
Date of Initial Call: **September 29**

Subject: **Communicating Climate Change Uncertainty**

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Identified Challenges

- As related to climate information portals, the **benefit and harm of data and tools** provided without clearly communicating the science and uncertainty behind it, is unknown. Climate information platforms must **improve their representation of uncertainty**.
- **Scientists and practitioners** must work together to achieve this goal.
- **Capacity building** in the field of **understanding and managing uncertainty** is required.
- Further, a better understanding of **how practitioners in partner countries use information** from climate information portals **and how they deal with uncertainty in decision-making processes** is required.

Outcomes and Agreements

- World Bank and GIZ will **intensify collaboration** on “Communicating Uncertainty” – Concepts and ideas on improving the representation of uncertainty on the Climate Change Knowledge Portal and ci:grasp will be exchanged and reviewed.
- Steve Zwick – with his experience as an investment broker and journalist – offered his **support for “translating” climate science in clearly understandable messages** to facilitate the communication of uncertainty.
- In an upcoming workshop in Mexico, which is jointly conducted by the World Bank and GIZ, **uncertainty will be integrated in a session** on “Identifying and Understanding Climate Variability, Potential Impacts, Associated Risk, and Adaptation Priorities” in which both portals, the Climate Change Knowledge Portal and ci:grasp, are presented and applied by users. The workshop will also be taken as a **chance to get a better idea of how partner organizations/countries deal with uncertainty** and what their needs with respect to the integration of uncertainty into climate analysis and decision-making under uncertainty are.
- Both intensified collaboration on “Communicating Uncertainty” and experience from the workshop, is expected to result in a **better representation of uncertainty on the platforms**.
- The experience from the workshop, ideas on the improvement of communicating uncertainty on climate information platforms and (potentially) a climate-science perspective on the topic

will be **shared with other Climate Knowledge Brokers and potentially users of climate information in a webinar** (presumably in November).

- Steve will **blog** on the process and communicate it to a wider audience if an interesting story evolves from the process – World Bank and GIZ will inform Steve about the information that may be published in this context.
- The next Group Call will presumably be in **November**.