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Subject: Stakeholder consultation workshop for establishing the National Framework for Climate Services in India (NFCS–India) during 5-6 October 2023

A Stakeholder Consultation Workshop for establishing the National Framework for Climate Services in India (NFCS–India), was organized by the India Meteorological Department (IMD), Ministry of Earth Sciences, Government of India, and Co-hosted by CHRIST University, at Lavasa, Pune, Maharashtra, during 5-6 October 2023. The stakeholders included a wide range of experts involved with climate services in the country such as representatives from various central ministries (including water resources, agriculture, health, energy and Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)), officials from various state governments, research organizations, academic institutions, professional bodies, industries, NGOs, and media have participated in this event.

The workshop was comprised of presentations from both national and World Meteorological Organization (WMO) experts, discussions, and breakout sessions focused on the development of well-coordinated climate services in the country. During this workshop the participants discussed for a formal mechanism based on the NFCS concept suitably adapted for the Indian context will help in ensuring responsibility and commitment sharing among the agencies catering to the needs of various sectors on an operational basis. NFCS-India will also facilitate state and central government agencies to collaborate and complement their efforts for timely exchange of climate information tailored to decision contexts.

The World Meteorological Organization (WMO) has promoted an innovative platform called the Global Framework for Climate Services (GFCS), for bringing together different stakeholders through active coordination and collaborative engagements. The overarching goal of the GFCS is to enable better management of the risks of climate variability and change and adaptation to climate change at all levels, through development and incorporation of science-based climate information and prediction into planning, policy and practice. The GFCS focuses on developing and delivering services in five initial priority areas such as water, agriculture and food security, energy, health, and disaster risk reduction. National Framework for Climate Services (NFCS), premised on the concept of the GFCS, designed to help all climate services stakeholders at the national level to join forces and work together with mutually agreed working arrangements to collectively pursue the common goal of achieving a climate-smart society.

The workshop was graced by Dr. M. Ravichandran, Secretary, Ministry of Earth Sciences and Dr. M. Mohapatra, Director General of Meteorology, India Meteorological Department. The workshop was coordinated by office of the Climate Research and Services, India Meteorological Department, Pune with Shri K. S. Hosalikar as Convenor and Dr. Satyaban Bishoyi Ratna as Co-Convenor. On this

occasion, a scientific MoU was also signed between IMD and CHRIST University as part of the strengthening the interactions between IMD and academic institutions.

At the end of the workshop, the participants agreed on a roadmap ahead to ensure a successful establishment and implementation of NFCS-India in a sustainable manner, taking into account the needs and capacities of all the relevant stakeholders.



(Few glimpses of stakeholder consultation workshop for NFCS-India during)