

# The Climate Services Partnership: Overview of Current Activities

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# Initial Priorities

## **Collaborations:**

- Knowledge capture and exchange
- New knowledge – agreed work areas
- Linkages to other programs

Foster developing country initiatives, some resources made available (Adaptation Partnership, CCAFS, USAID, Red Cross,...)



# Knowledge Capture and Exchange:

## Interactive database of current climate services activities

- what, where
- theme/sector, institutions
- business model, governance, ...



## Case studies (joint with GFCS):

- basic information
- experiences, lessons learned, opportunities for improvement (40+ identified)
- response: developing country projects

## Evaluations

- facilitated, independent analysis; address costs/benefits; gaps; opportunities
- Mali agromet program; India agricultural climate services, ... among first subjects

## Organization:

Monthly (tele)conferences of Coordinating Group

CSP membership definition: Membership Statement

## Consultations:

GFCS Implementation Plan Draft v1, v2

GFCS Governance

## Communications:

Monthly updates

CSP Web platform





## International Conference on Climate Services (ICCS)

The Second International Conference on Climate Services (ICCS 2) will explore the provision of climate services and the ways in which they have shifted from an exclusively governmental source to a combination of providers in federal, state, and local government agencies, the private sector, and academia. The...

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The **Climate Services Partnership (CSP)** is a platform for knowledge sharing and collaboration to advance climate service capabilities worldwide. CSP members are climate information users, providers, donors, and researchers; though they represent diverse interests, all are actively engaged with climate services through their own programs and activities. Partners collaborate to develop and improve climate services; they also learn from each other by sharing resources and experiences. The CSP create a venue to generate new knowledge, establish best practices, and promote a resilient, sustainable, and climate-smart future.

### What's New

Aug 31st, 2012 | Resource

[ENACTS Ethiopia: Partnerships for Improving Climate Data Availability, Accessibility, and Utility](#)

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## Case Studies

The Climate Services Partnership case study collection represents a wide range of sectors and many regions of the world. The case study collection provides an opportunity for members to share knowledge and thereby accelerate learning, develop new capacities, and establish good practices. Using the GFCS/CSP case study template, members describe their climate service, explain the processes and mechanisms used to build it, and discuss lessons learned that should be considered in future initiatives. All case studies are published in the CSP's online interactive library. Please contact us if you are interested in contributing your work to the CSP case study collection. Many thanks to all who have contributed thus far!



### Forecasting for Disaster: Climate Help Desk for Humanitarian Action and Decision Making in Africa

Posted by [Site Admin](#) | Aug 30, 2012

Lead Author: Mohammad Kadi, [kadi\\_metz@yahoo.com](mailto:kadi_metz@yahoo.com) Since its creation, the African Centre of Meteorological Application for Development (ACMAD) has provided weather, climate, and prediction information at different time scales. In 2008, a help desk w...

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### Educating Journalists to Understand Climate Change

Posted by [Site Admin](#) | Aug 29, 2012

Lead Author: Reija Ruuhela, Head, FMI Climate Service Center, [Reija.Ruuhela@fmi.fi](mailto:Reija.Ruuhela@fmi.fi) The Finnish Meteorological Institute (FMI) has provided annual climate change courses tailored to journalists since 2006. The program lasts for two days and is meant...

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### Devils Lake Decision Support System: Using Climate Information to Manage Flood Risk

Posted by [Site Admin](#) | Aug 30, 2012

Lead Author: Fiona Horsfall, [fiona.horsfall@noaa.gov](mailto:fiona.horsfall@noaa.gov) Lead Organization: US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration The US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) provides climate information to support the communities of Devil...

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### Climate Information Applications in Famine Early Warnings and Decision Making Systems

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Lead Author: Greg Husak, [husak@geog.ucsb.edu](mailto:husak@geog.ucsb.edu) Lead Organization: Climate Hazards Group The Climate Hazards Group (CHG) explores the impacts of climate change and variability on food security in the developing world, primarily in sub-Saharan Africa an...

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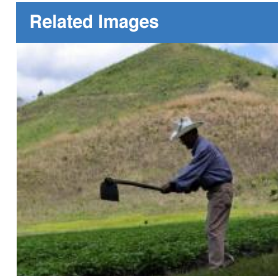
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- Decision Support Tools (15)
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- National Government (6)
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**Lead Organization:** Climate Hazards Group

The Climate Hazards Group (CHG) explores the impacts of climate change and variability on food security in the developing world, primarily in sub-Saharan Africa and Central America. As part of this work, the CHG seeks to quantify variations in temperature and rainfall and to contextualize those variations in terms of their impact on crop production. The resulting deliverables vary, but typically include a fact sheet or report from the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), which details the impacts on a particular country or region. Outputs may also include stand-alone software, complementary rainfall estimates, or statistical support for analysis being performed at partner institutions. The work completed by the CHG is targeted to meet the needs of the United States Agency for International Development's (USAID) Famine Early Warning System Network (FEWS NET), as well as non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and in-country decision makers, when applicable. These agencies are critical in the dissemination of CHG results.

FEWS NET scientists are based in countries of interest, where their proximity to key partners, such as in-country meteorological or agricultural services, facilitates distribution of CHG products to decision makers. This network of partners contributes to CHG efforts by providing a framework for analysis, feedback, and assistance in validation. In the end, these partners provide added credibility and help ensure that decision makers are acting with the best available information. Such actions include estimation of the crop production under different climatic conditions, identification of the population size and locations most vulnerable to a changing climate, or the definition of the crop type best suited to changing growing variables.

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**Web Link:** [FEWS Net](#)

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 CHG FEWS NET Case Study.pdf	380.56 KB

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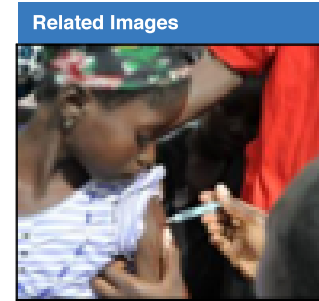
**Sector:**

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## Identifying Climate Impacts on the Incidence of Meningitis Epidemics



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**Lead organization:** Health and Climate Foundation

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The *Meningitis Environmental Risk Information Technologies* (MERIT) initiative is a multi-disciplinary community of partners who conduct research to advance the use of climate-related information in strengthening public health strategies for the control of epidemic meningitis in Africa. By linking climate factors with meningitis incidence, MERIT streamlines efforts to develop new knowledge; it also strengthens processes to enable operational services and field activities focused on reducing the socio-economic and health burdens of meningitis in low-resource countries in Africa. MERIT was created in 2007 and is chaired by the World Health Organization (WHO).

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# Projects

The CSP interactive map project catalogues climate service projects around the world and provides a brief description of each. Projects are searchable by sector. The CSP regularly accepts new submissions please click on "Add Project" to upload your project's information.



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### Climate information dissemination RANET

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### Development of innovative communicate climate services for agriculture

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# Next Steps

## **Feedback:**

- what has been useful?
- how can current activities/outputs/resources be improved?
- what additional resources would be valuable?
  - e.g., webinars, training, guidance, standards,...
- bring ideas to conference deliberations – feed into outcomes and future planning

