Energy & Meteorology Nexus

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Energy & Meteorology go hand in hand



The Energy industry has a multidecadal experience in dealing with meteorological variables, so what's the big deal?

The landscape, in both climate and energy spaces, is changing rapidly



Strong growth in renewables





IRENA (2014)

CO2 emissions and temperature



IPCC AR5 (2013)



Disasters due to natural events



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EM-DAT (2012)

Addressing the ever variable nature of climate



Monthly forecasts for hydro power



Forecast date



Hydropower represents 20.6% of EDF's installed capacity in France and provides very attractive flexibility during peaks in demand. Forecasts of river flow and water stocks are therefore crucial for the managers of the system.



in France

Dubus (2014)





Harmonising meteorological information to effectively tackle energy resilience



A lot of expert knowledge around ...

- IEA Wind and Solar Heating & Cooling Tasks
- WMO Commission for Climatology
- IRENA
- World Bank
- EU-Copernicus
- American/European Meteorological Society
- ESIP-FED



... but how can one

1 Navigate the system?

2 Be re-assured the information available can be trusted?

Obtain better access to data?





GFCS is a UN-led initiative which provides a worldwide mechanism for coordinated actions to enhance the quality, quantity and application of climate services.

Energy has been recently adopted as a priority area

See draft of Energy exemplar at: http://gfcs.wmo.int/sites/default/files/2015.10.27 IBCS MC-3-d05-2-REV1-Energy Exemplar-Approved_en.docx

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http://gfcs.wmo.int/

GFCS–Energy Implementation

- Final endorsement of the exemplar by IBCS MG
- Stakeholders interface platform
 - Coordination and implementation support
 - Partnership with Energy organizations such as IEA, IRENA and WEC and boundary institutions such as WBCSD and WEMC
- Compilation of tools and methods, fill gaps
- Applied work and demonstrations in specific regional and market contexts
 - E.g. proposal preparation for GCF



Areas of Focus for Energy

- 1. Identification & Resource Assessment
- 2. Impact assessments (incl. infrastructure and environment)
- 3. Site Selection & Financing
- 4. Operations & Maintenance
- 5. Energy Integration
 - Market trading (incl. supply and demand forecasts) & Insurance
 - Energy efficiency



Requirements – Building Blocks

	User Interface Platform	Climate Services Information System	Observations and Monitoring	Research Modelling and Prediction
Identification & Resource Assessment	 Provide information about appropriate repositories of data and products for resource and climate risk estimation 	 Historical datasets of relevant meteorological data (in situ, satellite-derived and model- based) and related metadata 	 In situ, and satellite- derived meteorological data for assessment of resources and risks 	 Improvement of observation instrumentation Improvement of satellite retrieval and conversion algorithms
Impact assessments	 Identify relevant meteorological and climate phenomena for specific infrastructure 	 Historical datasets and climate analyses of extreme events 	 High-grade in situ data Air quality and gas emission database 	 Characterization of extreme events and probabilities, return periods, probabilities of occurrence, exceedance

 \leftarrow CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT AND SUPPORT \rightarrow



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- WEMC's primary goal is to enable improved sustainability, resilience and efficiency of energy systems under ever changing weather and climate
- WEMC is based at the University of East Anglia (UEA) in the UK





http://www.wemcouncil.org/



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WEMC VISION

- To enhance productivity and policy formulation for the energy industry through a close collaboration
- To achieve improved adoption of weather, climate and other environmental information by the energy industry towards more efficient and sustainable risk management practices
- To maximize the exchange of weather, climate and other environmental information between developed and developing countries



Take away messages

- Energy and Meteorology are closely connected
- Energy systems are already experiencing sizeable impacts, which are likely to become more severe
- There is a strong need:
 - to improve knowledge of meteorological data and processes
 - to provide trusted information to the energy industry through coordination efforts
 - to improve access to meteorological, and possibly energy, data



Thank you