The side event aims to bridge the gaps between the producers and users of hydro-climate services, between water and climate communities, and between science and policy-makers and negotiators. It will demonstrate how water is a connector; central for implementing the Paris Agreement, climate finance, Intended Nationally Determined Contributions and more.

**Topics of Discussion**

- Characteristics of hydro-climate services
- Examples from different regions, sectors, levels of governance
- Political process and finance to ensure funding

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