



Climate services at the international level

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There are several activities underway at the international level relating to climate services. Perhaps the most timely for this session is the Global Framework for Climate Services (GFCS) which arose from the World Climate Conference 3 in 2009 and is being developed now for implementation from the end of the year.

This talk will present some of the international activities, including the GFCS, which cover many of the important aspects relevant to climate services, such as observations and monitoring of climate, underpinning research, modelling and prediction, availability of climate information, development of products, user engagement, collaboration, and capacity building.

The talk will aim to provide the international context relevant to activities at the European and national level, as a setting for other presentations in this session. Future developments will also be discussed, and participants' comments and views will be useful in shaping future activities.