## SOCIO-ECONOMIC BENEFITS OF METEOROLOGICAL AND HYDROLOGICAL SERVICES

## **INVENTORY OF DECISION SUPPORT TOOLS**

## **Drought Assessment Tool**

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