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EVALUATION FEEDBACK

Online Workshop on Using Global Tools for Flood and Drought Predictions

08-16 December 2025

1. Introduction

The online workshop was organized by the Regional Training Center (RTC) of the Israel Meteorological Service (IMS), in collaboration with the World Meteorological Organization (WMO), the European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts (ECMWF), Joint Research Centre (JRC), and Israel's Agency for International Development Cooperation at Israel's Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MASHAV). The main aim of the workshop was to introduces key global forecasting tools and methods for flood and drought prediction.

2. Registrations and participation:

468 registrations from 70 countries were accepted via the application form (Figure 1). However, less than 100 participated joined the Zoom during a given time and 84 participants logged in to the ETRP Moodle.

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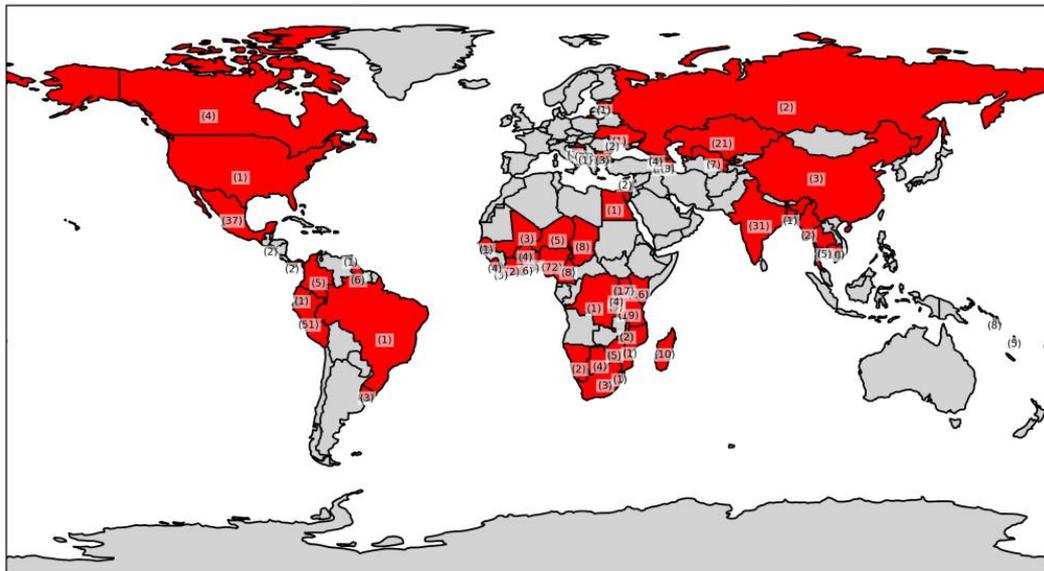


Figure 1: Global map with the countries that had at least on registration. The number of registrations is given in parentheses.



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3. Participant Feedback Questionnaire

60 participants from 31 countries have answered the feedback questioner. Participants were generally highly satisfied with both the overall technical organisation and the online platforms used during the workshop. The majority of respondents rated the overall organisation as either "**Excellent**" or "**Good**", as presented in Figures 2 and 3. The questioner results were uploaded to NotebookLM to create a summary table (Table 1), infographics (Figure 4) and the [video overviews](#).

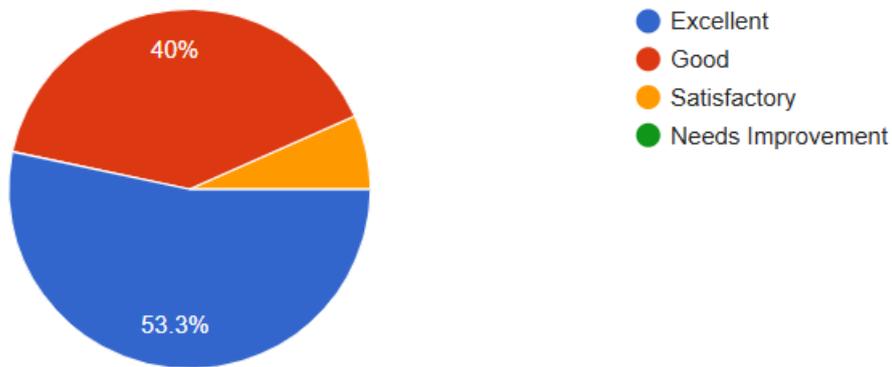


Figure 2: How would you rate the overall organization of the workshop

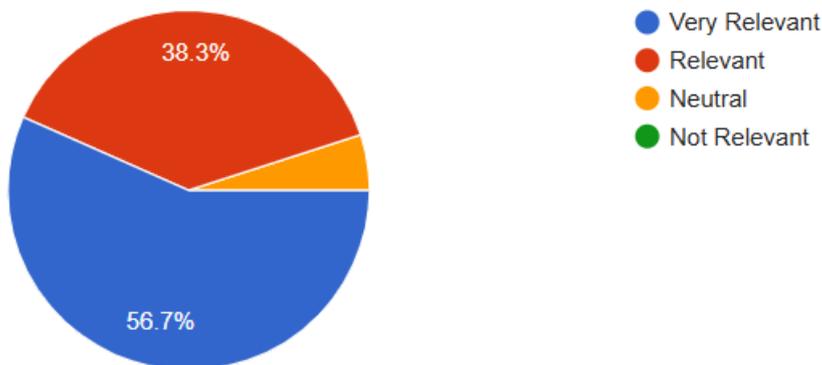


Figure 3: Were the topics covered relevant and useful for you?



