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Annual Seminar 2025

Programme

Monday
Agenda

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10:30 to 11:45	**Arrival and registration** Gustav-Stresemann-Institut (GSI) Europäische Tagungs- und Bildungsstätte Bonn Langer Grabenweg 68 53175 Bonn-Bad Godesberg	
	Plenary: Setting the scene Chair: Magdalena Alonso-Balmaseda, co-chair: Frederic Vitart	
11:45 to 12:00	**Practicalities**	Magdalena Alonso Balmaseda (ECMWF)
12:00 to 12:10	**Opening**	Florence Rabier (ECMWF)
12:10 to 12:40	**On the need to constrain Earth System models using observations**	Detlef Stammer (University of Hamburg)
12:40 to 13:00	**ECMWF strategy and research directions**	Andy Brown (ECMWF)
13:00 to 13:30	**Forecasting tools for enhanced Decision making in Eastern Africa**	Masilin Gudoshava (IGAD Climate Prediction and Applications Centre)
13:30 to 14:00	**Coffee break**	
	Plenary continued Chair: Antje Weisheimer, co-chair: Linus Magnusson	
14:00 to 14:30	**Advancing Weather and Climate Forecasting for Our Changing World**	Gilbert Brunet (Former employee of ECCC, BoM and Met Office)
14:30 to 15:00	**Sub-seasonal Prediction: Advances, Challenges and Opportunities**	Frederic Vitart (ECMWF)
15:00 to 15:30	**ENSO as a meeting point between weather and climate forecasting**	Magdalena Alonso Balmaseda (ECMWF)

15:30 to 16:00	**Machine learning as game changer in forecasting: an overview of approaches and applications**	Matthew Chantry (ECMWF)
16:00 to 18:30	**Drinks reception** Federal Ministry for Digital and Transport (BMDV) Robert-Schuman-Platz 1 53175 Bonn	

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07:30 to 08:00	**Arrival and registration** Gustav-Stresemann-Institut (GSI) Europäische Tagungs- und Bildungsstätte Bonn Langer Grabenweg 68 53175 Bonn-Bad Godesberg

	Theme 1: Evolving models and data assimilation capabilities Chair: Nils Wedi, co-chair: Tobias Becker	
08:00 to 08:30	**The future of Earth system modelling**	Peter Dueben (ECMWF)
08:30 to 09:00	**Advancing km-scale models underpinning the Destination Earth Digital Twins**	Benoît Vannière (ECMWF)
09:00 to 09:30	**AI for Climate Modeling: Present and Future**	Christopher Bretherton (Allen Institute for Artificial Intelligence (Ai2))
09:30 to 10:00	**Coffee break**	
	Theme 1 continued Chair: Sarah Keeley, co-chair: Xabier Pedruzo	
10:00 to 10:30	**Ocean heat uptake in the era of eddying ocean models and AI**	Alistair Adcroft (Princeton University / NOAA-GFDL)
10:30 to 11:00	**Improving the monitoring of vegetation and drought by land surface models through the assimilation of satellite data**	Jean-Christophe Calvet (Meteo-France)
11:00 to 11:30	**Towards Regional High-Resolution Weather Forecasting with Machine Learning**	Ivar Seierstad (MET Norway)

11:30 to 13:00	**Lunch and posters**	
	Theme 1 continued Chair: Massimo Bonavita, co-chair: Katrin Lonitz	
13:00 to 13:30	**Data Assimilation Methodology for Numerical Weather Prediction: A review of significant advancements and prospects for the future**	Daryl Kleist (NOAA/NWS/NCEP/Environmental Modeling Center)
13:30 to 14:00	**Progress and prospects on coupled data assimilation, for exploitation of interface observations and in support of climate monitoring and weather prediction**	Patricia de Rosnay (ECMWF)
14:00 to 14:30	**The ERA6 Reanalysis**	Bill Bell (ECMWF)
14:30 to 15:00	**Coffee break**	
	Theme 1 continued Chair: Patricia de Rosnay, co-chair: Paul Poli	
15:00 to 15:30	**ECMWF's next ensemble reanalysis system for ocean and sea-ice: ORAS6**	Hao Zuo (ECMWF)
15:30 to 16:00	**Observations: The Noisy Revolution**	Tony McNally (ECMWF)

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07:30 to 08:00	**Arrival and registration** Federal Ministry for Digital and Transport (BMDV) Robert-Schuman-Platz 1 53175 Bonn	
	Theme 2: Serving a future society Chair: Estibaliz Gascon, co-chair: Eduardo Penabad	
08:00 to 08:30	**Services across time scales and Earth system component – an ECMWF perspective**	Matthieu Chevallier (ECMWF)
08:30 to 09:00	**Services across time scales and components at MeteoSwiss**	Christian M. Grams (Federal Office of Meteorology and Climatology, MeteoSwiss)
09:00 to 09:30	**Challenges in transforming traditional weather services to the changing needs of society**	Renate Hagedorn (DWD)
09:30 to 10:00	**Coffee break**	
	Theme 2 continued Chair: Anca Brookshaw, co-chair: Sebastian Milinski	
10:00 to 10:30	**Great potential for S2S applications and services: examples from Europe and Africa**	Erik Kolstad (NORCE Norwegian Research Centre)
10:30 to 11:00	**Understanding, predicting and communicating high impact weather events across Africa**	Linda Hirons (National Centre for Atmospheric Science (NCAS), Department of Meteorology, University of Reading)
11:00 to 11:30	**The Destination Earth Digital Twin for Climate Change Adaptation**	Sebastian Milinski (ECMWF)
11:30 to 13:00	**Lunch and posters**	

