

# Global Framework for Climate Services (GFCS):

## Climate Information for Sustainable Development

WMO/UNESCO Side Event at COP-17  
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Climate services are weakest in places where they are most needed – in vulnerable developing countries. For a modest investment, and by building on existing systems and capacities, the Global Framework for Climate Services (GFCS) can bring benefits for sustainable development in all countries.

**Thursday, 1 December 2011**  
**13h15 – 14h45, Room Blyde River**

### Programme

- Moderator:** Arthur Rolle, Director, Bahamas Department of Meteorology and President, Regional Association IV (North America) of WMO
- 13:15 hrs Opening remarks**  
Michel Jarraud, Secretary General, WMO
- 13:25 hrs Climate Services for Sustainable Development**  
Mahmoud Abu Zeid, Co-Chair of the High Level Task Force for GFCS, and President of Arab Water Council
- 13:40 hrs Investments in Observing Systems**  
Adrian Simmons, Chair, Global Climate Observing System (GCOS) Steering Committee
- 13:55 hrs People-centered Approach for Provision of Climate Information and Services**  
Carlo Scaramella, World Food Programme (WFP)
- 14:05 hrs Interactive Panel Discussion**  
UNESCO/IOC Douglas Nakashima/Albert Fischer  
UNDP Stephen Gold  
FAO Alberto Sandoval  
WHO Marina Maiero  
UNEP Keith Alverson  
ISDR Helena Molin-Valdes
- 14:35hrs Wrap up and closing remarks**

