

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 second quarter of 2013 (1 April 2013 - 30 June 2013).

PWS Activities, Reports and Outcomes

“Meeting of the WMO Forum: Social and Economic Applications and Benefits of Weather, Climate and Water Services”, WMO headquarters, Geneva, Switzerland, 8-11 April 2013)

This meeting was organized and hosted by WMO with support provided by USAID, through the Climate Change Resilient Development Project (CCRD), and the World Bank. The meeting was attended by participants from leading institutions, and included meteorologists, climatologists, hydrologists, social scientists and economists. The main objective of the meeting was to: initiate the development, as well as agree on the content of a guidance document on Social and Economic Benefits (SEB) assessment and methodologies; and addressing general approaches, sequences, challenges and solutions for the analysis of SEB.



Participants at the “Meeting of the WMO Forum: Social and Economic Applications and Benefits of Weather, Climate and Water Services”, WMO headquarters, Geneva, Switzerland, 8-11 April 2013

The Meeting agreed on an expanded outline of the document. It also made important decision on the publication process and format. The publication is expected to be ready by mid-2014. Details of this meeting are available at the following web-link: http://www.wmo.int/pages/prog/amp/pwsp/SEB_Mee ting_2013_en.htm .

The “Common Alerting Protocol (CAP) Implementation Workshop” and “CAP Jump-Start Workshop”, Geneva, Switzerland, 23-24 April and 25 April 2013, respectively)



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The Common Alerting Protocol (CAP) Implementation Workshop provided a forum for CAP experts, CAP sponsoring institutions, National Meteorological and Hydrological Services (NMHSs) implementing or intending to implement CAP to meet and exchange experiences, discuss best practices and consider emerging technological and other related issues. The Final Report of the workshop is accessible at: http://www.wmo.int/pages/prog/amp/pwsp/document s/FR_CAP-IW_2013.pdf :

The purpose of the “CAP Jump-Start Workshop” was to demonstrate to participants how they can implement the CAP standard in their respective NMHSs. It also served to inform the participants of the CAP Jump-Start initiative of WMO in which WMO is offering expert assistance to NMHSs on how to implement the CAP Standard for dissemination of all alerts, for all media. Under the initiative, CAP experts provide direct support at the

strategic, operational, or technical levels. They also meet with the staff of the NMHSs, and technology providers, as well as other official alerting authorities identified by the host Member to offer hands-on support. For more information please open the following link:
http://www.wmo.int/pages/prog/amp/pwsp/CAPJumppStart_en.html .

“Severe Weather Forecasting Demonstration Project Regional Subprojects for the Bay of Bengal and for Southeast Asia – Training Workshop on Severe Weather Forecasting and Warning Services”, Macao, China, 15-19 April 2013

This Workshop was organized in Macao, China focusing on the Public Weather Services (PWS) component activity of the Severe Weather Forecasting Demonstration Project (SWFDP) for Southeast Asia and the Bay of Bengal. Participants came from Bhutan; Cambodia; India; Indonesia; Lao People's Democratic Republic; Macao, China; Maldives; Myanmar; Nepal; Pakistan; Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Viet Nam.

The participants learnt how they could take advantage of the improved forecasts and warnings that they were now able to produce through the SWFDP, to provide high quality services to the media, the public and the Disaster Management and Civil Protection Authorities (DMCPAs). The full details of the Workshop are provided at:
http://www.wmo.int/pages/prog/www/DPFS/Meetings/RAII-SeA-BoB-SWFDP-WK_Macau2013/DocPlan.html :

“Meeting of the Regional Sub-project Management Team (RSMT) of the Severe Weather Forecasting Demonstration Project (SWFDP) for Eastern Africa”, Arusha, United Republic of Tanzania, 27-31 May 2013

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss and review the implementation of the pilot phase of SWFDP in Eastern African countries including: Burundi, Ethiopia, Kenya, Rwanda, South Sudan, Uganda and the United Republic of Tanzania, and to chart the way forward. In particular, the meeting discussed the respective roles and capacities of centres involved in the Project with respect to severe weather forecasting, production and dissemination of warnings; public weather services and agrometeorological applications, observations and telecommunication aspects, and verification activities.

The Meeting reviewed the outcomes of the pilot phase of the SWFDP-Eastern Africa in relation to PWS, the impacts of the Project on the participating NMHSs, and the challenges faced in its implementation. The full report of the meeting is available at the following link:
<http://www.wmo.int/pages/prog/www/CBS->

[Reports/documents/RSMT-SWFDP-EA-Meeting-Report-Arusha-May2013.pdf](http://www.wmo.int/pages/prog/amp/pwsp/RSMT-SWFDP-EA-Meeting-Report-Arusha-May2013.pdf) .



Participants at the “Meeting of the Regional Sub-project Management Team (RSMT) of the Severe Weather Forecasting Demonstration Project (SWFDP) for Eastern Africa”, Arusha, United Republic of Tanzania, 27-31 May 2013

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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