Humanitarian actors continue to shift from a response paradigm toward policies and strategies that emphasize preparedness and risk reduction. In parallel, climate actors such as meteorological services and climate scientists are reorganizing around the concept of climate services, which aims to inform development, adaptation and disaster risk management through improved use of climate information. Humanitarian and climate actors share a common objective of protecting lives and livelihoods, which can best be realized by collaboration.

This side session demonstrates how climate and humanitarian partnerships have resulted in improved humanitarian outcomes in Asia, Africa and Latin America. These partnerships are essential to ensuring that climate information needs are identified, met and communicated effectively to result in better informed action. These cases and lessons are captured in the forthcoming *Climate and Society Publication No. 3, 'A Better Climate for Disaster Risk Management*', a product of collaboration between the IRI, IFRC, WFP, OCHA, CCAFS and NOAA.

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