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SIDE EVENT

SOCIO-ECONOMIC BENEFITS OF METEOROLOGICAL AND HYDROLOGICAL SERVICES

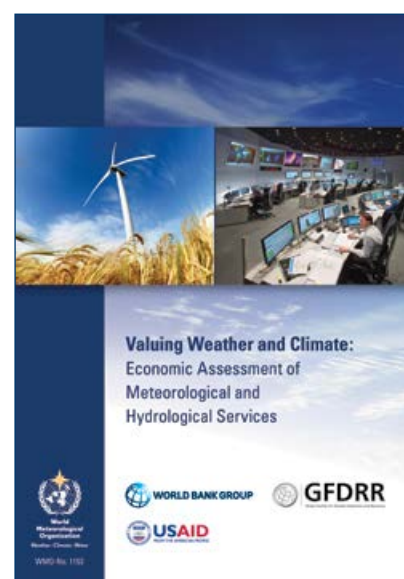
Thursday, 28 May 2015, 13:30-14:30

Room 4, International Conference Centre of Geneva (CICG), Switzerland

This side event will introduce the joint WMO, World Bank Group, and Climate Services Partnership book entitled **“Valuing Weather and Climate: Economic Assessment of Meteorological and Hydrological Services”** which has just been published. This book aims to help NMHSs develop a basic understanding of economic valuation methods to enable them to successfully design and commission economic studies. The book also supports the use of results from socio-economic studies to improve service delivery through optimizing business methods and improving communication with key decision makers.

The need for such a publication was highlighted during the WMO International Conference on Secure and Sustainable Living (Madrid, 2007), and the Executive Council in 2012 through a resolution, commissioned its preparation. Detailed planning commenced in 2013 with an expert meeting to design the structure and contents of the book.

While the book was under preparation, the PWS Programme organized a number of regional seminars with financial assistance from the World Bank Group and USAID in 2013 (RAI, RAIV and RAV), and regional training workshops (RAI, RAIV and RAVI) in 2015 to introduce NMHSs in those regions to the concepts elaborated in the book as well as assist them in the design of economic benefits studies.



Speakers

13:30 - 13:45	Mr Gerald Fleming, Irish Meteorological Service: Introduction and background to the publication and basic concepts in socio-economic benefits studies
13:45 - 14:00	Mr Daniel Kull, The World Bank Group/Global Facility for Disaster Reduction and Recovery: The importance of socioeconomic benefit valuation of hydromet services for modernization investments by the World Bank Group.
14.00 - 14:15	Discussions
14:15 - 14:30	The book launch
14:30	Closure

