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Side event title:	Weather-Indexed Early Warning and Livelihood Protection – an Example from Ethiopia
Organiser(s):	UN Food and Agriculture Organization & World Food Programme
Speakers and presenters (name, title, organisation):	Henri Josserand, Chief FAO Global Information and Early Warning System Bronwyn Cousins, Business Analyst, WFP (Business Planning / OEDSP)
Outline of content:	This is a joint presentation by FAO and WFP on the combined use of weather indicators, crop specific water satisfaction requirement index with livelihood system maps and household economy data, to manage risk at the household level. Using an example from Ethiopia, the presentation shows how potential crop yield and household incomes can be estimated throughout an agricultural season. If used as the basis for a contingency financing, which could include contingent grants or 'weather insurance', in case of impending crop/livelihood system failure, the system triggers an early payment to affected households, preventing the distress sale of productive assets, and setting in motion early mitigation actions.
Recommendations for the ISDR system (list 2 or 3 items):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Learn from various prototypes and test cases of weather indexed contingency finance for rapid response • Develop additional livelihood protection schemes based on weather indexes
Additional Information and links:	http://www.fao.org/qIEWS http://www.wfp.org/policies/Introduction/background/index.asp?section=6&sub_section=1
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