CHy’s Activities and Current Operational Capabilities

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WMO OMM
World Meteorological Organization
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Established ambitious program of work aligned closely with current WMO strategic priorities

- Disaster Risk Reduction
- Global Framework for Climate Services
- WMO Integrated Global Observing System
- Capacity Development
CHy-15 Activity Organization

Coordination and Implementation Support
President, vice-president, 1 AWG member
WIS/WIGOS, GFCS, GDPFS, RAs, ETR ..... 

Measurement, Monitoring, and Infosystems

Hydrological Applications, Products and Services

Activities Supported by Secretariat
Activities supported by Sec. with help from OPACHEs

CHy Member Activities
Activities requiring leadership by Members
Coordination and Implementation Support

- Ensure RA-WGH linkage with CHy Activities
- ID/lead education and training requirements
- Represent CHy at APFM and IDMP sessions
- Represent CHy on ICG-WIGOS and TTs
- Represent CHy on GFCS Task Teams
- Oversee process of linking with GDPFS
Measurement, Monitoring, InfoSystems Activities

- WMO Hydrological Observing System
- Global Hydrometry Support Facility
- Global Data Processing & Forecasting System
- Role of Hydrological Data Centers
Hydrological Applications, Products & Services

- Global Hydrological Status & Outlook System
- Seasonal Hydrological Prediction
- Disaster Risk Reduction
- Implementation Strategy for E2E EWS
- Flood Forecasting Initiative
Activities Supported by the Secretariat

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• Integrated Drought Management Programme
• Develop state on hydrological normals
• Manual on Sediment Transport Measurements
• Review of CHy regulatory material
• Complete guidelines on environmental flows
Activities Implemented with Member Leadership

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Global Hydrological Status and Outlook System (HydroSOS)

Focuses on developing a worldwide operational system, at monthly timescales, that is capable of providing:

(1) an indication of current global hydrological conditions (including river flow, groundwater level, and soil moisture);

(2) an appraisal of where this status departs significantly from ‘normal’; and

(3) an assessment of where conditions are likely to get worse over coming weeks and months.
WHOS — HydroHub

HydroSOS

FFI

DRR

GDPFS
HydroHub

Global Innovation Hub

WHOS

Help Desk

Advisory Council

WHYCOS

Information Referral Service
Flood Forecasting Initiative - FFI

Completed and ongoing projects

1. Central-American Flash Flood Guidance System
   http://www.hrc-lab.org/projects/dsp_projectDetail.php?id=168

2. Flash Flood Guidance System for Haiti and Dominican Republic
   http://www.hrc-lab.org/right_nav_widgets/haiti_hurricane/index.php

3. Early Warning System for the City of Medellin (Colombia)
   https://sites.google.com/a/prohimet.org/proyecto-piloto-prohimet-colombia/

4. Early Warning System for the City of Durazno, Yi River (Uruguay)
   https://sites.google.com/a/prohimet.org/proyecto-prohimet-yi/

5. Flood Forecasting and Warning Sarapiqui River (Costa Rica)

6. Flood Forecasting and Early Warning Zambezi River (Southern Africa)
   http://www.wmo.int/pages/prog/hwrp/FloodForecastingZambezi.php
The vision of the WMO DRR Roadmap is that WMO and the NMHSs of its Members are recognised as an authoritative and effective support mechanism within the national, regional and global DRR arenas with regard to weather-, water- and climate-related hazards. Such a NMHS – supported by WMO’s structures as a whole – is able to:

- Co-design, co-produce, and co-deliver together with other NMHSs and partners user-driven services that support DRM measures in multiple sectors and at various spatial and temporal scales;
- Fully link vulnerability and exposure data to standardized hazard information in data processing, production, and service delivery in order to contribute to and use impact-based forecasts and risk-informed warnings of multiple hazards within the framework of MHEWS;
- Advance and apply science (natural and social) and technology to support the development and delivery of such products and services for DRR; and,
- Sustain its core operations, also after having been affected by disasters themselves.
WMO - Global data processing and forecasting system

- World Meteorological Centres
- Regional Specialized Meteorological Centers
- National Meteorological Centers

- Transformation to a seamless system
  - Over time scales
  - Over disciplines (Earth system modelling - inclusion of hydrology)
GDPFS - hydrology

HYDROLOGICAL ANALYSIS AND FORECASTING CENTRES

• Operate a system, providing in near real-time hydrological data, analysis and forecasts.
• Provide access to this service to NHCs whose operational forecasting and warning services may benefit from it;
• Respect the primary roles and responsibilities of NMHSs in the delivery of flood forecasting and warning services in designing its products and accessing them to other users than relevant NHCs;
• Make verification statistics available;
• Make available up-to-date information on the characteristics of its production system.