# Regional Climate Services Workshop 2011

Exploring Regional Climate Services:

Meeting Stakeholder Needs for Practical Climate Information

November 21-23, 2011

Michele Pujol Room, Student Union Building
University of Victoria











# Workshop Agenda

## **Objectives**

- To bring together climate stakeholders, regional climate service providers, climate scientists
  and the media to discuss communication approaches, scientific tools, stakeholder needs and
  the role of mass media in shaping perspectives on climate variability and change.
- To collectively author a draft manuscript that describes the factors and prerequisites that influence the effective delivery of regional climate services, informed by the various presentations and participant experiences.

Target length: 12-15 pages published (~6,000 words).

Target Audience: users and providers of regional climate services, including those with the responsibility to design and oversee the implementation of regional climate service strategies.

Structure/content: five major sections corresponding to each of the workshop sessions, bookended by introductory and concluding recommendations sections.

#### **Format**

- The workshop is divided into five half-day sessions. Three or four invited speakers will open
  each session followed by a selection of contributed papers. After the speaking portion of the
  session, participants will breakout into their writing groups to prepare their draft text. A continental breakfast, lunch and break snacks including coffee and tea will be provided throughout
  the day.
- Workshop participants will be divided into five groups, one group corresponding to the five workshop session topics. Each group will meet five times as the workshop evolves.
- Each writing group will have two participants whose responsibility is to "hold the pen" for their group.
- It is expected that each group will produce ~3 pages of draft text on their topic as input to the paper.

# November 21

8:00	REGISTRATION (continental breakfast provided in the Upper Lounge)
8:30	Workshop Introduction  Welcome, Howard Brunt, Vice President Research, University of Victoria
8:45	* Hans von Storch, Helmholtz-Zentrum Geesthacht (HZG) Regional Climate Services in a Post Normal Context
9:15	* Kindy Gosal, Columbia Basin Trust Climate Science: Taking it to the People — Adaptation at Work in Communities  * Grit Martinez, Ecologic and Dennis Bray, HZG The Perceptions of Political Decision Makers on Climate Change and Adaptation to Climate Change in the Baltic Sea  * Nicole von Lieberman, Hamburg Port Authority Climatic Change Impacts on Port Development — A Climate Stakeholder Perspective  * Pam Kertland, Natural Resources Canada Insights from Surveys of Canadian Decision Makers
10:35	MORNING BREAK
11:00	Marlow Pellatt, Parks Canada Protected Areas and Climate Change: Mitigation and Adaptation Activities in Canada's National Parks  Johanna Wolf, Memorial University of Newfoundland Engagement with Aboriginal Communities in North Eastern Canada: Ideas for Climate Service Providers  Peter Chapman, SHARE Investor Needs for Regional Climate Services

# November 21 (continued)

11:45	Writing Group Breakout (working lunch)  Group introductions  Assignment 1: Confirm Provided Outline  Assignment 2: Draft Section 1
13:00	* Albert Klein-Tank, KNMI European Climate Data and Information Products for Monitoring and Assessment Needs  * Pierre Baril, Ouranos Consortium Ouranos Approach in Integrated Climate Change and Adaptation Research  * Amy Snover, Climate Impacts Group [TITLE TBA]  * Insa Meinke, HZG, North German Climate Office Regional Climate Service — Experiences from the North German Climate Office
14:50	AFTERNOON BREAK
15:10	Hans Schipper, KIT, South German Climate Office About Telling, Listening and Acting — Experiences of the South German Climate Office Andreas Marx, UFZ, Mid German Climate Office Dialogue with Regional Stakeholders — Information Exchange, Needs and Conflicts  Tom Mahood, Ch2M Hill Best Practices for Assessing Climate Risk from Extreme Rainfall Events for Design of Stormwater Facilities  Ellen Pond, University of British Columbia Case Study: Sea Level Rise Adaptation in Delta (BC Regional Adaptation Collaborative)
16:10	Writing Group Breakout  Assignment 1: Draft Section 2
17:30	Session groups return to Michele Pujol Room to report on progress

# November 22

8:00	REGISTRATION (continental breakfast provided in the Upper Lounge)
8:30	* Andrew Weaver, University of Victoria Climate Science Communication and the North American Media
9:00	Session 3: Communicating Regional Climate Science  * Dave Sauchyn, Prairie Adaptation Regional Collaborative Managing the Message in a Variable Climate: Communicating Climate Science in Canada's Western Interior  * Werner Krauss, Helmholtz-Zentrum Geesthacht Making Climate Public: The View from Anthropology  * Charles Lin, Environment Canada Delivering and Communicating Climate Science: A Federal Science Perspective
10:00	MORNING BREAK
10:20	Stewart Cohen, Environment Canada Avoiding 'Lost in Translation' — Enabling Shared Learning in Climate Change Adaptation  Ewa Jackson, ICLEI Canada Translating Climate Science: Communicating Climate Change to Local Governments  Stephen Tyler and Sarah Opitz-Stapleton, Institute for Social and Environmental Transition Dealing with Data Deficits in Planning for Climate Adaptation
11:05	LUNCH AND WRITING GROUP BREAKOUT  Writing Group Breakout (working lunch)  Assignment 1: Draft Section 3

# November 22 (continued)

#### \* Invited speaker

13:45	Session 4: The Role of Mass Media
	* Susan Hassol, Climate Communication Helping the Media Help Us to Tell the Climate Change Story
	* Mike Schæfer, KlimaCampus Hamburg Translator, Mediator, or Opponent? The Role of the Media in Climate Communication
	* Reiner Grundman, Aston University Climate Change in the Print Media: A Comparative Perspective
14:45	<ul> <li>Writing Group Breakout</li> <li>Assignment 1: Review Previous Sections</li> <li>Assignment 2: Draft Section 4</li> </ul>
17:30	Session groups return to Michele Pujol Room to report on progress

# 19:00 Workshop Dinner Milestones Grill + Bar 812 Wharf Street, Victoria, BC http://www.milestonesrestaurants.com 1-877-439-1188 • four-course meal • pre-sold tickets

# November 23

8:00	REGISTRATION (continental breakfast provided in the Upper Lounge)
8:30	Keynote Address
	* Francis Zwiers, Pacific Climate Impacts Consortium [TITLE TBA]
9:00	Session 5: Regional Focus — The BC Perspective
	* Tom Pedersen, Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions Responding to the CO2 Challenge Via Grid Integration in Western Canada
	* Stephanie Smith, BC Hydro [TITLE TBA]
	E. (Ted) J. Weick, BC Ministry of Environment  BC's Climate Related Monitoring Program — An Update
10:00	MORNING BREAK
10:30	Marc Nelitz, ESSA Technologies Ltd.  Evaluating the Vulnerability of Freshwater to Climate Change and Identifying Regional Adaptation Strategies
	Kim Hyatt, Fisheries and Oceans Canada Responses of Physics, Phytoplankton, Fish and Folks to Climate Variation and Change Events
	Tongli Wang, Centre for Forest Conservation Genetics, University of British Columbia  Development of Climate Bases Seed Transfer System for British Columbia
	Matthias Jakob, BGC Engineering Inc.  Regional and Climate Change Adjusted IDF Curves, Metro Vancouver
11:30	LUNCH AND WRITING GROUP BREAKOUT
	Writing Group Breakout (working lunch)
	Assignment 3: Proft Section 5  Assignment 3: Proft Section 5
	<ul> <li>Assignment 2: Draft Section 5</li> <li>Assignment 3: Synthesis of all Sections</li> </ul>

