

USER FORUM 2024

ADVANCING CLIMATE ADAPTATION WITH SEAMLESS AND TAILORED CLIMATE PREDICTIONS



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ASPECT's second annual user forum, connecting climate researchers and users across Europe

ASPECT is at the forefront of climate prediction capabilities, focusing on improving the usability of these predictions for climate adaptation.

The upcoming User Forum, taking place in January 2024, is an opportunity for climate-sensitive organisations to learn about the newest developments in climate prediction science and share their experiences in applying these products in the real-world.

Your participation in the User Forum is instrumental in our collective effort to forge a resilient future.

Through this forum, we aim to help you make better decisions with tailored and high-quality climate predictions and shared knowledge. Your valuable perspectives, experiences, and expertise are essential in crafting strategies for a more climate-resilient world.



Who can join?

The User Forum is open to anyone interested in understanding climate predictions and how they can be applied to decision-making, including current or potential users of climate information, representatives from a public agency, business owners, or members of non-governmental organisations.

DAY 1

**Tuesday 30 January,
14.00 – 15.30 CET**

Understanding Seamless Climate Information

This session is all about making future climate information easy to understand. We'll explain the science behind climate predictions and talk about how they can be useful in different ways. Leading scientists will use simple language to tell you about the latest developments in seasonal to decadal prediction. Experienced users will also discuss why these climate predictions matter and how climate information helps with decision making by users.

- Welcome & Introduction
- Introduction to ASPECT and User Forums
Dr Marta Terrado, Barcelona Supercomputing Center
- The Science of Climate Prediction
*What are climate predictions, and how can they be interpreted and used in decision making?
Speaker: Prof. Francisco J. Doblas Reyes, BSC*
- Meet the Super Users of the Project
Short presentations by two of the key users who are working with ASPECT to use ASPECT climate information in practical applications
- Discussion / Q&A

DAY 2

**Wednesday 31 January,
12.30 – 14.00 CET**

Advancing ASPECT Project: Research and Innovation

On the second day of the User Forum, we will delve into ASPECT research and innovation. We'll discuss what has been achieved in terms of seamless seasonal to decadal climate information for decision making and what we expect to achieve in the future. We will also introduce two new Super Users to the project consortium and discuss how to address their needs.

- Welcome & Introduction
- Seamless climate information for decision making in ASPECT
*Scientists explain seamless climate information and the potential outcomes from the ASPECT project
Speakers: Dr Freya Garry, Met Office; and Dr Beena Balan Sarojini, University of Oxford*
- Welcoming new Super Users to ASPECT
- Insights into who, how and why organisations are using climate information in Europe
Speaker: Dr Sam Grainger, University of Leeds
- Discussion / Q&A
- Preview of Upcoming User Forums

DAY 3

**Thursday 1 February,
14.00 – 15.30 CET**

Matchmaking: One-on-One and Small Group Chats

In the third and final day of the 2024 edition of the User Forum, we will focus on one-on-one or small group discussions between ASPECT scientists and current and potential users who want to dive deeper into the potential use of seasonal to decadal climate information.

You can register and schedule a conversation with our experts, allowing you to ask specific, detailed questions tailored to your needs and how you can benefit from future climate information developed by the project. Our experts will answer your questions and learn more about your application contexts.

- Welcome & Introduction
- One-on-One and Small Group Discussions with Registered Users
- Pre-scheduled Interviews with Climate Service Providers

