



International Lightning Safety Day (ILSD)

Friday, June 28, 2024

11:45 – 16:00 UTC

Empowering Nations, Saving Lives from Lightning

Time (UTC)	Speaker(s)	Topics
11:45-11:50	Daile Zhang (University of Maryland, ACLENet, U.S. National Lightning Safety Council (NLSC))	Logistics
11:50-11:55	Chandima Gomes (University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg)	Opening Remarks
11:55-12:00	Recording of Janet K Museveni (First Lady and Ministry of Education in Uganda)	Proclamation Statement
	Moderator: Chandima Gomes	Keynote
12:00-12:15	Heikki Pohjola (WMO)	WMO and the Early Warnings for All Initiative
12:15-12:30	Nicola du Toit (University of South Africa, a lightning survivor)	Weathering the storm: a lightning survivor's journey of recovery from PTSD
	Moderator: Hugh Hunt	Asia
12:30-12:40	Zainal Kadir (Universiti Putra Malaysia)	Lightning Fatalities and Injuries: Latest Trend in Malaysia
12:40-12:50	Sitti Jannah (Cebu Normal University)	Lightning Fatalities in the Philippines, 2006-2021
12:50-13:00	S. Gopa Kumar (Lightning Awareness & Research Center in India, India National Federation of Engineers for Electrical Safety)	Standardization and its implementation in India
	Moderator: Stéphane Schmitt	Asia/Africa
13:00-13:10	Col Sanjay Srivastava (Climate Resilient Observing Systems ProMotion Council in India)	Lightning Resilience Challenges and Solutions
13:10-13:20	Ferdous Ahmed (International University of Business Agriculture and Technology)	Lethal Lightning Hazards and Policy for Awareness Building in Bangladesh
13:20-13:30	Barnabas Akantambira (ACLENet)	Impact of ILSD in Uganda
	Moderator: Daile Zhang	Live
13:30-13:40	Stéphane Schmitt (METEORAGE)	Promoting Efficient and Standards-compliant Thunderstorm Warning Systems Worldwide

13:40-13:50	Hélio Sueta (University of São Paulo)	Recent studies on the protection of people against lightning
13:50-14:00	Live session with France, Brazil and Uganda	
	Moderator: Chris Vagasky	Africa
14:00-14:10	Break	
14:10-14:20	Ryan Blumenthal (University of Pretoria)	One Storm. Two Deaths. Forensic Perspectives.
14:20-14:30	Bella Sanford & Parthiv Deb (University of Maryland)	Preliminary Results of the African Lightning Injury Reports Database Since 2018
	Moderator: Shriram Sharma	
14:30-15:00	Mary Ann Cooper (ACLENet), Mitchell Guthrie (Engineering Consultant), Chandima Gomes (University of the Witwatersrand Johannesburg), Ron Holle (Holle Meteorology & Photography, NLSC, ACLENet), Anirban Guha (SALNet)	Panel discussion: Implementation of International Standards in Developing Countries
	Moderator: Ron Holle	Americas
15:00-15:10	Luis M. Farfán (Centro de Investigación Científica y de Educación Superior de Ensenada, Baja California)	Impact of Lightning Activity on Mexico's Population
15:10-15:20	John Jensenius (NLSC)	National Lightning Safety Awareness Week in the United States
15:20-15:30	Chris Vagasky (University of Wisconsin, NLSC)	Development of Ground Strike Point Density Maps for the United States
	Moderator: Mitchell Guthrie	Global
15:30-15:40	Ron Holle (Holle Meteorology & Photography, NLSC, ACLENet)	The Estimated Number of Global Lightning Deaths
15:40-15:55	All Attendees	Open Discussions
15:55-16:00	Mary Ann Cooper (ACLENet)	Closing Remarks

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