

QUARTERLY BRIEF FOR WMO NATIONAL PUBLIC WEATHER SERVICES (PWS) FOCAL POINTS

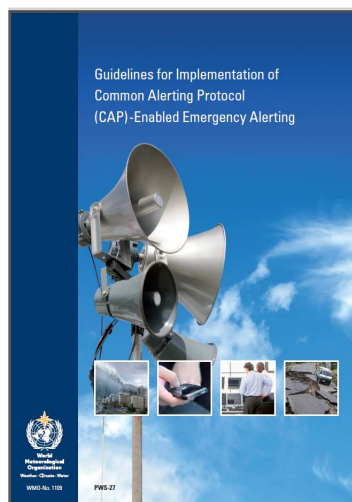
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I have the pleasure of presenting you with this Quarterly Brief, in your capacity as the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) Public Weather Services (PWS) Focal Point of your country. This Brief contains highlights of the activities undertaken during the first quarter of 2013 (1 January 2013 - 31 March 2013).

New PWS Publication

“Guidelines for Implementation of Common Alerting Protocol (CAP)-Enabled Emergency Alerting” (WMO-No. 1109, PWS-27)

During this period, the Public Weather Services (PWS) Programme produced the “Guidelines for Implementation of Common Alerting Protocol (CAP)-Enabled Emergency Alerting”. The publication was authored by Mr Eliot Christian who also served as the WMO Adviser on the Common Alerting Protocol (CAP) standard.



The publication may be accessed freely through the following web-link:
http://library.wmo.int/pmb_ged/wmo_1109_en.pdf .

What is the purpose of the Publication?

The purpose of the publication is to provide step-by-step guidelines for implementing the CAP standard in National Meteorological and Hydrological Services (NMHSs).

How are Guidelines relevant to the PWS Focal Points?

As a PWS Focal Point, you are requested to read the Guidelines and assess how the principles it presents could be applied to improve service delivery by your meteorological service. You are also requested to share it widely with your colleagues.

PWS Activities, Reports and Outcomes

“Third Meeting of the RA VI Working Group on Service Delivery and Partnership (WG-SDP/3)”, Warsaw, Poland, 25-26 March 2013

The Regional Association VI (Europe) Working Group on Service Delivery and Partnership (WG-SDP/3) discussed the way RA VI would implement “The WMO Strategy for Service Delivery (The Strategy)¹”. The Strategy serves as a tool for self-assessment of the current status of service delivery and for developing an action framework for improvements. The WG-SDP decided that, in order to sustain the implementation process in RA VI, there should be awareness action that would familiarize Permanent Representatives (PRs) with WMO with the Strategy concept. Appropriate regional events, such as implementation workshops, would be planned and be supported by the WG-SDP.



Participants at the “Third Meeting of the RA VI Working Group on Service Delivery and Partnership (WG-SDP/3)”, Warsaw, Poland, 25-26 March 2013

¹ “The WMO Strategy for Service Delivery” is available at:

http://www.wmo.int/pages/prog/amp/pwsp/documents/WMO-SSD-1129_en.pdf.

"Training for TV Weather Presenters from African Countries", organized by the Société Météorologique de France (SMF), within the framework of the "10th International Weather and Climate Forum", Paris, France 22 March 2013

The "Training for Television Weather Presenters from African Countries" was held during the "10th International Weather and Climate Forum", in Paris, France, on 22 March 2013. Weather presenters from Burkina Faso, Djibouti, Malawi, Mozambique, Niger, Swaziland and the United Republic of Tanzania participated at the event. The training was conducted by Patrick de Bellefeuille of Météomedia (Quebec, Canada) and Frank Cavallaro of CBS Television and Radio (Montreal, Canada). The training focused on clarity of voice, posture, body-language and how to prepare to deliver a core message in a presentation, for best effect.



Participants at the "Training for Television Weather Presenters from African Countries" Paris, France, 22 March 2013

"The RA IV Workshop on Hurricane Forecasting and Warning, and Public Weather Services, Miami, Florida, United States of America (USA), 11-22 March 2013

The "RA IV Workshop on Hurricane Forecasting and Warning, and Public Weather Services", is organized every year at the National Hurricane Center (NHC) in Miami, Florida, USA. The main aim of this annual workshop is to strengthen the hurricane warning services of the Region. At the

workshop, the participants are equipped with the necessary skills to detect, classify, monitor and forecast the intensity and movement of hurricanes, thus enabling NMHSs to provide warnings for the safety of life and livelihoods. This annual event is strongly supported by the Regional Associations (RAs) during their Sessions, and the Sessions have always endorsed the sustenance of the Workshops.

Feedback from Focal Points

We greatly appreciate the feedback that we receive from PWS Focal Points regarding their activities and experience. In order to share this feedback, please open the following link:

http://www.wmo.int/pages/prog/amp/pwsp/PWS_National_Focal_Points_en.html .

We encourage you to write to us, using the contact information given below, and inform us about your experiences, for example, on how you are putting PWS publications to use, as well as how you are sharing such material with your colleagues.

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