	Theme 2 continued Chair: Carlo Buontempo, co-chair: Chiara Cagnazzo	
13:00 to 13:30	**Climate services at a national level and its coordination with Copernicus: the example of Germany**	Sarah Jones (Deutscher Wetterdienst)
13:30 to 14:00	**The evolution of climate services and future challenges**	Chris Hewitt (World Meteorological Organization)
14:00 to 14:30	**The outlines of IPCC AR7, and challenges for physical sciences**	Robert Vautard (IPSL)
14:30 to 15:00	**Coffee break**	
	Theme 2 continued Chair: Laurence Rouil, co-chair: Richard Engelen	
15:00 to 15:30	**Protecting public health through addressing air pollution and climate action**	Dorota Jarosinska (WHO European Centre for Environment and Health)
15:30 to 16:00	**How to better serve the society**	Francois Wakenhut (European Commission)
16:00 to 16:30	**TBC**	
16:30 to 17:00		Martin Adams (European Environment Agency)

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07:30 to 08:00	**Arrival and registration** Federal Ministry for Digital and Transport (BMDV) Robert-Schuman-Platz 1 53175 Bonn	
	Theme 3: Changing sources of predictability across time scales Chair: Chris Roberts, co-chair: Tim Stockdale	
08:00 to 08:30	**Perspectives on medium-range predictability – Why does a forecast go wrong?**	Linus Magnusson (ECMWF)
08:30 to 09:00	**Tropical-extratropical teleconnections: the role of midlatitude synoptic systems**	Julian Quinting (Karlsruhe Institute of Technology)
09:00 to 09:30	**The role of the stratosphere in extended-range prediction**	Daniela Domeisen (University of Lausanne / ETH Zurich)
09:30 to 10:00	**Coffee break**	
	Theme 3 continued Chair: Steffen Tietsche, co-chair: Matthias Aengenheyster	
10:00 to 10:30	**The role of the ocean in predictability at different lead times**	Chris Roberts (ECWMF)
10:30 to 11:00	**Some outcomes of extreme event attribution**	Pascal Yiou (LSCE, IPSL, France)
11:00 to 11:30	**Frontiers in subseasonal to decadal prediction: A WCRP perspective**	Bill Merryfield (ECCC/CCCma)
11:30 to 13:00	**Lunch and posters**	
	Theme 3 continued Chair: Frederic Vitart, co-chair: Bianca Mezzina	

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13:00 to 13:30	**Ensemble forecasting and the representation of uncertainties**	Martin Leutbecher (ECMWF)
13:30 to 14:00	**Evaluating seasonal forecast improvements over the past two decades**	Christopher O'Reilly (University of Reading)
14:00 to 14:30	**Machine-learned weather forecasting with AIFS**	Simon Lang (ECMWF)
14:30 to 15:00	**Coffee break**	
	Theme 3 continued Chair: Mariana Clare, co-chair: Jacob Schloer	
15:00 to 15:30	**Seasonal forecasts in a changing climate**	Antje Weisheimer (ECMWF and University of Oxford)
15:30 to 16:00	**Tropical Pacific trends in seasonal hindcasts and implications for predictions of the 2020-2022 triple-dip La Niña**	Michael Mayer (ECMWF)
16:00 to 16:30	**Making the impact of climate change on weather and environmental extremes more tangible using storylines**	Thomas Jung (AWI)
16:30 to 17:00	**Understanding and Evaluating Trust in AI forecasts**	Amy McGovern (University of Oklahoma)

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	Plenary: Scoping the future of forecasting Chair: Linus Magnusson, co-chair: Daniel Befort	
08:00 to 08:30	**Seasonal forecasting: models, reanalyses, forcings**	Tim Stockdale (ECMWF)
08:30 to 09:00	**Production and use of decadal climate predictions**	Francisco Doblas-Reyes
09:00 to 09:30	**Quantifying trends in extreme weather risk using operational ensemble forecasting systems**	Myles Allen (University of Oxford)
09:30 to 10:00	**Coffee break**	
	Plenary continued Moderators: Magdalena Balmaseda, Antje Weisheimer Rapporteur: Frederic Vitart, Linus Magnusson	
10:00 to 10:30	**Exploring the Limit of Predictability with Machine Learning Models**	Greg Hakim (University of Washington)
10:30 to 11:30	**Panel discussion** Panellists: • Masilin Gudoshava (IPAC) • Angela Benedetti (ECMWF) • Peter Dueben (ECMWF) • Tim Palmer (University of Oxford) • Greg Hakim (University of Washington)	