

## **WEATHER WATER CLIMATE SERVICES TRAINING FOR NGO PRACTITIONERS AND FUTURE MULTIPLICATORS**

### **CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS**

<b>Venue</b>	Basel, meteoblue
<b>Duration</b>	3 days, Tuesday 21 January – Thursday 23 January
<b>Cost</b>	Max. 300 CHF (platform contribution to be confirmed) for workshop and lunch. Travel and accommodation on your own cost
<b>Target audience</b>	NGO practitioners from Swiss NGO DRR platform member organisations or their partners with potential or active role as multipliers for WWCS within their programs
<b>Format</b>	on site only, no hybrid participation possible. Efforts to raise resources for travel costs to bring people from program countries will be started.
<b>Registration</b>	<a href="#">Events   Swiss NGO DRR Platform</a>
<b>Deadline</b>	Please register until Friday December 6 2024.

### **BACKGROUND**

Weather, water and climate services (WWCS) play a crucial role in climate adaptation and disaster risk reduction. They are increasingly recognized and supported by NGO and CSO initiatives and programmes. However, for WWCS to become effective, they require the collaboration of multiple interdisciplinary stakeholders, the global and national frameworks, the partners and providers from the private sector, and, most importantly, motivated end users who take advantage of the added value. Many of these components have been addressed during the learning days and annual event of the Swiss NGO DRR Platform in June 2024. It is also thanks to that event that the idea of a more in-depth training for NGO practitioners came up, to further spread and deepen the knowledge and share specific approaches, tools and concrete experiences.

### **OBJECTIVES**

The training will on one hand familiarize participants with the use and interpretation of meteoblue service as an example for globally available detailed weather information. Participants will also get familiarized with specific services, for example agrometeo services, in a payment model. Following with the PICSA methodology will teach participants how to work with uncertainties, in the agricultural sector but also in other sectors where weather and climate information is increasingly integrated.

- Participants are familiarized with the use of weather services and the interpretation of weather information. At the end of the first day they will have learned to make their own series of weather forecasts leading up to an outdoor event, starting 14 days in advance, with free online weather information. [*Option: starting 14 days in advance, participants can take part in short webinars and produce a series of weather forecasts for the workshop days.*]
- Participants are able to design and steer project interventions including better access to WWCS for their beneficiaries and partners based on readily available weather and climate information.

- Participants are familiarized with PICSA – Participatory Integrated Climate Services for Agriculture, developed by University of Reading
- Participants are able to design and steer project interventions including PICSA as a bottom-up capacity building and empowerment approach with a specific focus on dealing with uncertainties in integration of weather and climate forecasts.
- Participants are able to replicate the acquired knowledge within their organisation using the training materials developed for this training.

## **PARTICIPANTS**

Training participants are motivated to deepen their knowledge on WWCS and to boost this component in their organisation. Participants can come from any sector or thematic area. Ideally they have participated in the 2024 Learning Days and Annual Event on WWCS, or they are motivated to catch up on those discussions (video recordings and documents) for preliminary preparation.

Participants have a proven current or future responsibility for DRR and CCA within their organisation, as specific thematic focus or in a mainstreaming approach. They are within their organisation active in roles to promote, integrate and steer WWCS components in the projects and programs of their respective NGOs.

The number of participants is limited to 20. The training will take place in English. Participants from Swiss NGO DRR Platform members have priority, but the event is open also for non-member participants.

## **FACILITATORS**

- Overall facilitation by Swiss NGO DRR platform
- For PICSA: Peter Dorward or Graham Clarkson, University Reading
- For weather and climate services: Christoph Ramshorn, meteoblue

## **TIMETABLE**

The timetable can still be adapted according to availabilities of trainers and other factors. It is suggested to start with the PICSA methodology as it is key to maximise the use of weather information considering the use of uncertainty.

	<b>January 21</b>	<b>January 22</b>	<b>January 23</b>
<b>Morning</b>	Arrival of participants	Introduction to weather services	Open Q&A
<b>Noon</b>	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
<b>Afternoon</b>	Introduction to PICSA	Exercise 2	Departure of participants
<b>Evening</b>	Exercise 1	Presentation of group work results	

## **FURTHER INFORMATION**

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