

REVIEW OF THE OUTCOMES OF WCC-3 AND BRIEFING ON THE SECRETARIAT ARRANGEMENTS

This item reviews the outcomes of the WCC-3 and provides information on follow up actions including the 'Establishment of a Task Team on Global Framework for Climate Services'.

The World Meteorological Organization (WMO) and its partners convened World Climate Conference-3 (WCC-3), held in Geneva, 31 August to 04 September 2009. The Conference included two Segments; namely, Expert and High Level Segments.

The purpose of the Expert Segment of WCC-3 was to engage a wide cross-section of climate scientists, expert providers of climate information and the users of climate information and services in a wide-ranging discussion on the essential elements of a new Global Framework for Climate Services for consideration by the High-level Segment of the Conference. The Expert Segment produced a Conference Statement in 41 pages, which includes Summary of the Expert Segment.

The Heads of States and Governments, Ministers and Heads of Delegations present at the World Climate Conference-3 (WCC-3), through the High-level Declaration, called for the establishment of a Global Framework for Climate Services (GFCS) as described in the Brief Note, attached to the Declaration. The above-mentioned documents are accessible through the following link:

http://www.wmo.int/wcc3/page_en.php

The Declaration has proposed that a high-level Task Force of independent advisors be setup through an inter-governmental process. It will be tasked to recommend the proposed elements of the Global Framework for Climate Services (GFCS) taking into account the concepts described in the Brief Note to this document. The Task Force will also be asked to propose next steps for developing and implementing the Framework.

The Group will be informed of the latest position of preparing for the Inter-governmental meeting that has to be organised by the end of 2009.