes, committees, networks, governments, protocols, standards, regional alliances,

OUTCOMES Climate vulnerable protected, Capacity development, climate integrated into

decision making Innovative

Service Focused



FRAMEWORK (def): Broad overview, outline or skeleton of interlinked items which supports a particular approach to a specific objective, and serves as a guide that can be modified as required by adding or deleting items.



Operational

Data

Exchange

Standards

The User Interface Platform (UIP)

- 1. Establish processes to bring people together to continuously monitor the requirements for climate services
- 2. Monitor the user satisfaction with the overall performance of the GFCS
- 3. Provide education and training for climate service users













- **Climate Observations:** To meet the publics' needs for data and information.
- Underpinned by:
- 1. National expenditures
- 2. Global standards
- 3. Global protocols for data exchange
- 4. Global exchange of technologies and scientific advances in environmental measurement.





Capacity Development:

Within and between the GFCS components, including: 1.The north - south transfer of capacity

- 2.The south-to-north transfer of experience and understanding of climate vulnerabilities
- 3.The south south building of regional support networks





Conclusions

No one country, or even regional alliance, can meet the global need for climate services

Many of the required services are public goods in nature, but of course this means that many will be commercial.

Governments have a key role to play, but NGOs and the private sector are also crucial

The solution must be a FRAMEWORK and it must be GLOBAL











Thank you

