

Guidance for UN agencies' contribution on impact information

The desired input format is described below. It is recognized, however, that some agencies may not be in a position to produce such input in the desired timeframe. If full input cannot be provided, references or links to already published material can be also useful.

1- Narrative text: Provide a clearly written narrative text in (English or French) of less than 2 pages. The text should summarize major observed, recorded and/or analyzed impacts attributable directly or indirectly to climate conditions during the present or previous years. Impacts should be clearly identified -in time and space- as associated with extreme weather or climate events in terms of loss and damage and mobilization of humanitarian assistance and aid.

Examples could include impacts recorded on the following aspects:

- *Population displacement,*
- *Humanitarian assistance needed or mobilized*
- *Mortality associated with heat/cold Extremes or other hazards*
- *Loss / damages to agriculture and food security*
- *Impact on biological components and ecosystems*
- *Economic and financial aspects: Rate of Economic growth, Budgetary deficits, etc.*

Information on impacts attributed to long term changing conditions in the climate system constitutes another type of input. Examples could include impacts attributed to sea level raise, ocean acidification, sea ice shrinking, declining snow cover and ice caps, long term drought, etc. Information is best if placed in a context that can allow deriving qualitative conclusions on extent, severity, and uniqueness. This can be done for example using comparative analysis in time (historical context) and/or in space (geographical context).

2- Illustrations: Provide illustrations, including graphs, maps or tables, that illustrate and support the narrative text. The graphs should be easy to interpret, such as histograms, regression lines, pie charts, maps, etc. Specific values should be highlighted when using maps to illustrate the areas and/or magnitude of impacts, etc.

3- Information Source and References: Information on facts will be accepted if provided with reference to the source: report, publication, survey, etc. Information that is based on objective analysis for deriving conclusions on findings, i.e. cause to effects relationships, trend analysis, correlations, etc. needs to be peer-reviewed. The reference to the publication number and reference are necessary.

4- Disclaimer: Notes reflecting organization's policy should be indicated as required including for political borders, copy-rights and reproducing the information, etc. Contributions should respect the rights of any original third party authors.