

# The Inaugural Meeting of the Panel on Socioeconomic Benefits (PSB)

**Thursday, 08 June 2023**

**14:00 – 15:30 (CEST)**

**Video conference | Online via Zoom**

*(Participants are encouraged to arrive at 13:55 (CEST))*

## **PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA**

*Chairperson of the Panel on Socioeconomic Benefits and the Inaugural Meeting:*

**Dr Sanjay Srivastava** *(UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific)*

### **1- Welcome and introduction (2 mins)**

**14:00**      **Dr Sanjay Srivastava**, Chief, Disaster Risk Reduction, ICT and Disaster Risk Reduction Division, UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific, will welcome the participants of The Inaugural Meeting of the Panel on Socioeconomic Benefits. The Chairperson will invite the following to address the opening remarks:

### **2- Opening remarks (8 mins)**

**14:02**      **Prof. Petteri Taalas**, the Secretary-General of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO)

**14:06**      **Dr Victoria Alexeeva**, Senior Economic and Societal Impact Officer of the Cabinet Office of the Secretary-General, WMO

### 3- High-level statements (56 mins)

The Chairperson will invite members of the Panel on Socioeconomic Benefits to present high-level statements on key resources available to them with an objective to advance the valuation of weather, climate and water services (e.g. data, valuation methods, etc.), to showcase best practices and discuss main challenges in the valuation of early warning systems with a special focus on the EW4All initiative target countries.

- 14:10**      **Mr Eric White**, Head of Climate Adaptation, World Economic Forum
- 14:14**      **Dr Paolo Avner**, Senior Economist, Global Facility for Disaster Reduction and Recovery, The World Bank
- 14:18**      **Mr Michel Jean**, President of the Commission for Observation, Infrastructure and Information Systems (INFCOM)
- 14:22**      **Prof. Dwikorita Karnawati**, Director of the Indonesian Agency for Meteorology, Climatology and Geophysics and Permanent Representative of Indonesia with WMO
- 14:26**      **Dr Arlene Laing**, Coordinating Director of the Caribbean Meteorological Organization and Permanent Representative of the British Caribbean Territories with WMO **(video recording)**
- 14:30**      **Prof. Pekka Leviäkangas**, Head of Civil Engineering Faculty of Technology, Civil Engineering Faculty of Technology, University of Oulu, Finland **(video recording)**
- 14:34**      **Dr Santiago Lorenzo**, Head of the Unit on Climate Change Economics, UN Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean
- 14:38**      **Prof. Amanda Lynch**, Chair of the Research Board, Professor of Environment and Society, Professor of Earth, Environmental and Planetary Sciences, Institute for Environment and Society, Brown University, USA
- 14:42**      **Dr James Christopher Murombedzi**, Chief of the Climate Change Section, Technology, Climate Change and Natural Resource Management Division, UN Economic Commission For Africa



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- 14:46**      **Prof. Sonia Quiroga**, Department of Economic Analysis and Quantitative Economics, Complutense University of Madrid, Spain
- 14:50**      **Dr Yuri Simonov**, vice-president of the Commission for Weather, Climate, Water and Related Environmental Services and Applications (SERCOM), Vice Director, Hydrometcentre of the Russian Federation
- 14:54**      **Dr Antonio Soria Ramirez**, Head, Unit C.6 – Economics of Climate Change, Energy and Transport, Joint Research Centre European Commission
- 14:58**      **Dr Sanjay Srivastava**, Chief, Disaster Risk Reduction, ICT and Disaster Risk Reduction Division, UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific
- 15:02**      **Dr German Velasquez**, Director, Mitigation and Adaptation Division, Green Climate Fund

#### **4- Discussion, conclusions and recommendations for next steps (22 min)**

The meeting will define steps to take stock and synergize existing resources to support a Common Action Plan with an aim to be presented for further discussions at the 2nd Meeting of the Panel on Socioeconomic Benefits, tentatively scheduled for December 2023. The meeting will advise on key conditions for successful planning and the organization of a concerted action within the Panel and with partners.

#### **5- Any other business (2 min)**

The meeting may consider any issues which have not been considered in other agenda items.