

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

1 JULY 2013 – 30 SEPTEMBER 2013

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 third quarter of 2013 (1 July 2013 - 30 September 2013).

### PWS Activities, Reports and Outcomes

***“Meeting of the Commission for Basic Systems (DPFS-PWS) Task Team on the Provision of Operational Meteorological Assistance to Humanitarian Agencies”, WMO Headquarters, Geneva, Switzerland, 15-17 July 2013***

The CBS (DPFS-PWS) Task Team on the Provision of Operational Meteorological Assistance to Humanitarian Agencies met to discuss the needs and requirements of humanitarian agencies as well as the existing activities by other United Nations (UN) technical groups in serving humanitarian organizations. It also discussed the dissemination of products and services to humanitarian agencies to help mitigate the impacts of weather-related hazards.



The Task Team agreed on the activities it would carry out in order to be able to designate the criteria and functions that would enable the provision of operational meteorological products and services to Humanitarian Agencies; and to identify and establish global and regional operational arrangements that would assist humanitarian agencies and disaster managers in mitigating disasters. More details about this event are available at the following web-link:

[http://www.wmo.int/pages/prog/www/DPFS/Meetings/TT-Humanitarian\\_Geneva2013/DocPlan.html](http://www.wmo.int/pages/prog/www/DPFS/Meetings/TT-Humanitarian_Geneva2013/DocPlan.html) .

***“Meeting of the Commission for Basic Systems Open Programme Area Group on Public Weather Services Expert Team on Meeting User Needs in Reducing the Impacts of Hydrometeorological Hazards (CBS/OPAG-PWS ET/DPM)”, Flic en Flac, Mauritius, 16-19 September 2013***

The Expert Team focused on a number of issues relating to improved warnings and their use, including the future role of forecasters. Based on the recognition of a growing demand on National Meteorological and Hydrological Services (NMHSs) to provide impact-based services, the Meeting's business was dominated by the subject of impact-based information, forecast and warning services. The structure of draft guidelines on this subject was discussed and the decision on way forward was reached. The Final Report of the meeting is available at:

[http://www.wmo.int/pages/prog/amp/pwsp/documents/ET-DPM\\_Final\\_Report.doc](http://www.wmo.int/pages/prog/amp/pwsp/documents/ET-DPM_Final_Report.doc) .



***Participants at the “Meeting of the CBS/OPAG-PWS ET/DPM”, Flic en Flac, Mauritius, 16-19 September 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](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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