A National Framework for Climate Services for the UK

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https://www.ukclimateresilience.org/news-events/a-national-framework-for-climate-services-in-the-uk/
Motivation:

There is plenty of excellent Climate Services work in the UK but a ‘driving force’ promoting continuity & longevity is missing, leading to lack of coordination for the UK’s rich climate services landscape.

Action:

Over an 18-month project, 80+ individuals from 60+ organisations across the UK have provided recommendations for a National Framework for Climate Services for the UK.

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Findings:

There is a clear desire and need in the community for high level coordination & centralised leadership / focal point to enhance the pull through of climate information into adaptation & resilience. This will ensure that the legacy of past, current & future investment into climate services is increased resilience through improved adaptation.

The NFCS should be a multiplier: adding value to existing programs and initiatives & enhancing outputs.

This recommended structure for the UK NFCS will allow the UK to build upon its strong foundations.

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Some key findings from the Central Hub workshop:

0 – 2 years:
- Develop value proposition.
- Capitalise on opportunities offered by NAP3 and new gov. structures.
- Funding!

2 - 5 years:
- Professionalisation of Climate Service providers (e.g. chartership).
- CCRA4, EU Standards work: opportunities

5 - 10 years:
- Expansion / diversification of funding.
- Reflection point: what is working, what isn’t?

Whoever facilitates this going forward should not be leading as such, but enabling others to deliver.

The focus should be on what’s ‘good enough’ – need to bring along everyone, no matter where they are in their journey.

The climate services standard could be used as a guide to ensure best practice.

Which activities on this roadmap are you going to take part in?