

17th Session of WMO Commission for Agricultural Meteorology

Outcomes CAgM-17 – South Korea – April 2018

- Highlighted efforts of the IDMP in deliberations and decisions and connected efforts on drought of national Agricultural Meteorology authorities and IDMP
- Approved 2018-2022 priorities included Recommendation on Drought and Desertification
- Invited WMO Members to encourage open sharing of agricultural, meteorological and hydrological data among national and regional ministries and organizations to improve drought-related decision-making and support the development of drought early warning systems

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- Recommendation requested all relevant WMO technical commissions, programmes and regional associations to liaise with CAgM and IDMP experts and establish synergies with CAgM and IDMP with regards to drought-monitoring and early warning systems, drought vulnerability and impact assessments, and drought preparedness especially with regards to Global Multi-hazard Alert System (GMAS), Global Hydrological Status and Outlook System (HydroSOS) and cataloguing extreme weather, water and climate events.
- President of CAgM is main WMO focal point on drought Issues (EC-69)

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- **Established CAgM Expert Team on Drought (Andrea Susnik)**
- **Deliverables /outputs:**
 - Guidance material on drought risk management measures in conjunction with IDMP;
 - Report on status of drought-monitoring systems, outlooks, impacts, assessment of possible agricultural losses and preparedness;
 - Guidance material on how to clearly communicate the existing definitions of drought;
 - Provide summary of drought and its impacts on agriculture for the WMO Annual Statement on the Status of the Global Climate and the Global Seasonal Climate Update
 - Guidance material on incorporating national drought alerts and warnings into regional Multi-Hazard Early Warning Systems (MHEWS) and global alert systems such as GMAS and the Common Alerting Protocol.