

### A customisable drought monitoring and seasonal forecasting service to support users' needs

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© Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche Istituto di Biometeorologia It is generally agreed that the city of ancient Rome had eleven major aqueducts built between 312 BC and AD 226 and possibly a few minor aqueducts, probably between eight and twelve in number. (Dembskey, E. J. 2009).



### **ROME (2017)**

... after 2770 years, ab urbe condita, we "discover" the drought...

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### **ROME (2017)**

### **SICCITÀ ROMA**



22 MARZO 2018 "Prelievi liberi dal lago di Bracciano": Raggi con Acea, Comuni in rivolta d CLEMENTE PISTILLI



Acquazzoni e città in tilt ma oggi Acea decide sul razionamento idrico a Roma VALENTINA LUPIA

04 SETTEMBRE 2017



Rubinetti a secco a Roma. ecco il " cervellone" Acea per gestire l'emergenza acqua di LAURAMARI



30 AGOSTO 2017

Emergenza acqua a Roma, rubinetti a secco tra taniche e autobotti d SALVATORE GIUFFRIDA



29 AGO5TO 2017 Siccità, danza della pioggia per l'acqua di Roma STEFAND COSTANTINI



29 AGOSTO 2017 Emergenza acqua, 20 avvisi di gararzia per captazione abusiva del lago di Bracciano

#### ... in the middle of an emergency phase, as usual!



### GOOGLE TRENDS

### **THE BURNING QUESTIONS**

Are we, as scientists, really addressing users' needs in drought management?

What about the information chain between data purveyors/providers and endusers?

Is the information trustable/usable enough?



The climate change challenge is unprecedented for humanity and it requires a deep change in the way of thinking and acting at different levels



The climate scientist James Hansen has called two-degree warming "a prescription for long-term disaster."



## Three-degree warming is a prescription for short-term disaster.

#### [NWTimes.com]

Losing Earth: The Decade We Almost Stopped Climate Change By Nathaniel Rich Photographs and Videos by George Steinmetz AUG. 1, 2018

#### FIGURE 30 CROP AND LIVESTOCK SUB-SECTORS INCUR THE HIGHEST DAMAGES AND LOSSES IN AGRICULTURE DUE TO CLIMATE-RELATED DISASTERS, OF WHICH DROUGHT IS THE MOST DESTRUCTIVE, 2006–2016

A) DAMAGE AND LOSS IN AGRICULTURE AS SHARE OF TOTAL DAMAGE AND LOSS ACROSS ALL SECTORS BY TYPE OF HAZARD



B) DAMAGE AND LOSS IN AGRICULTURE BY AGRICULTURAL SUB-SECTOR, PERCENTAGE SHARE OF TOTAL



NOTES: FAO, based on Post Disaster Needs Assessments (PDNA), 2006–2016. The sectors of fisheries, aquaculture and forestry often are under-reported. Impact of disasters is generally acknowledged in assessments, although rarely quantified in monetary terms. SOURCE: FAO. 2018. The impact of disasters and crises on agriculture and food security 2017. Rome.

#### FIGURE 15 INCREASING NUMBER OF EXTREME CLIMATE-RELATED DISASTERS, 1990—2016



The rising incidence of weather extremes will have increasingly negative impacts on agriculture because critical thresholds are already being exceeded.

Drought causes 83% of all damage and loss to agriculture and 86% to livestock (FAO).



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### **BE PREPARED?**



### How to improve Preparedness?

### **Proactive Solution**

#### Preparedness

Measures which enable governments, communities and individuals to respond rapidly and effectively to disaster situation

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### To cope with and mitigate drought, it is essential:

To rely on *formal and informal cooperation* among national, regional and local partners that share data and drought-related products and technologies



To determine <u>drought severity</u> and its <u>spatial extent</u>, observing current and future conditions (precipitation, temperature, soil moisture, vegetation health, streamflow, reservoirs levels, etc.)

To share no-cost and ready-to-use data and tools between research institutions, government agencies, water authorities and general users (open-data and interoperability)





To *communicate the information* to decision makers and other stakeholders in a *timely* manner and *appropriate formats* 



#### Water Authorities



monitoring and forecasting to reduce response time



climate-based and vegetation indices



open and interoperable system



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#### WEB GIS DROUGHT

A WebGIS application based on open source solutions customized to integrate different datasets and share maps of drought indices with researchers, decision makers and other stakeholders.



#### https://drought.climateservices.it/

- Continuous updated information / Timely dissemination / Interoperability and data sharing
- ) Formal and informal cooperation between partners / users
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- Open data: Products and appropriate formats / Availability of tools and information at no cost (not simple data sharing!)
- Expandable, easy to use and on-demand service

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### Web Services





















### Adaptation and Change

Climate Change adaptation is not a state to be reached, but a continuous transformation which implies continuous changes at different levels.

Climate Change implies not only individual readiness for change but the readiness of the society as whole.

### NOTE FOR A NEW PARADIGM

- think act "Glocal"
- strengthen communities informed-behaviours frameworks besides informed-decisions frameworks;
- social learning: support action and products to fill the gap between individual knowledge and scientific knowledge
- "user needs" is not just a "glamour" keyword
- strengthen social negotiation processes e.g. in water management: options could emerge from communities as a result of conflicts resolution

# If you do not change direction, you may end up where you are heading Lao Tzu

### Thank you!





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