



WISER Consultative Meeting 16-17 October, 2016

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Weather and Climate Information Services for Africa (WISER)

- The Weather and Climate Information Services for Africa (WISER) is a DFID funded initiative to stimulate the uptake of climate information by policy makers and vulnerable groups including youth and women being implemented in two tracks:
- East Africa: led by the U.K. Met Service
- Pan Africa component implemented by ACPC

Objective of (WISER)

The objective is to enhance the resilience of Africa's people and economic development to weather and climate related shocks.

- The consultative meeting held 16-17 October, 2016 included WISER partners implementing quick start projects; including MET services, ICPAC, WMO and ACPC as well as potential partners to the ongoing implementation of the project

Main focus of WISER meeting

- To have a collective understanding of the WISER implementation framework which was developed to capture the following components:
 - Value for Money - economy (spending less), efficiency (spending well) and effectiveness (spending wisely) for the overall fund management of the project and in the implementation of supported projects.
 - Socio-economic benefits - the observed benefits of climate information at the community level

- Transformational impact - institutional, national and regional transformation in relation to new business models, strengthened networks, increased investment and influence on budget processes.
- Monitoring evaluation and learning - integrated logframe and the project's theory of change

In-depth issues discussed:

- Climate Information and Quality Assurance; Communication and Knowledge Management
- ✓ Climate Information and Quality Assurance key issues:
 - Challenge to demonstrate value through ability to accurately forecast weather parameters
 - need for "verification systems" aimed at assessing accuracy of forecasts
 - Method of analysis to measure the economic utility of the forecast that should consist of a verification procedure based on the operational risks involved in taking protective measures against' adverse weather.
 - Forecasting accuracy linked with economic usefulness

Other issues with Public Forecasting Decisions

- The economic advantages inherent in the use of probability forecasts are undeniable
- Challenges with issuance of probability estimates for general public use:
 - lack of experience on the part of forecasters in issuing probability forecast
 - need for public education regarding their use
 - technical difficulties arising from the necessity for simplifying a somewhat complex concept without invalidating certain basic principles.
 - user reliance on forecasters to make operational decisions

Communication and Knowledge management

- ✓ understanding the differences and similarities in approaches to engaging with stakeholders and end users
- ✓ How end users engage with content
- ✓ Co-production of content and the issue of language that is appropriate
- ✓ Key principles for effective partnerships
- ✓ The scope of knowledge management
- ✓ Knowledge delivery and tools
- ✓ Building sustainable collaboration and partnership

- Participants to the meeting also attended a session on strategies for improving Climate Information Services Delivery at different levels which was a pre-event of the CIS Day.



Thank You!