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Anexo: 1 (disponible en inglés solamente)

Asunto: Invitación a participar en la elaboración de estudios de casos nacionales para su inclusión en el informe emblemático de la Organización Meteorológica Mundial sobre el estado de los servicios climáticos en 2024

Estimado señor/Estimada señora:

Me complace invitarle a aunar esfuerzos con la Organización Meteorológica Mundial (OMM) para elaborar un estudio de caso atractivo que presente un ejemplo satisfactorio de la manera en la que su país presta y utiliza servicios y productos climáticos, y en el que se señalen los beneficios socioeconómicos asociados.

En 2018, en el 24º período de sesiones de la Conferencia de las Partes (CP24) en la Convención Marco de las Naciones Unidas sobre el Cambio Climático (CMNUCC), las Partes en el Acuerdo de París (Decisión 11/CMA.1) encomendaron a la Organización la importante labor de documentar periódicamente el estado de los servicios climáticos a través del Marco Mundial para los Servicios Climáticos (MMSC) de la OMM. En respuesta a ese pedido, la Organización y sus asociados presentaron el primer informe sobre el estado de los servicios climáticos en el 25º período de sesiones de la Conferencia de las Partes (CP25) en la CMNUCC celebrado en Madrid (España) en 2019. Desde entonces, son cada vez más los colaboradores que contribuyen a la elaboración de esta publicación, que en la actualidad incluye aportaciones de más de 30 asociados. Sírvase consultar los informes anuales sobre el estado de los servicios climáticos climáticos.

En el informe sobre el estado de los servicios climáticos en 2024 se mostrarán ejemplos satisfactorios de elaboración conjunta y provisión de servicios climáticos por parte de Servicios Meteorológicos e Hidrológicos Nacionales (SMHN). Asimismo, el informe facilitará el intercambio de experiencias y enseñanzas extraídas entre los Miembros de la OMM. En la publicación también se presentará un análisis exhaustivo del estado actual de los servicios climáticos y meteorológicos (y, hasta cierto punto, de los servicios hidrológicos), en el que se abordarán los diversos componentes de la cadena de valor y se documentarán los avances logrados desde 2019, tanto en el marco de los presupuestos nacionales como de proyectos de desarrollo. La nota conceptual figura en el anexo a la presente carta.

Para elaborar los estudios de casos, la OMM llevará a cabo un examen documental exhaustivo de los materiales pertinentes y celebrará entrevistas estructuradas con expertos y profesionales de los SMHN, así como también con usuarios de distintos sectores —como los dedicados a la agricultura y la seguridad alimentaria, los recursos hídricos, la energía, la salud y los sistemas de alerta temprana— y asociados para el desarrollo.

- A los Representantes Permanentes de los Miembros ante la OMM (Argentina, Australia, Barbados, Bélgica, Camboya, Ecuador, Eslovenia, Filipinas, Irlanda, Maldivas, Mauricio, República Democrática Popular Lao, Seychelles y Trinidad y Tabago) (distribución limitada)
- Copias: Asesores Hidrológicos coordinadores del Sistema de Información de Servicios Climáticos (CSIS)

Quisiera expresarle mi más sincero agradecimiento por la consideración dada a la presente invitación. Asimismo, le agradecería que designara un coordinador y enviara sus datos de contacto a la señora Veronica Grasso (vgrasso@wmo.int), coordinadora de la serie de informes sobre el estado de los servicios climáticos, no más tarde del **22 de marzo de 2024**.

Quisiera agradecerle una vez más el tiempo dedicado a esta cuestión. Espero contar con su colaboración en este importante informe emblemático.

Le saluda atentamente.

J.A.

Profesora Celeste Saulo Secretaria General

2024 "STATE OF CLIMATE SERVICES" REPORT

CONCEPT NOTE

Background

In 2018, the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement at the twenty-fourth Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP24) invited the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) through its Global Framework for Climate Services (GFCS) to regularly report on the state of climate service-related activities with a view to facilitating "the development and application of methodologies for assessing adaptation needs" (Decision 11/CMA.1). This concept note provides an overview of the State of Climate Services report series (1.) and proposes the theme for the 2024 report (2.).

1. State of Climate Services report overview

Since 2019, the annual "*State of Climate Services*" (SoCS) reports have provided Parties to the Paris Agreement with a regular update on the capacities of Parties with respect to the components of the climate services value chain that supports decision-making in climate-sensitive sectors (Figure 1). The information provided in the SoCS reports help countries, funding agencies and development partners assess the gaps in the climate services value chain to achieve improved adaptation and development outcomes at the country level. The sectors, identified by Parties in their Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCSs) to the Paris Agreement as top adaptation priorities, include: agriculture; water; disaster risk reduction; energy and health. Climate Services are explicitly mentioned in the majority of Parties' NDCS as a requirement for managing climate risks in these sectors.

