



CONCEPT NOTE

Side Event

Building Science-Policy Interface to Promote Climate Policy Development: Case Study of Socio-Economic Benefit of Climate Services in Fiji

Moana Blue Pacific Pavilion

Wednesday 20 November 2024 – 4-4.50 PM GMT+4

1. Background

The overall objective of ClimSA Programme is to strengthen the climate service value chain through building the capacities of decision-makers at all levels to make effective use of climate information and services. Mainstreaming climate into policy involves integrating climate considerations into all levels of decision-making. This is particularly relevant in regions like Africa, the Caribbean and the Pacific, where climate change poses significant risks to development, livelihoods and ecosystems. The ClimSA Programme has adopted its strategy for mainstreaming climate into policy by focusing on coordinating the capacity development of RCCs in production, application, use and evaluation of the impact (or benefit) of climate information and services for the sustainable socio-economic development of these regions.

The ClimSA approach to policy development is based on assessing the benefits of climate information and services for climate-sensitive socio-economic sectors, in order to inform policy development. The evaluation of users' outcomes will serve as a catalyst for policy and regulation development. Each RCC is required to produce climate information (outputs of the action) through a co-production mechanism, ensuring the outputs are tailored to the specific needs of particular sectors.

Once the tailored climate services are designed and produced, the Programme must support the users in the application of climate information (through trainings and advisories) and participate in the evaluation of the outcomes for users under the User Interface Platform (UIP). The primary focus in this action is to produce a useful product for users. The feedback on co-design and co-production are done during the user interface platform (UIP) organised during the regional climate outlook forum (RCOF). Application & uptake of climate services for sectors such as agriculture, DRR, Water resources are reported during the same RCOF. As part of the process to demonstrate socio-economic benefits of climate information services (CIS), the ClimSA Programme had developed a SEB tool, which assesses the economic and social benefits of climate information services in comparison to the costs of investments. The framework essentially built on a business case for ongoing investment in CIS, by showing the impacts of integrating climate information into the policy and resource allocation process. The outputs of the SEB tool are key inputs for policy awareness to inform policy development. ClimSA conducted a survey where users expressed their views on the climate mainstreaming

to policy. The side event will present first results of the socio-economic benefit assessment conducted in the pilot regional focus countries such as Fiji, Guyana, Burkina Faso and Kenya.

2. OBJECTIVES

The purpose of the side event is to discuss on the user survey's feedback on the status of science - policy interface that is meant to bridge the gap between climate science and policy for improved mainstreaming of climate services into policy processes at regional and national levels. The discussion will be around the five steps proposed by ClimSA coordination team to implement the result area five on mainstream in climate into policy development.

The specific objectives

Side event will focus to:

1. Discuss the feedback's mechanism for the co-design and co-production of climate services development;
2. Review the use and application of climate services;
3. Agree for the use of socio-economic benefit (SEB) tool's outputs for the evaluation of the usefulness of climate services;
4. Discuss on the policy maker awareness dialogue plan; and
5. Showcase climate mainstreaming in policy development from RCC's contributions.

3. EXPECTED RESULTS

- i. Understanding and engagement through UIPs for co-design and co-production triggering to policy development promoted
- ii. Sharing of best practices among Regional Climate Centres for science – policy interface encouraged; and
- iii. User requirement for mainstreaming climate to policy addressed

4. PRESENTATION FORMAT

- i. Presentations
- ii. Panel Discussions

5. PARTICIPANTS

- OACPS RCCs
- ClimSA technical implementing partners

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