

**Name of your organization:** World Meteorological Organization

**Title and submission date of the action pledge you are updating:**

WMO Action Pledge 7 - 15/09/2010

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Background	
<b>Title of Initiative/ Programme/Project</b>	
Climate Information for Adaptation and Risk Management (CIARM) Project 2: Climate Risk and Sector-Specific Climate Indices	
<b>Element of action pledge on which progress is reported here</b> <sup>1</sup>	
Activity 1	
Activities undertaken and main outputs	
<b>Activity</b>	
1. Organize and co-sponsor meetings, bringing together climate and sector-based Indices experts, e.g. Meeting of the Commission for Climatology (CCI) Expert Team on Climate Risk and Sector-specific Climate Indices)	A meeting of the CCI Expert Team on Climate Risk and Sector-specific Climate Indices was held in Tarragona, Spain from 13-15 July 2011. Participants included representatives of climate, agriculture and health sectors to discuss droughts and heatwaves. A minimum of 18 sector-specific climate indices will be added to the freely available indices 'tool' (RClimDex software, with user's manual and advice), to facilitate use of standardized indices (using single and multiple variables) in sector applications of climate information.
2, 3 4 and 5 are as written in the original pledge.	
Potential Application/Implication for adaption community within and beyond the NWP network	
For practitioners	Standardized outputs (climate indices) relevant to climate-sensitive sectors, based on high-quality site specific climate data and developed by climate and sector communities jointly, should improve knowledge of local climates pertinent to those sectors and facilitate development of adaptation strategies.
For policy makers	Improved relations between climate and sector experts should lead to improved knowledge and products, and may promote increased demand for observations and applied climate research. Inclusion of sector-specific climate indices in the climate change efforts may help to improve NMHSs support for climate change and adaptation efforts at national scale.
Plans for next steps	
Activities 2, 3, 4 and 5 as outlined in the original pledge, to take place over the next several years.	