

# STATEMENT ON THE OCCASION OF THE LAUNCHING OF “CLIMATE SENSE”

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Ladies and Gentlemen:

The World Meteorological Organization (WMO) is pleased to have participated in the exciting and collaborative effort that has resulted in Tudor Rose's publication of *Climate Sense*. This book vividly illustrates the critical role played by nations and organizations, especially the National Meteorological and Hydrological Services, in providing the necessary weather and climate data and products to support informed decision- and policy-making by public authorities and civil society.

*Climate Sense* brings together the authoritative views of numerous international, regional, national and local experts and stakeholders actively engaged in weather, climate and water observations, research, services and policy-making. It also identifies progress being made in societies' coordinated response to climate variability and change, as well as the challenges ahead.

*Climate Sense* describes the contributions of nations, both individually and collectively, towards the implementation of global observing and information systems, research programmes and intergovernmental assessments to provide policy-makers a clear representation of the climate system, including climate variability and change.

The personal statements and papers presented in *Climate Sense* effectively convey the present level of commitment and cooperation among nations, in their coordinated response to the climate change challenge.

The publishing of this key book on the occasion of World Climate Conference-3 serves as a reminder of the importance of climate adaptation as part of the necessary strategy for responding to climate variability and change. WCC-3 is expected to establish a Global Framework for Climate Services, thereby providing society the most appropriate information and tools for managing risks and seizing the opportunities generated by climate. Through its sharing of best practices across a variety of disciplines and sectors, *Climate Sense* is indeed a significant resource to support this Framework.

WMO therefore wishes to thank Tudor Rose for publishing *Climate Sense*, and to express its appreciation to all those who have contributed their expertise and their efforts to this outstanding publication.

Thank you.