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WMO Monitoring and Evaluation System

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Purpose of Document

This document provides a summary of progress in the development of the WMO results-based Monitoring and Evaluation System.

Proposed Action

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Development of the WMO Monitoring and Evaluation System - Progress report

1. In June 2008, EC-LX discussed the report of its Working Group on WMO Strategic and Operational Planning (EC-WG SOP) on matters relating to the WMO results-based M&E System.
2. The Council noted that EC-WG SOP was in general agreement with the proposal for the development of the System. However, recalling several demanding issues related to the implementation of results-based management (RBM) at WMO, the Council agreed to a phased and pragmatic approach, for example, by initially concentrating on a limited number of expected results. The Council also decided that the implementation of a first-phase, simplified component of the M&E system should produce input to the mid-term monitoring and performance evaluation report requested from the Secretary-General for presentation to the Council at its 61st session (June 2009).
3. The Council agreed to a flexible approach in developing M&E tools and methodologies to ensure their adaptability by Secretariat departments, technical commissions and regional associations. It further agreed that the development of the M&E system should take into account lessons learned and M&E tools and methodologies available in a number of NMHSs.
4. The Council finally requested the Secretariat to ensure the development of a comprehensive M&E Plan in a practicable, feasible and cost-effective way for presentation at its 61st session. The M&E Plan should include a cost-benefit analysis, with an estimation of the related start-up and recurring costs, including costs associated with data collection, and the expected effectiveness and efficiency gains to be derived from M&E.

5. In order to address the specific requests of the Council for its 61st session in 2009, the Secretariat is embarking on a review of M&E experiences and practices in NMHSs. The objective of the study is to identify suitable results-based M&E practices, tools and methodologies in NMHSs, applicable and/or adaptable to WMO within the overall context of RBM. In parallel with this study, a cost-benefit analysis of the WMO M&E System will be conducted.

6. The development of the comprehensive M&E Plan will be based on the results of the above studies, and will take due account of the advice of the Bureau (January 2009), and the recommendations of the PTC-2009 (February 2009), the Audit Committee and EC-WG SOP (both March 2009) as well as other relevant recommendations (e.g., CAS-MG, JCOMM-MC, XIV-RA II, CHy-XIII, CBS-XIII and XIV-RA IV).