



Uncertainty and Seasonal Forecasting : communicating the probabilistic forecast

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In seasonal forecasting, the communication of the uncertainty is undoubtedly one of the greatest challenge, especially over regions where the natural predictability is poor. The integration of the uncertainty into the use of the forecast is the only way to optimize the use of the information. And consequently, the way to convey the right message is crucial into the whole process in order to ensure that the information is used in the best possible way. So after presentation of what we are talking about when talking of uncertainty, some concrete example and some way to convey the relevant information will be discussed. Some conclusions with respect of providers and users will be proposed.