

Sub-Group on Climate Applications and Services in RAI

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Abstract

The establishment of Global Framework for Climate Services (GFCS) was decided at the World Climate Conference-3 (WCC-3) held in 2009. National Meteorological and Hydrological services (NMHSs) should play important role in GFCS particularly in the provision of climate information to the users and therefore regional cooperation among NMHSs is important.

RA II Working Group on Climate Services Adaptation and Agrometeorology, Sub-Group on Climate Applications and Services (WGCAA-CAS) had a meeting in Daegu, Republic of Korea, from 30 November to 2 December 2010. In the meeting, the action plan for the next three years was discussed taking implementation of GFCS into account.

The part of action plan related to "Climate Applications and User Liaison" is as follows.

- Dialogue with users is encouraged in national and regional levels using the opportunity of RCOF and National COF.
- A session of user interface is recommended to be set up in the next FOCRA II and user representatives such as agriculture and hydrology be invited to the session.
- Dialogue with users will be focused on agriculture and hydrology as a first step. For this purpose, WGCAA-CAS proposes to establish an appropriate coordination mechanism with the Sub-Group on Agrometeorology (WGCAA-AgM) and the Working Group on Hydrological Forecasts and Assessments (WGH).
- It is encouraged to exchange good practices in the application of climate information and to strengthen user-provider interaction. RCOF and RCC-homepage may be used for this purpose.
- A short document on concept of the National COF should be developed by WGCAA-CAS and the document be disseminated to NMHSs in RA II and call for pilot projects on NCOF.