

Workshop on “Opening up Earth Observations for Climate Adaptation”, 8–12 December 2025

Monday, 8 December 2025		
Objective: Setting the Stage & Earth Observations for Adaptation		
Time	Topic	Chair
14:00-15:15	Plenary Session 1: Introductions and scene-setting	Narelle van der Wel
	• Introduction to ISSI (Mike Rast) • Convener introductions • Workshop objectives (Ana Durán-Quesada) • The My Climate Risk framework (Regina Rodrigues) • Tour de table: motivations	
15:15-15:45	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
15:45-17:00	• Scene-setting talks (20 min each incl. Q&A) - Sarah Connors (Outcomes from recent ISSI Forum on EO for Climate Adaptation, https://forum.issibern.ch/climate-adaptation/) - Aïda Diongue-Niang (IPCC and GCOS perspective) - Ted Shepherd (Storylines and conditional attribution) • Plenary Discussion	Michaela Hegglin
18:00	<i>Welcome Reception - Hallerstrasse 6, 1st floor</i>	

N.B. Suggested readings are provided at the end of this document

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Tuesday, 9 December 2025

Objective: Deep dive into challenges associated with EO; Paper 1 brainstorming

Time	Topic	Chair
9:00-10:30	Plenary Session 2: Challenges in EO usability Panel Discussion (with opening 5 min remarks) Panellists: Cromwel Lukorito, Elinah Kuya, Carlo Buontempo, Chris Merchant, Johanna Nalau	Claudia Notarnicola
	Topics: • Impacts of data scarcity • Calibration/validation gaps in data-poor regions • Data consistency and epistemic injustice • Identification and communication of uncertainties • Utilization of different risk attitudes and preferences in adaptation	
10:30-11:00	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
11:00-11:30	Paper brainstorming/guidance in Plenary Paper 1 objective • Introduction: EO's adaptation relevance • Core sections: CIDs, storylines, case studies	Patricia Nying'uro Mason Majszak
11:30-13:00	Breakout Groups on the content of Paper 1 (see chair and rapporteur assignments at end of document)	
13:00-14:30	<i>Lunch</i>	
14:30 -15:45	Plenary: Breakout group presentations by rapporteurs, followed by discussion	Pier Luigi Vidale
15:45-16:15	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
16:15 -17:30	Plenary: Case study presentations (15 min each incl. Q&A) on use of EO in the context of: • Heat extremes (Patricia Nying'uro) • Drought (Will Turner) • Rainfall extremes (Paola Arias) • Ice-loss narratives (Julienne Stroeve) Plenary Discussion	Sophie Hebden

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Wednesday, 10 December 2025		
Objective: Philosophical framing of EO challenges; Paper 2 brainstorming		
Time	Topic	Chair
9:00 - 10:30	Plenary Session 3: Philosophy & EO intersections Panel Discussion (with opening 5 min remarks) Panelists: Vincent Lam, Julie Jebeile, Anna Sörensson, Douglas Maraun	Laura Garcia Portela
	Topics: • Calibration gaps as epistemic injustice • Storylines and epistemic injustice • Beyond data access: Open Science limitations • Entanglement of epistemic and ethical (& justice) issues Discussion questions: • How do case studies illustrate Fricker/Lionelli frameworks? • What philosophical tools resolve issues highlighted in paper 1 obstacles? • Do we need a political philosophy of (adaptation) science?	
10:30-11:00	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
11:00 - 11:30	Paper brainstorming/guidance in Plenary Paper 2 objective • Introduction: Epistemic gaps in EO • Core sections: Justice-driven solutions (e.g., co-production, calibration equity)	Patricia Nying'uro Mason Majszak
11:30 - 13:00	Breakout Groups on the content of Paper 2 (see chair and rapporteur assignments at end of document)	
13:00 - 14:30	<i>Lunch</i>	
14:30 - 15:45	Plenary: Breakout group presentations by rapporteurs, followed by discussion	Ryan Stauffer
15:45 – 16:15	<i>Break</i>	