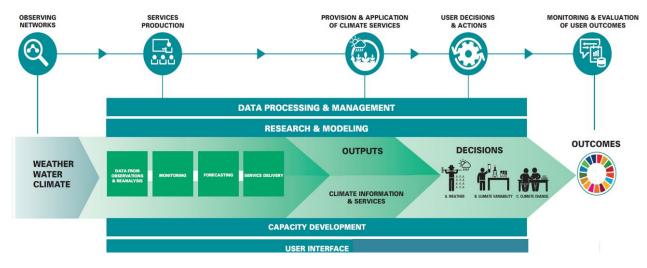


Figure 1 – Climate services delivery value chain¹

The five SoCS reports to date have focused on one of these sectors each year:

- 1. The inaugural 2019 *State of Climate Services: Agriculture and Food Security* (WMO-No. 1242), launched at COP25 in Madrid, focused on agriculture and food security.
- 2. The 2020 State of Climate Services: Risk information and early warning systems

¹ 2019 State of Climate Services: Agriculture and Food Security (WMO-No. 1242)

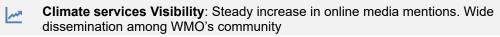
(WMO-No. 1252), prepared by WMO and 16 partner organizations and initiatives, was launched at a high-level event on the International Disaster Risk Reduction Day (13 October).

- 3. The *2021 State of Climate Services: Water* (WMO-No. 1278) was launched on 5 October with high-level representatives from partner organizations.
- 4. The 2022 State of Climate Services: Energy (WMO-No. 1301) was launched on 11 October at a press conference.

5. The 2023 State of Climate Services: Health (WMO-No. 1335) was launched at a highlevel launch event on 2 November, which was followed online by 578 participants and presented at COP28. The report had excellent coverage by the media and was featured by almost 200 news articles with a potential reach exceeding 30 million on X.

1.1 State of Climate Services reports: outcomes and impacts

The SoCS reports significantly increased the visibility of climate services, WMO and the GFCS through media but also engaged all major climate finance organizations as well as several United Nations partners



Funds raised: The capacity baseline analyses developed as part of the State of Climate
 Services reports supported WMO and partners raise more than 100 M USD, through successful project proposals development

- Applications of the report, ranging from the development of NAPs and NMHS Strategic
 Plans to the design and implementation of projects to policy outreach and reporting
- **Partnership** developed and strengthened (this year: 40 partners, 139 contributing) Core partners (Founding orgs): GCF, GEF, AF, WB, UNDP, CPI
- Contribution to EW4All Finance tracking

Figure 2, Figure **3**). In addition, the SoCS reports contribute to the regional State of the Climate reports (Climate policy section) offering further visibility for the needs and gaps for providing climate services to Members. Through the SoCS, WMO tracks the progress of Members' capacities for delivering climate services. For this purpose, a dedicated Climate Services Dashboard was launched in October 2022 to summarize the analyses performed in the context of the SoCS reports. The Dashboard provides an up-to-date overview of the capacities of Members' National Meteorological and Hydrological Services (NMHS) to deliver climate services for climate change adaptation and mitigation, based on data collected from WMO Members thorough the Checklist for Climate Services Implementation. The LinkedIn post to announce the Dashboard had more than 12 000 views.

The SoCS reports have also supported WMO and partners in raising funds as the baseline analyses developed though the reports provided a strong justification for the proposals (i.e. EU Intra-ACP ClimSa (€ 85 million), SDC ENANDES+ (CHF 5.8 million), AF ENANDES (US\$ 7.4 million), EU H2020 Focus Africa (€ 7 million), CREWS Malawi (US\$ 3 million)).

The data and analyses performed in the context of the SoCS reports support the monitoring and evaluation of the WMO Strategic Plan, by tracking the progress of the climate services indicators of the WMO Strategic Plan.

The SoCS reports inform climate policy and programming decisions. The reports were the basis for establishing and strengthening partnerships, fundraising, and mainstreaming climate services into policies and are submitted to COP every year.

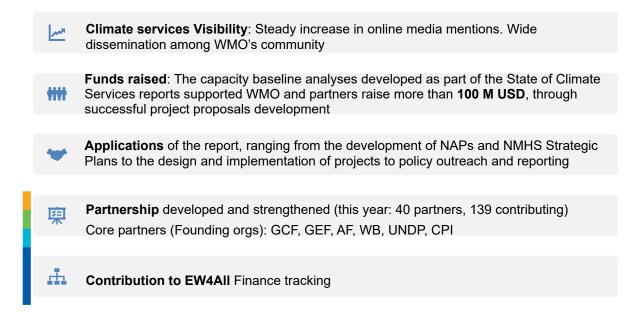


Figure 2 – Overview of outcomes of the State of Climate Services reports



Stronger collaboration with FAO "Addressing the last mile barriers" FAO, WMO joint report



Paved the way to the creation of EW4All initiative



Paved the way to the creation of **Water and Climate Coalition** Spin-off for the State of Global Water report



MoUs with IRENA and GEIDCO

Spin-off for the WMO-IRENA joint publication "2022 Year in review: Climate-driven Global Renewable Energy Potential Resources and Energy Demand" for COP28

