

# Climate Services Partnership UPDATES



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## ENCOURAGING CONNECTIONS

### ICCS 2

is now set for September 5-7 at the the Royal Academies for Science and the Arts of Belgium, in Brussels. The conference will have a special focus on connecting with business associations in a number of key sectors. Invitations will follow.

This is immediately before the European Conference on Applied Climatology, which is being held 10-14 September in Lodz, Poland. We are in the process of developing connections between the two meetings.

### EGU

The climate services session of EGU will take place on April 26.

The session is chaired by Paolo Ruti of the Italian National Agency for New Technologies, Energy and Sustainable Economic Development (ENEA); it will include talks from a number of members of the CSP. A full program is found here: [http://meetingorganizer.copernicus.org/EGU2012/oral\\_programme/9704](http://meetingorganizer.copernicus.org/EGU2012/oral_programme/9704).

In the evening of the same day, the GFCS's Filipe Lucio will be convening a town hall meeting entitled "Climate Services: Think Forward."

### Rio

As of yet, we haven't been able to secure a time slot at Rio, but are still interested in find ways to contribute to the discussion. Those who are involved and who have suggestions regarding how the CSP can use this venue to advance our agenda are encouraged to get in touch.

A few members are planning to attend the **Adaptation Futures** conference in Arizona in May. We will work with these members to ensure the CSP has a presence at the conference. More information is attached.

## GATHERING KNOWLEDGE

### Case Studies

The GFCS - CSP knowledge capture activity is off to a wonderful start with more than 40 promised case studies from a wide range of different organizations. We are expecting to have CSP case studies by the summer so that they can inform activities of the GFCS. If you haven't had a chance to get in touch regarding a case study of your own work, but would like to, please let me know.

### Evaluation

A consortium including USAID, CCAFS, Agrhymet, ICRISAT, and the Mali meteorological department is currently conducting an evaluation of a longstanding agromet service offered by the Mali met department. While Mali's political situation has delayed things a bit, the team is confident that the evaluation will be completed in time to be presented at ICCS 2 in Brussels.

CCAFS also has evaluations planned in India and South Africa. The Red Cross Climate Centre is in the process of planning an evaluation of its collaboration with the IRI. The goal is for all of these to be included in the ICCS 2 agenda.

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## Guidance Documents

A number of CSP partners have expressed interest in producing/collaborating on documents that would aid in the use of climate information and/or the development of climate services. If this is of interest to you, please let us know!

## GENERATING NEW KNOWLEDGE

The **Economic Valuation Working Group** has planned a meeting in Vienna on Friday, April 27 at 8:30 am. Please let me or Glen Anderson know if you would like to attend.

## BRANDING

We have fielded several suggestions to slightly change the name of our partnership. These are:

Climate Services Partnership (CSP)  
International Climate Services Partnership (ICSP)  
Federation of International Climate Service Partners (ICSP.Fed)

Please let us know what you think!

## PARTNER UPDATES

### GFCS Update

The First Order Draft of the GFCS Implementation Plan will be finalized by April 13. The documents will be translated and then opened for comments between May 13 and July 14. The Executive Council will meet between 25 to 3 July; their comments will also make it into the Second Order Draft.

### CSC Update

The CSC is hosting a meeting on European climate services May 24 in Hamburg. RSVPs are required by April 20. Information is attached.

### USAID Update

John Furlow has suggested that CSP members review the attached concept note and begin to identify where they see their contributions to the climate service agenda. This will help us to coordinate efforts and to communicate more effectively with new partners and funding agencies.

Because the concept note is only intended as a starting point, it is likely that some people will be working and/or interested in funding work in areas that are not included in the note. Please present your ideas to help us develop our collective agenda.