

Project Guidelines

**Spring School on modelling tools and capacity building in
climate and public health, 15-26 April 2013, ICTP, Trieste, Italy.**

To ensure that the participants of the ICTP Spring School on “modelling tools and capacity building in climate and public health” have captured the information provided to them through the lectures and practical sessions, we would like you to develop a project throughout the course.

We suggest that you form small groups of 2-5 participants, preferably with backgrounds in both public health and climate. The project and the working groups should be defined by the end of the third day of the school and reported back to the spring school organizers. Each project team will be assigned a supervisor to help guide the project.

You will build up your project throughout the course, applying what you have learned using your own data, where available, to answer questions relevant to your area of research. For example, projects may investigate the link between dengue and climate information in Brazil, malaria and rainfall in the Kenya highlands or temperature and mortality in Beijing.

During the second week of the course, several afternoon sessions will be dedicated entirely to project development. During these sessions, you will have the opportunity to ask the organizers and lecturers for help and guidance and to use the modeling tools demonstrated during the course.

Presentations (10 minutes) of these projects will be made by the participants on the final day of the course, allowing participants the opportunity to share what they have learned with co-participants, organizers and lecturers. The presentation should include (but not be limited to) the following items: brief overview of the project’s targeted country, objectives, project’s targeted audience/users, hypothesis, methods, results, interpretation (including new hypothesis that arose), tables and figures (when applicable). We are also asking you to frame your project in the context of public health decision-making.

In addition to the presentation, participants will need to write up a **report** (no more than 6 pages including references) with the following: title, author(s) name(s), author(s) affiliation(s), background, objectives, hypothesis and methods, results, interpretation and conclusion. The report should be emailed to smr2453@ictp.it before 5pm on Thursday 25 April 2013.

Good luck!