

Climate Services Partnership UPDATES



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Happy New Year! The CSP secretariat has been very busy over the last couple months, and we look forward to reaching out to you with more information on recent developments in the coming weeks. In the meantime, there are a few updates that I wanted to pass along.

SCALING UP CLIMATE SERVICES FOR FARMERS IN AFRICA AND SOUTH ASIA

First, I wanted to update you regarding the workshop “Scaling Up Climate Services for Farmers in Africa and South Asia,” held in Senegal in December. Co-hosted by CCAFS, WMO, USAID, and the CSP, the meeting identified a set of priorities to better enable climate services in rural communities. Work on these issues is expected to continue over the coming months, and we’ll certainly keep you posted as things progress. For more information, please consult: <http://scalingup.iri.columbia.edu/>.

ICCS 2: FEEDBACK

I also wanted to gather your feedback regarding ICCS 2. We’re interested to hear how you think things went, and to get your suggestions for the next international conference, which we’re hoping to make the best yet; we’d also like your comments to ensure that the CSP is addressing those issues you find most pressing. To that end, I ask that you please fill out the brief survey, found here:

<https://docs.google.com/a/iri.columbia.edu/spreadsheet/viewform?fromEmail=true&formkey=dFJVcWNuMIVRV0oySEN1NzA1dENEeUE6MQ>

CSP MEMBERSHIP

On a related note, I’d also like to take this opportunity to remind those of you who have not turned in your membership forms (<http://climate-services.org/membership>) to please do so. This does not indicate an organizational obligation, but more a personal interest in participating in the partnership. As with the survey, this information helps us to get a better sense of your interests and how we might be able to tailor our activities to better service them.

CSP KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE

Finally, I wanted to let you know that we are planning a new webinar /white paper /discussion forum called the CSP Knowledge Exchange. With your participation, the CSP Knowledge Exchange will draw on the resources of the Partnership to explore areas of particular interest and facilitate the exchange of information among partners. Expect to hear more about this in the near term.

As always, your feedback is very much appreciated; we are eager to learn about your activities and are grateful for the time and energy you contribute to the CSP.

Best wishes for a happy and healthy 2013!