

- ○ National Meetings ^[1]

Date: Wednesday 11
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Time: 13:00 - 16:30

Location:

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MEETING TITLE | A Change
in the Weather? The
relationship between public
and private sector
meteorology in an era of rapid
technological and economic
change.

The WMO has led one of the
greatest international
collaborations of all time,
creating a mechanism for the
global exchange of data which
underpins the tremendous
advances in weather
forecasting capability seen
over the last few decades.
Until recently most of the
observational, NWP and
research effort driving those
advances has been carried
out by publicly funded bodies.
But the private meteorological
sector is undergoing rapid
expansion, thanks to

technological advances and the growing commercial value of weather and climate services. Private sector surface and space-based observation networks and NWP capability now exist and may rival the scale of the international public effort in the not too distant future. This growth comes at the same time as public bodies are under increasing financial pressure.

There is much to be gained from public/private/academic collaboration, but current structures and agreements such as free exchange of data can act as barriers.

This meeting will provide a forum for leading players in the public and private sectors to discuss the challenges, present examples of successful partnerships, and explore ideas for future relationships.

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