**Annex**

**Country:**

**Institute:**

**Name:**

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**Assessment of the seasonal forecast for the winter season**

**DJF 2013-14**

1. **MedCOF-1 Climate outlook for the 2013-14 winter season:**

This part should include the consensus statement of the MEDCOF-1 for the seasonal climate outlook for the 2013-14 winter season specified for your country in a short text.
Variables to be analyzed are Air Temperature and Precipitation.

1. **Analysis of the 2013-14 winter season:**

This part should give an overview of the 2013-14 winter season over your country.
Variables to be assessed are Air Temperature and Precipitation.

This overview should include climate information in terms of means and anomalies for each month and the whole season. Especially the following information is welcome:

* Temperature anomalies (deviations from the climate mean), averaged over the whole country and eventually for specific regions of your country.
* Precipitation as percentage of the climate mean, averaged over the whole country and eventually for specific regions of your country.
* Terciles or percentiles of both quantities (if available).

Please indicate the reference period used. The preferred reference period is 1981-2010, but others can be used as well if 1981-2010 averages are not available. For a good illustration it is recommended to use graphics (maps, diagrams etc.) or tables, added by short commenting texts.

1. **High Impacts Events:**

This part should give a description of the climate extremes and the high-impact events that occurred during the DJF 2013-14. The description should include:

* Type of event (drought, heavy precipitation, heat wave, cold wave, etc.)
* Start and end date of the event
* Short description of what has happened
* Kind of damage (e.g. in agriculture, traffic, power interruptions etc.)
* Economical damage (preferably in Euro or USD, or in your own currency)
* Number of people killed or injured by this event

In this context, only major events should be mentioned, which affected at least a region of your country for several days of duration.

1. **Verification of the MedCOF-1 climate outlook for the 2013-14 winter season:**

The table below is a verification summary of the climate outlook for the DJF 2013-14.
A brief description of the observed and predicted seasonal temperature and precipitation should be added (Normal, Above normal, Below normal, No clear signal, etc.).
The climatological reference period should be indicated.

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| Country | Seasonal temperature (DJF) | Seasonal precipitation (DJF) |
| Observed | MedCOF-1 climate outlook for temperature | Observed | MedCOF-1 climate outlook for precipitation |
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1. **Users’ perceptions of the MedCOF-1 outlook**

Users’ perceptions of the MedCOF-1 should be detailed in this part. The following information would be helpful:

* + Which user groups have received your forecasts? (governmental authorities, public services, private companies, general public)
	+ From which sectors are the users (e.g. energy, water, tourism, insurances, agriculture, health, …)
	+ Have you received any feedback from the users (were they satisfied with the forecasts, if not, why? Did they miss any important information?)