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The development of the principal measure of the state of the climate has hitherto extensively depended on monthly CLIMAT data provided by National Meteorological and Hydrological Services (NMHSs). Over the last 20 years, there has been a growing demand for indices and measures of the climate that also consider extremes (Jones et al., 2012). For many extreme measures, monthly data are insufficient and there is an identified need for operationally exchanged daily climate data. This need builds on real-time data but demands better data quality that is principally compatible with long historical daily series developed and made available by NMHSs.

The WMO DAYCLI initiative takes the form of a message at a monthly frequency containing daily quality-controlled values of temperature, rain and snow parameters, with also a comprehensive set of information on the quality of the measurements and on the results of the quality controls applied to each data value. The latter information is a new and distinct feature that will help scientists to analyse the data globally, considering their qualities, and the inclusion of extra information on things like aggregated data and lower bounds in certain situations where, for instance, raingauges overflow or instrumentation is destroyed during extreme weather events. It will also be a way to move towards standardizing climatological data management practices for all WMO members.

This presentation will describe the structure of the so called DAYCLI message and give explanation on the new "Metadata" exchanged. Finally, it will consider the proposed next steps that should lead to the successful implementation and usage of this message.

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