



**International Workshop on Climate Data Requirements and Applications  
Progressing on Data Management Tools, Data Rescue in support  
of Climate Change Assessment and the Global Framework for Climate Services**

**4-8 Nanjing 2013 Nanjing, China**

**Side Meetings**

**Background**

Several CCI, RCC leaders and other experts are not expected to be involved in Part B of the workshop (Day 3 to Day 5). See the latest version of the Agenda at [http://www.wmo.int/pages/prog/wcp/wcdmp/documents/China\\_workshop\\_agenda.pdf](http://www.wmo.int/pages/prog/wcp/wcdmp/documents/China_workshop_agenda.pdf)

It is therefore a good opportunity to benefit from this time window to organize three side events during which these experts will discuss face to face some important issues relevant to the ongoing climate activities and projects

This document provides the description of three (3) planned side events to address respectively three topics:

- **Climate Normals,**
- **Data Rescue and Climate Assessment initiatives in the regions and globally;**
- **Regional Climate Centres**

**Wednesday, 6 March, 10:00 – 12:00**

**Side Meeting on Climate Normals**

**Chair: William Wright**

**Objectives:** The meeting will be an opportunity to inform about the current status of work in providing guidance to the Members on Climate Normals. The discussions are expected to build on the discussion paper by William Wright. [http://www.wmo.int/pages/prog/wcp/wcdmp/documents/Rev\\_discussion\\_paper\\_May2012.pdf](http://www.wmo.int/pages/prog/wcp/wcdmp/documents/Rev_discussion_paper_May2012.pdf) and the discussions led by Tom Peterson with CCI stakeholders and communication advisor (to be summarized by Tom Peterson). CCI Task Team and Expert Team leaders attending the workshop will take the opportunity to present their perspectives on using Climate Normals in the various areas of their Expertise; like National Climate Monitoring Products and climate indices. Climate Normals is also a product that CDMSs should produce as part of their new requirements. ET-CDMS perspective will be also important to discuss.

**Expected outcome:** Recommendations on the CCI approach on Climate Normals

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**Wednesday, 6 March, 14:30 – 16:30**

**Side Meeting on Data Rescue, Climate Assessment and Data Sets**

**Chair: Aryan Van Engelen**

**Objectives:** The meeting will review the current steps taken by TT-DARE and ET-CCDI to build on the success of joining DARE and ET-CCDI efforts. An emphasis will be made on the concept of International Climate Assessment and Data Sets (ICA&D) and its contribution to the GFCS and how to move this initiative forward. Discussion on the the role key stakeholders (e.g. NMHSs, international institutions, RCCs etc.) in building regional components of ICA&D and the related capacity development will be also discussed

**Expected outcomes:** Recommendations on how to strengthen DARE and ET-CCDI activities and how to accelerate the implementation of the International Climate Assessment and Data Sets (ICA&D)

**Documentation to be provided before the meeting:** ICA&D poster and respective WMO Bulletin article, report on joint TT DARE – ET-CCDI efforts

**Thursday, 7 March, 15:00 – 17:00:**

**Side meeting on RCC and potential RCCs**

**Chair: Rodney Martinez**

**Objectives:** The meeting will be an opportunity for RCC leaders to meet and share information on success stories and challenges in establishing and operating the designated and potential RCCs. Each RCC leader will brief on the current status and challenges with a focus on the mandatory RCC function 'operational data services'. Example of issues to be addressed would be:

- What role RCC is playing in climate data and its management and what would be the future role in the context of GFCS and the International Climate Assessment and Data Sets (ICA&D)
- Ways and mechanisms for benefiting from each other experience: Sharing training opportunities and visiting experts, sharing methodologies and software for data analysis and data set development etc.

**Expected outcome:** Recommendations on how to strengthen climate data related functions of WMO RCCs

**Documentation to be provided before the meeting:** WMO RCC mandatory as well as highly-recommended functions in the domain of climate data