

FIRST MEETING  
OF THE WORLD CLIMATE CONFERENCE--3  
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE (WIOC)

ITEM 1

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**DRAFT ANNOTATED AGENDA**

(Submitted by the WMO Secretariat)

**1. OPENING OF THE MEETING**

The first meeting of the International Organizing Committee on WCC-3 will open on Monday 4 February 2008 at 09:30 a.m. at the WMO Headquarters, Geneva.

**1.1 The WMO Secretary-General will welcome the participants**

**1.2 Designation of the Chairperson for the meeting**

The initial sessions of the meeting will be chaired by a designated Chairperson for the meeting prior to item 3.1, during which the Committee will discuss the selection of a permanent Chairperson.

**1.3 Adoption of the agenda**

**1.4 Working arrangements**

**2. REVIEW OF PAST ACTIVITIES AND ACTIONS LEADING TO APPROVAL TO IMPLEMENT A WORLD CLIMATE CONFERENCE-3**

**2.1 Review of the decisions/direction of the 15<sup>th</sup> WMO Congress and the 59<sup>th</sup> Executive Council.**

Dr. Nyenzi will review and the committee can discuss the decisions/direction of the 15<sup>th</sup> WMO Congress and the 59<sup>th</sup> Executive Council with regard to implementing the WCC-3.

**2.2 Review of reports and salient issues from the Provisional Organising Committee**

**2.3 Discussion of scope, objectives, and critical issues emerging from items 2.1 and 2.2 for a WCC-3**

In light of the decisions/direction from Cg-15 and EC-59, the Committee will review the salient issues from the Reports of the Provisional Organising Committee, including the scope and objectives of the proposed WCC-3 as well as the proposed science agenda and the requirements for a high-level segment of the WCC-3

### **3. REVIEW OF THE TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE WIOC**

#### **3.1 Designation of the Chairperson(s) for the WIOC**

Input will be sought from the Committee on a permanent Chairperson(s) for the meetings of the WIOC and for other duties as requested.

#### **3.2 Role in implementing the Conference and need for Secretariat support**

Input will be sought from the Committee on what role, activities and functions related to the implementation of the WCC-3 it can effectively carry out and the needs for staff and other support for its activities. It should be noted that the 15<sup>th</sup> session of the Congress decided that the WCC-3 has to be implemented through reimbursable funding, including the activities of the WIOC. Advice on other necessary functions and support (e.g., degree of travel support for participants from developing countries) will be sought from the WIOC as it pursues its work. This will also include advice and methods on mobilizing resources and people in support of the WCC-3

#### **3.3 Role of international partners and scientific experts**

Although WMO is taking the lead in organising the WCC-3, it is essential to involve international partners and the scientific community as fully as possible not only for obtaining broad input and support for the Conference but for obtaining commitments to follow through on the actions and recommendations from the high-level segment. It is recognized that only through committed partnerships and coordinated actions can effective action be taken on improving climate services and applications globally.

#### **3.4 Need for organizing structures for the WCC-3**

Implementing the WCC-3 will require the development of some “organizing structures”, of which the establishment of the WIOC is a primary one. The Committee may wish to further review and recommend what organizing structures would be essential to the implementation of a WCC-3. Its recommendations should address not only its own roles and responsibilities but the necessary activities to be carried out by WMO and others to implement the WCC-3.

### **4. NEXT STEPS IN IMPLEMENTING THE WCC-3**

#### **4.1 Further refinement of Conference scope and objectives, including desired outputs and outcomes from Conference**

The POC has made a good start on defining the objectives and scope of the WCC-3 focusing on the theme of Climate Prediction for Decision Making: Focusing on Seasonal to Inter-annual Timescales. However, in light of the differing views expressed at the POC meetings and in the Congress as well as by others, it is important for the WIOC to re-examine these issues in light of the current environment and the agreed desires of the WMO Congress.

#### **4.2 Further development of the scientific agenda and participation**

The WCC-3 will have a scientific segment consisting of 3 days with four parallel sessions, focusing on scientific sub-themes, plus a half-day Plenary. The POC has developed a scientific agenda consistent with the agreed theme for the WCC-3. The Committee will be invited to further define the content of these sessions and to begin discussion of a plan for the detailed programming to achieve the goals of the Conference. A key requirement for the IOC will be to program the details of the sessions and recruit the best scientific experts to become involved in the scientific sessions.

