



Toward effective climate services: lessons for design and evaluation

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Despite growing interest in climate services, there is little agreement on what climate services are, where they are most effective, and how they should be designed to best deliver results. Questions regarding what kinds of information on which climate services should be based, the sorts of problems they can most effectively address, and the institutional arrangements needed to support them remain unresolved, with hundreds of climate service users and providers proceeding with a simultaneous and loosely coordinated process of learning by doing.

This presentation will draw on case studies developed by the Global Framework for Climate Services and the Climate Services Partnership to provide a snapshot of current practice regarding climate service provision. The presentation will also provide thoughts regarding the design of certain services and the overall development of the field. We will conclude with suggestions for research questions that may serve to accelerate our collective understanding of how best to design climate services as a means to mitigate climate-related risk.