



Policy and Technical Advisory Committee (PTAC)

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8:30 am to 3:30 pm

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A word cloud of various languages expressing gratitude, including:

- Arabic: شكرا (shukriya)
- Bengali: ধন্যবাদ (dhanbad)
- Chinese: 谢谢 (xiexie)
- Dutch: dank je, dank u
- French: merci
- German: danke
- Hebrew: תודה (toda)
- Indonesian: terima kasih
- Italian: grazie
- Japanese: ありがとう (arigatou)
- Korean: 감사 (gamsa)
- Malayalam: നന്ദി (nandi)
- Marathi: धन्यवाद (dhanbad)
- Polish: dziękuję
- Russian: спасибо (spasibo)
- Sanskrit: धन्यवाद (dhanbad)
- Spanish: gracias, gracias
- Tamil: தודה (toda)
- Thai: ขอบคุณ (khop khun)
- Urdu: شکریا (shukriya)
- Vietnamese: cảm ơn (cam on)
- Welsh: diolch
- Yiddish: דאַנק (dank)
- Yoruba: danke
- Zulu: thixo

The most prominent words are "merci", "thank you", "gracias", "obrigado", "danke", "dank je", "shukriya", "terima kasih", "grazie", "dziękuję", and "arigatou".

Purpose of the PTAC

- To provide **technical advice** regarding model development, calibration and validation, including possible access to datasets that may be used in the process.
- To provide input regarding the **communication of research findings** and uncertainty associated with them.
- To provide **advice about possible scenarios** to be generated and tested from the BREE Integrated Assessment Model (IAM), as well as the land use, hydrology, climate, governance and economic models that are to be wrapped into it.
- To provide advice about the **development of actionable, decision-support tools to inform water quality** in the face of changing frequencies and intensities of extreme events in the study areas.

Consenting to participate in ongoing study...?