International Space Environment Service

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International Space Environment Service
Coordinating space weather services since 1962

Endorsed by national governments as space weather service providers

Network Member of the ICSU World Data Service

Formal exchange of letters with the WMO

Provide local users with targeted services

Coordinated world-wide operational effort

18 Regional Warning Centers
4 Associate Warning Centers
1 Collaborative Expert Center

www.spaceweather.org
Mission: Improve, Coordinate, and Deliver Operational Space Weather Services

Four elements needed to improve space weather capabilities:

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<th>1. User Needs:</th>
<th>Understand the risks and the actions that need to be taken</th>
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<td>2. Targeted Services:</td>
<td>Develop useable capabilities from basic science knowledge</td>
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<td>3. Observing Infrastructure:</td>
<td>Shared approach for long-term continuity</td>
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<td>4. Global Coordination:</td>
<td>Consistent, accurate message</td>
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Goal 6 of the U.S. National Space Weather Action Plan

Strengthen international coordination and cooperation on space weather products and services

- Sustain engagement with ISES
- Ensure global consistency during extreme events
- Sustain operational baseline observing capabilities
Formal collaboration established between ISES and WMO

Goals within the WMO Four-Year Plan:

- Promote sustained observations essential for space weather services
- Improve exchange of data and information
- Support coordination of services for aviation and other major application sectors
- Improve emergency warning and global preparedness

WMO Space Programme Elements:

- Space-based Observing System
- Access to Satellite Data and Products
- Awareness and Training
- Space Weather Coordination
ICAO is developing provisions for space weather information to international air navigation, including:

- Requirements for space weather services
- Criteria for space weather information providers

ISES Members are key participants in ICAO activities and will be involved in the provision of services.
United Nations Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (COPUOS)

UNISPACE+50 Initiative – To be commemorated in 2018

• Celebrate 50th anniversary of United Nations Conference on the Exploration and Peaceful Uses of Outer Space
• Serve as a blueprint for shaping the “Space 2030” agenda
• Strengthen reliability of space systems to space weather

Seven Thematic Priorities identified for UNISPACE+50

**Priority 4: International framework for space weather services**

Develop a space weather roadmap for coordination and information exchange on space weather events and mitigation
Enable immediate access to key alerts and warnings from all Regional Warning Centers

- Provide rapid situational awareness during extreme events
- Ensures immediate knowledge of regional events
- Supports National Space Weather Action Plan goal to ensure global consistency during extreme events
Explore standard probabilistic forecasts and verification

- Value of standardized verification methods acknowledged
- Extensive expertise is available at ISES Centers
- Actions are underway to compare approaches and make recommendations on verification techniques
Newest ISES Member - Indonesia

Space Weather Information and Forecast Services – ISES Regional Warning Center

• Emphasis on equatorial ionospheric disturbances
  - HF communications users, Indonesian satellite operations, and geological surveying
UK, ESA, and U.S. studies highlighted earlier this week.

South African National Space Agency – ISES Regional Warning Center

- Overview and recommendations focused on Africa:
  - Energy
  - Security
  - Communication and Navigation
  - Health
  - Transportation
Space Weather User Workshops

Australia Bureau of Meteorology – ISES Regional Warning Center

• Meeting of stakeholders and customer survey
• Aviation Space Weather Services Workshop
  - Present prototype industry-specific products
  - Obtain feedback and industry requirements
Space Weather User Workshops

China National Space Science Center – ISES Associate Warning Center

Ninth National Symposium on Space Environment and Applications in China - 2016
Characterizing Extreme Events

Natural Resources Canada – ISES Regional Warning Center

100 years estimation. Geoelectric field

- 40 year of data
- 13 Canadian magnetometers

Maximum measured

Estimated extreme

Nikitina et al., Space Weather, 2016
Models, Products, and Services

China National Space Science Center – ISES Associate Warning Center

- Ionospheric Assimilation Models and Products
- Operational CME propagation forecast system
- Space Situation Environmental Awareness System
- Space Environment Teaching and Practice Software
- Space Environment Services for China Space Flight Missions
  - Tiangong II
  - Dark Matter Particle Explorer Satellite
  - The retrievable Shijian-10
  - Quantum Science Satellite
Models, Products, and Services

Australia Bureau of Meteorology – ISES Regional Warning Center

- Ionosphere model to support National Positioning Infrastructure
  - National initiative to provide accurate PNT across Australia
  - Target is an accurate, 3-D, real-time ionosphere model

- MHD model to predict IMF Bz
  - Collaboration with University of Sydney
  - Utilizes University of Michigan BATS-R-US model
Models, Products, and Services

Kanzelhöhe Observatory, Austria – ISES Regional Warning Center

ESWF (Empirical Solar Wind Forecasting)

Critical SW speed
Comparison to measurements (ACE, DSCOVR)

CH detection

The ESWF uses an empirical relation to derive the solar wind speed at Earth distance (Tsuneta, Temmer, V semov, 2010). The Sun is monitored in EUV (NASA/SDO) from which coronal hole areas are extracted to calculate the solar wind speed at 1AU with a lead time of about 4 days (Moses et al., 2016). We compare the forecast for three different time ranges to in-situ data (ACE/DSCOVR). The red dashed line marks the arrival of solar wind streams of enhanced speed. This service is updated automatically every hour.

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Summary

- International Space Environment Service - growing global network dedicated to operational space weather services
- Members are integrated with expanding international efforts
- Actions are under way to enhance global coordination
- Future directions:
  - Understanding social/economic impacts
  - Sharing user needs and post-event information
  - Rapid dissemination of event information
  - Common verification techniques and metrics
  - Sharing research/application developments