#### **4.3 Development of issues for the High-Level Segment and development of a Ministerial Declaration**

The Committee will be invited to further discuss the policy issues for consideration at a 1½ day high-level segment of the Conference. This should include refining the “Expectations from the High-level Segment” (general issue statements developed by the POC) into actionable issues for consideration at the Conference and then identifying specific, tractable steps that could be taken by countries, international organizations and others, such as NGOs and private groups. Establishing a sub-committee on the high-level segment should be considered to develop further the specific outcomes that might be included in a Declaration from the Conference to be endorsed by the Ministers at the High-Level Segment.

### **5. ACTIONS TO MOBILIZE RESOURCES TO SUPPORT A WCC-3**

#### **5.1 Progress in resource mobilization**

The WMO Congress has decided that support for a WCC-3 must come from extra budgetary resources, not from the regular WMO budget. This decision will require an active effort to mobilize resource. Dr. Nyenzi will report on actions taken by WMO to date that relate to mobilizing resources in support of the WCC-3

#### **5.2 Cost factors – Secretariat support, funding for attendees from developing countries / least developed countries**

The Secretariat will review the cost factors and assumptions that have been considered in making the initial estimates of costs for WCC-3. The Committee will be asked to consider the cost factors and estimates in light of the objectives, scope and participation in the Conference

#### **5.3 Strategy for resource mobilization and its implementation**

The meeting will be invited to discuss possible approaches that might be taken to obtain the necessary support for the WCC-3... It may wish to establish a sub-committee on resource mobilization and to discuss strategies to promote contributions, primarily from national sources, such as individual governmental agencies, NGOs, foundations, the private sector, etc. or possibly from selected international organizations. These contributions may be in kind or to a Trust Fund for World Climate Conference-3.

#### **5.4 Role of the WIOC in resource mobilization**

The Committee will be asked to consider what role that its members might wish to play in carrying out the strategies identified in item 5.3.

### **6. ACTIONS TO BUILD SUPPORT FOR THE WCC-3**

WMO Secretariat has tried to involve international organizations and other UN Agencies in organizing and participating in the WCC-3 and to communicate developments on WCC-3 to its Member countries and incorporate their perspectives into planning process.

#### **6.1 Building international and national support for the WCC-3**

Input will be sought from the committee on ways to increase support within countries to build support for organizing the WCC-3. Furthermore, the issue will be raised on whether members

of WIOC might become national focal points for the WCC-3 within their countries. Since it is critical that a variety of national activities be participants in the WCC-3, including individual scientists; groups from universities and other research organisations; governmental agencies, non-governmental organizations (NGOs); and the private sector.

## **6.2 Role of WMO Members in the organizing process**

WMO is the host (and primary) agency in the organizing of the WCC-3 and its Members have been particularly interested in its implementation. However, it is critical that the scope of interest in the Conference be enlarged to include all agencies and groups interested in the furthering of the knowledge and improved prediction of climate variability and change and to the application of climate information to societal needs. The issue is how to achieve the right balance between the interest of WMO Members and all other climate constituencies.

## **6.3 Improving international coordination and building interagency partnerships**

After the Second Climate Conference of 1990, the Interagency Committee for the Climate Agenda (IACCA) was formed, but has become inactive over the last decade. If the results of the WCC-3 on the application of climate information to provide benefits to society and to improve the resilience of countries to climate variability and change are to be implemented, then improved coordination and indeed partnerships will be needed. The Committee will be asked to consider ways to improve coordination and the building of partnerships and in particular how the results of the Conference might further these activities.

## **7 FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS**

### **7.1 Define follow-up activities with timeline**

In light of the limited time between this meeting of the WIOC and the proposed date for the WCC-3 in late 2009, it is necessary to develop a timeline for the activities of the WIOC and the necessary actions by WMO, the relevant international organisations and the WMO member countries. An early action will be to report to the WMO Executive Committee at its 60<sup>th</sup> session in June 2008 on progress by the WIOC and the WMO Secretariat.

### **7.2 Establishment of working groups/task teams as appropriate**

The WIOC should decide what sub-structure in the form of subcommittee, working groups or task teams that it may wish to establish and identify WIOC members who will participate on these groups and initial timelines for their activities. The WIOC may also wish to make recommendations to WMO on other needed entities or actions.

## **8. OTHER BUSINESS**

## **9. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING**

The meeting is expected to close on Wednesday, 6 January 2008 at 17h00.

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