Figure 3 – Impacts of the State of Climate Services reports and spin-off strategic initiatives

For example, in response to the recommendations in the 2019 State of Climate Services report, WMO and FAO jointly published the "Global Outlook on Climate Services in Agriculture Investment Opportunities to Reach the Last Mile" launched in 2021. Furthermore, specific contents from the 2020 State of Climate Services report on Early Warning Systems (EWS) were used for the "Early Warning Initiative for All" initiative to address the gap of EWS coverage (only one in three people are covered by EWS, as highlighted in the 2020 SoCS report and also in the COP27 Sharm El Sheikh implementation plan (VII para 26²)). In addition, the findings of the 2021 water report supported the launch of the Climate and Water Coalition and a new WMO report on the *State of Global Water Resources 2021* (WMO-No. 1308) launched on 29 November 2022.

The 2022 State of Climate Services: Energy (WMO-No. 1301) showed how energy is at the very heart of our response to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Paris Agreement on climate change and how weather, water and climate services are essential to support the much-needed transition. The 2022 SoCS report led to the signing and renewing of different Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) between WMO and report partners such as the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) and the Global Energy Interconnection Development and Cooperation Organization (GEIDCO), key players in the energy sector. A new MoU with the International Energy Agency (IEA) is also in the pipeline.

The 2022 report also enhanced NMHS engagement in WMO energy-related activities, including completing the WMO energy survey and foster public-private partnership in the energy sector through the engagement with the World Energy Council (WEC).

2. 2024 State of Climate Services report: Proposed Theme

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) in its sixth Assessment Report identifies that human activities, principally through emissions of greenhouse gases, have unequivocally caused global warming, with global surface temperature reaching 1.1 °C above 1850–1900 in 2011–2020. Widespread and rapid changes in the atmosphere, ocean, cryosphere and biosphere have occurred. Human-caused climate change is already affecting many weather and climate extremes across the globe. This has led to widespread adverse impacts and related losses and damages to nature and people (high confidence). Vulnerable communities who have historically contributed the least to current climate change are disproportionately affected (high confidence).³

NMHSs around the world play a critical role in providing climate, weather and water related information and services for climate change adaptation and mitigation.

The 2024 State of Climate Services report will focus on taking stock of progress of NMHSs' capacities to develop climate information and services and support climate action over the past five years, i.e. since the first State of Climate Services report in 2019. The report will document successful examples and help countries share experiences and learn from each other.

The 2024 report will document the status of climate services, in the various value chain components and gaps and needs in WMO Member capacities and progress since the first issue of the State of Climate Services report (2019). To the extent possible it will report on the status of investments in improving these systems and services, using information provided by major climate finance institutions and development partners. It will also aim to showcase examples of successful delivery and use of climate services, and products and associated socioeconomic benefits at country level where possible. It will include case studies to document the success factors that have led to progress. The case studies will be developed through desktop reviews, structured interactions with experts and practitioners in the countries' NMHSs and with users in various sectors (such as agriculture and food security, water resources, energy, health, EWS) and with international partners' representatives.

² "Emphasizes the need to address existing gaps in the global climate observing system, particularly in developing countries, and recognizes that one third of the world, including 60% of Africa, does not have access to early warning and climate information services". Decision – /CP.27 Sharm El Sheikh Implementation Plan (VII – para 26.)

³ AR6 Synthesis Report: Summary for Policymakers Headline Statements (ipcc.ch)

A proposed outline of the report is provided in the appendix. Based on its importance and the impact of previous reports, the 2024 report is expected to attract a wide audience.

Appendix

2024 STATE OF CLIMATE SERVICES REPORT

	Section	Short description
1.	Message	From the WMO Secretary-General
2.	Executive Summary	Executive Summary
3.	Data and methods	Data and resources used for the report as well as the methodology adopted for the analyses
4.	Value	Value of climate services and how they can support Members' adaptation and mitigation efforts
5.	Global status	 Summary of the WMO State of the Global Climate report Status of National Frameworks for Climate Services worldwide Current status of capacities of Members with regard to providing services for adaptation, and an indication of which type of products are provided by NMHSs
6.	Priorities and needs	 UNFCCC Party adaptation priorities and need for climate services (as highlighted in their Nationally Determined Contributions) Gaps in relation to requirements for the various components of the climate services value chain for decision-support
7.	Overview of past five years' progress	 Overview of NMHS progress in climate services capacities since 2019, identifying specific good practices and gaps by region Socioeconomic benefits of weather and climate services and the progress NMHS have made in this regard
8.	Case studies	Real world examples of climate services applications, with a focus on identifying the socioeconomic benefits derived from climate services in these areas, to the extent possible, covering the full value chain from observations to user decisions and socioeconomic benefits. Case studies will document the success factors that have led to progress.
9.	Investment	Current funding for adaptation and the portion allocated for supporting NMHSs and other systems and services, broken down by region and by financing mechanism and progress (e.g. Adaptation Fund, Global Environment Facility, Green Climate Fund, etc.)
10.	Recommendations	Specific recommendations