Dear CG Members,

Across the globe, the needs of societies for more accurate and reliable weather, climate, and hydrological information have never been greater. Building and sustaining partnerships, which bring together the public, private and academic sectors, will be critical to meeting these needs. In this issue, we take a closer look at how partnerships can power progress in hydromet development.

Best,
Julie

Knowledge

The Power of Partnership: Public and Private Engagement in Hydromet Services

Over the past decade, partnerships between the private, public and academic sectors have played a key role in driving advances in technology and innovation which have widened the scope of products and services that can be used to improve weather data, warning systems, and hydromet information. Using case studies of eight countries, this in-depth report examines the current landscape of partnerships in hydromet and provides practical guidance for how to promote and sustain effective partnerships toward the development of this sector.

View the full report | Check out the interactive tool

News & Views

Bangladeshi farmers reap the benefits of new weather forecasts

No stranger to floods, cyclones, and droughts, Bangladesh is bracing for more extreme weather, in no small part due to climate change. The good news is that the country’s investments in hydromet development are beginning to pay off, including in the agriculture sector. As evidenced at the recent South Asia Hydromet Forum, Bangladesh is eager to share lessons learned from its progress on hydromet development with its peers in the region.

Investing in modern hydromet services for a climate-resilient Africa

If no action is taken, an estimated 40 million people in sub-Saharan Africa could fall back into poverty by 2030 because of weather and climate shocks. In partnership with the Africa Hydromet Program, sub-Saharan governments are taking big steps toward ensuring access to more accurate and reliable weather, climate, and hydrological information across the continent.

Videos

Q&A: Impact-based weather forecasting for emergency operations

Effective emergency response is critical to saving lives and minimizing losses when disaster strikes. How can the hydromet community partner with emergency operations centers to strengthen emergency response? Arati Belle, Disaster Risk Management Specialist with the World Bank Group, shares a few insights about impact-based weather forecasting on the sidelines of the South Asia Regional Workshop on Emergency Operations Centers.
Dear CG Members,

From the devastation wrought by Cyclones Idai and Kenneth in Southern Africa to the triple shock of an earthquake and a resulting tsunami and landslides in Indonesia, the disasters of the past fiscal year leave little doubt that our work to bring resilience to scale remains as important as ever. I am pleased to share with you GFDRR's Annual Report for FY19.

Best,
Julie

GFDRR FY19 Annual Report

This Annual Report highlights the progress and results achieved during FY19. It provides an overview of grant making activities in six regions and across GFDRR's eight targeted areas of engagement. It also explores some areas of the work in greater depth and includes financial statements for the fiscal year.

FULL REPORT | EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Here's a preview of what you'll see in the full report.

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