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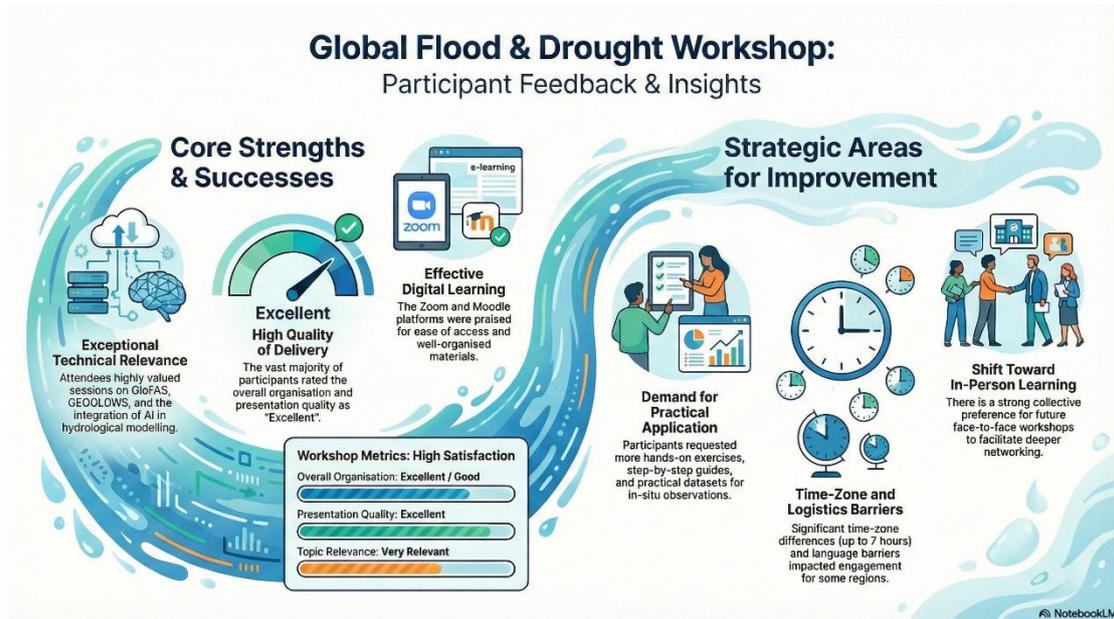


Figure 4: Infographics made by NotebookLM based of the feedback replies.

Table 1: summarizes the general sentiment regarding organization and infrastructure as analysed by NotebookLM.

Category	General Sentiment	Key Observations
Overall Organization	Excellent / Good	Most participants found the sessions well-structured and easy to follow.
Platform Ease of Use	High	Zoom and Moodle were generally effective, though some experienced minor technical issues.
Material Accessibility	Positive	Moodle was cited as a well-organized repository, though some delays in posting recordings were noted.
Presentation Quality	Exceptional	Speakers were praised for clarity, simplicity in explaining complex topics, and professional expertise.

Link to the video overview in the WMO Moodle:

<https://etrp.wmo.int/course/section.php?id=5033>



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4. Subjective Conclusions

- The number of registrations was much higher than the actual number of participants in the course.

Suggestions for improvement in the future:

- a) Not all participants received all emails. Some addresses contained typos in the registration form, and others were blocked by mailing systems. Therefore, the registration form should request two email addresses. If only one is available, participants should be asked to re-enter it to avoid misspellings.
- b) Emails will also be sent from a private Gmail account to reduce the risk of blocking.
- c) One week before the workshop, a new registration form including Zoom registration will be sent to verify actual participation.

- The quizzes at the end of each presentation are an effective way to summarize the content and engage participants. The Zoom quiz worked well for real-time online interaction; however, there was not enough time for participants to think deeply before answering, and the responses could not be tracked afterward, as the Zoom recording does not include the questions and answers.

Suggestions for improvement in the future:

- a) Find a way to use the WMO Moodle quiz after the presentation, either instead of or in addition to the Zoom quiz.
- b) Explain before the workshop that downloading the YouTube recordings and uploading them to Moodle takes time (at least one day).

- Due to the many time zones involved, the workshop was conducted over five hours, from 07:00 to 12:00 UTC.

Suggestions for improvement in the future:

- a) Reduce the daily workshop duration to four hours.
- b) Ensure that the special sessions for the Americas and Asia–Pacific include the key presenters, who are willing to repeat the hands-on components.
- c) Share all workshop documents before the workshop begins.