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16:15 - 17:15	Plenary Session 4: Epistemic injustice • Scene-setting talks (20 min each incl. Q&A) - David Ludwig (Knowledge system diversity) - Greg Lusk (Values in science, with a focus on policy) • Plenary Discussion Discussion questions: - Credibility deficits and Bias in local EO testimony (e.g., Indigenous knowledge vs formal structure). - Normative frameworks for "interpretive resources" (Fricker, Leonelli). - Context and intersectionality (local, regional global + intersecting vulnerabilities) - Co-production of knowledge SDG-aligned calibration equity, IPCC pathways aligned to policy choices (WGIII centred) - Alignment of epistemic and social justice	Heather Maseko-Msyale
19:00	<i>Workshop Dinner (organised by ISSI): Rosengarten, Alter Aargauerstalden 31b</i>	

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Thursday, 11 December 2025		
Objective: Working out detailed outlines for the two papers		
Time	Topic	Chair
9:00 - 9:30	Plenary: Recap	Convenors
9:30 – 11:00	Breakout Groups: Paper 1 Writing (see chair and rapporteur assignments at end of document) Groups develop assigned sections (provisional): • Group A: EO ↔ CID linkages. • Group B: Storyline methodologies. • Group C: Case study integration. • Group D: Openness limitations. • Group E: Community-defined indicators.	
11:00 - 11:30	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
11:30 – 12:45	Plenary: Breakout group presentations	Rodrigo Estevez
12:45 - 14:15	<i>Lunch</i>	
14:15 - 15:45	Breakout Groups: Paper 2 Writing (see chair and rapporteur assignments at end of document) Groups develop assigned sections (provisional): • Group A: Epistemic and social injustice. • Group B: Calibration gaps. • Group C: Storylines. • Group D: Social justice in the use of EO. • Group E: Policy pathways for EO access.	
15:45 – 16:15	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
16:15 - 17:30	Plenary: Breakout group presentations	Stefan Brönnimann

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Friday, 12 December 2025

Objective: Synthesis of Papers 1 and 2

Time	Topic	Chair
9:00 - 10:30	Plenary: Bridge the two papers	
	Discussion: - Clarifying the handoff point between the two papers (what is and is not included in each paper) - Go over challenges again...What are we missing? - Solidify list of challenges/gaps for Paper 1 Solidify “topics or tools” to be discussed in Paper 2	
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee Break	
11:00 – 13:00	Breakout Groups: Paper writing Paper 1 Writing ... Paper 2 Writing - Introduction: Epistemic gaps in EO. - Core: Outline the desired “toolbox” - Justice-driven solutions (e.g., co-production, calibration equity). - Policy pathways: SDGs, IPCC <i>Potentially...</i> Suggesting new frameworks/methodologies that are consistent with previous guidelines	
13:00 - 14:30	Lunch	
14:30 – 16:00	Final Plenary: Closing remarks and next steps - Wrap-up what has been done during the week - Assigning outstanding tasks - Set deadlines	
End of Workshop		

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Breakout groups

Tuesday (paper 1, overall)

	A	B	C	D	E
Chair	Vidale	Connors	Diongue-Niang	Shepherd	Durán Quesada
Rapporteur	Tosic	Ghoms	Kpaka	Kimani	Wang

Wednesday (paper 2, overall)

	A	B	C	D	E
Chair	Arias	Kuya	Nying'uro	Sörensson	Maraun
Rapporteur	Turner	Brönnimann	TBC	Estevez	Portela

Thursday (paper 1, by topic)

	A	B	C	D	E
Chair	Rast	Lukorito	Stroeve	Buontempo	Merchant
Rapporteur	Van der Wel	Stauffer	Notarnicola	Hegglin	Hebden

Thursday (paper 2, by topic)

	A	B	C	D	E
Chair	Lam	Jebeile	Ludwig	Lusk	Nalau
Rapporteur	Majszak	Maseko Msyale	TBC	TBC	TBC

Suggested readings:

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