

Expert Segment programme

	Monday, 31 August	Tuesday, 1 September		
9:00–10:30	Opening of the Conference	P2: Economic and social benefits of climate information		
10:30–12:00		P3: Advancing climate prediction science		
	Lunch break	Lunch break		
13:30–15:00	P1: The shared challenge (continued)	Working sessions		Forum
		W1: Climate and human health	W2: Climate and sustainable energy	W3: Seasonal-to-interannual climate variability
	Round-table discussion R1: Climate risk management	Coffee break		
15:30–17:00		Working sessions		Forum
		W4: Climate and water	W5: Climate, transportation and tourism	W6: Climate observations
	Coffee break (16:30 - 17:00)			
	Poster session (1)	Coffee break		
17:30–19:00		Poster session (2)		Round-table discussion R2: Climate adaptation and the Copenhagen process
19:00–end	Reception			

	Opening and closing sessions	Formal addresses and elaboration of the vision and objectives for the Conference.
	Plenary sessions	Introduce the challenges and opportunities for various economic sectors and society at large to use climate predictions and information to adapt their activities to climate variability and change and manage the associated risks.
	Working sessions (user focus)	Consist of two presentations: one on climate service needs and one on capabilities within the identified applications areas.
	Working sessions (scientific focus)	Focus on needs and capabilities in specific scientific rather than application areas.

Wednesday, 2 September					
P4: Climate extremes, warning systems and disaster risk reduction					
P5: Mainstreaming climate information					
Lunch break					
Implementing climate services	Working sessions			Forum	Implementing climate services
I1: From observations to predictions	W7: Climate and biodiversity and natural resource management	W8: Climate and more sustainable cities	W9: Decadal climate variability	F3: Business and industry	I3: Nations and regions
Coffee break					
Implementing climate services	Working sessions			Forum	I3: Nations and regions
I2: Research engagement	W10: Climate and food security	W11: Climate of oceans and coasts	W12: Regional climate information for risk management	F4: Capacity-building, education and training	
Coffee break					
Poster session (3)		Round-table discussion R3: Communicating climate information			

Forums	Provide an opportunity for individuals, groups and institutions, who may be outside the specific scientific and user communities organizing WCC-3, to enrich the Conference outcomes.
Workshops on Implementing climate services	Focus on the demonstration of the best practices in delivery and application of climate services.
Round-table discussions	Focus on the processes and issues in the application and communication of climate information and services.
Poster sessions	Organized to communicate scientific findings and other climate information to Conference participants. Posters are invited from interested university scientists and graduate students, scientists at government agencies and research laboratories and from other interested individuals or groups (e.g. non-governmental organizations).