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AIM for Scale: AI for Weather Forecasting – Post-Training Follow-Up

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Meeting Objectives



1. **Feedback:** Review participant and facilitator feedback on the 2025 training cycle.
2. **Improvements:** Identify gaps and priorities for 2026.
3. **Implementation:** Outline opportunities for ongoing collaboration.
 - a. Discuss structure for country-level working groups.

A few key takeaways...

- Overarching enthusiasm for AI forecasting potential across participating countries.
- Strong engagement with demos, tutorials, and benchmarking exercises.
- High value placed on practical, hands-on sessions.
- Successful cross-institutional collaboration and exchange of ideas.





Feedback: Strengths & Highlights



- **Practical sessions:** High value placed on demos, tutorials, and applied exercises.
- **Benchmarking tools:** Participants appreciated exposure to verification metrics and benchmarking tools.
- **Collaboration:** Training fostered productive exchange across agencies and regions.
- **Relevance:** AI forecasting seen as directly applicable to decision-making in agriculture, disaster management, and climate services.



Technical Feedback: Areas of Improvement



- **Preparation:** Enhanced pre-training sessions to introduce content; and clarify use cases, data availability, and participant roles.
- **Depth:**
 - Expand content on benchmarking and how AI can complement existing forecasting systems.
 - More expertise on extension systems.
- **Time:**
 - More time for hands-on practice.
 - More time for bonding among participants.



Logistics: Lessons Learned & Improvements for 2026



- **Visas:** Start earlier and provide clearer communication on status updates and required steps.
- **Travel:** Flight details and itineraries further in advance.
- **Expenses:** Consider all meals and ground transportation.
- **Communication:** Set up a WhatsApp group prior to arrival to streamline updates and resolve issues in real time.
- **Local information:** Distribute guide with recommendations, local apps, and tips.
- ★ Logistics team will prepare a comprehensive participant information package well ahead of the next training.
- ★ Enhanced support before, during, and after the event.



How Feedback Will Shape 2026 Iteration

- **Logistics:** Significant revamp of logistics and planning for 2026 iteration.
- **Curriculum updates:** More targeted technical sessions, deeper benchmarking modules, and stronger links to operational workflows.
- **Pre-work:** More structured consultations and sessions with participants and facilitators ahead of training to define priorities and data needs.



Country-Level Working Groups

- **Quarterly meetings** to maintain momentum and support.
 - Participants & colleagues from relevant organizations.
- Opportunity to share updates, troubleshoot challenges, and explore joint opportunities.
- Polls to be shared separately to schedule first sessions.



Updated Resources

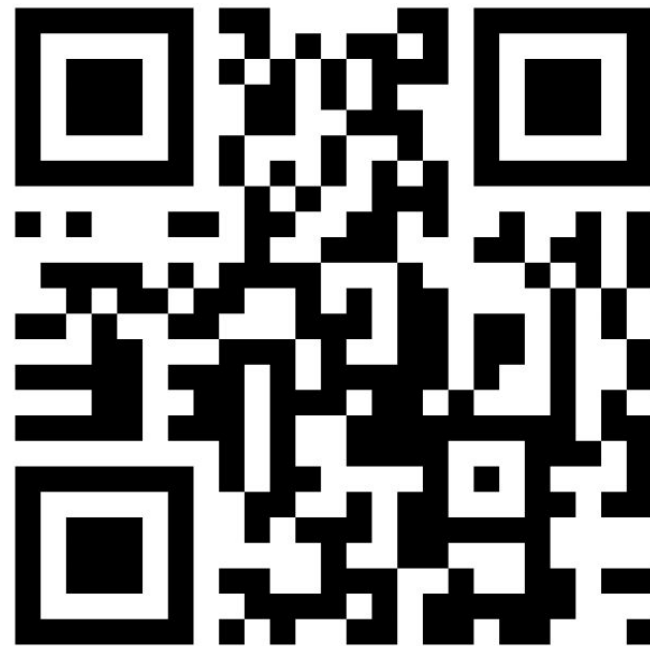


- **Website:** All slide decks, session materials, and documentation are now available.
- Revised **benchmarking forms** circulated — please update with your latest priorities.
- **Support** available for testing demos and integrating models into national workflows.

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