

**FOLLOW UP TO WCC-3: THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL MEETING
ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF GFCS**

REFERENCES:

1. Report of the Intergovernmental Meeting for the High-level Taskforce on the Global Framework on Climate Services
2. Report of the High-Level Taskforce (HLT) of independent advisers for Global Framework for Climate Services
3. Expert segment of WCC-3 and its outcome
4. WCC-3 Conference Declaration and the Conference Statement

ACTION PROPOSED:

It is recommended that the EC Working Group consider the reports of the IGM and HLT Task Force meetings for appropriate feed back on the relevant agenda item in EC-LXII.

CONTENT OF THE DOCUMENT:

APPENDIX:

Draft text for inclusion in the general summary of the report of the EC-WG on Climate and Related Weather, Water and Environmental Matters

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3.1 The Intergovernmental Meeting for the High-level Taskforce on the Global Framework on Climate Services was organized by WMO Secretariat at the Geneva International Conference Centre (CICG) from 11 to 12 January 2010, under the chairpersonship of Dr A. I. Bedritsky, President of WMO. The Secretary-General recalled the mandate of the Meeting and thanked representatives of government that had contributed to the formulation of the terms of reference in preparing to this Meeting. He emphasized that the objectives of the GFCS, along with its scientific and technical aspects, would be a system to deliver new and highly relevant climate products to the Members.

3.2 The Intergovernmental Meeting approved the terms of reference of the High-level Taskforce as given in the Annex 1 to this report. It noted that governments and relevant organizations may submit by 15 April 2010 their views to the Taskforce for its consideration.

Composition of the Task Force

The Intergovernmental Meeting endorsed the composition of the High-level Taskforce on the Global Framework of Climate Services proposed by the Secretary-General of WMO as given in the Annex 2 to this document. Should any of the proposed members no longer be available or willing to serve in the Taskforce since preliminary consultations, the Secretary-General of WMO was authorized to select suitable replacement with due consideration to expertise, geographical and gender balance.

A group of countries, including the African Block, requested that the High Level Taskforce take account of the **General Principles** and address the **Factors** when undertaking its work. For further information, the Group may refer to the final report of the IGM meeting at: http://www.wmo.int/pages/documents/IGM_HLT_GFCS_Final_report_1061_en.pdf.

First Meeting of the High Level Taskforce

The first meeting of the High-Level Taskforce (HLT) of independent advisers for Global Framework for Climate Services was held on 25-26 February, at the WMO Headquarters in Geneva. Eleven out of 14 members of HLT attended the first meeting. Mr Jan Egeland of Norway and Dr. Mahmoud Abu-Zeid of Egypt were selected as co-chairs. Other members of the taskforce are Joaquim Chissano, who served as the second President of Mozambique from 1986 until 2005; Ricardo Lagos, Former President of Chile from 2000 to 2006, and Special Envoy of the United Nations Secretary-General on Climate Change since May 2007; Angus Friday, (Grenada), Eugenia Kalnay (Argentina/USA), Julia Marton-Lefèvre (Hungary/France/USA), Khotso Mokhele (South Africa), Chiaki Mukai (Japan), Cristina Narbona Ruiz (Spain), Rajendra Singh Paroda (India), Qin Dahe (China), Emil Salim (Indonesia), and Fiame Naomi Mata'afa (Samoa).

The High Level Taskforce was apprised of the process through which the HLT was set up and the procedure through which its terms of reference were established. The HLT took note of its terms of reference. The task force was presented the outcomes of the WCC-3 in terms of the Conference Declaration and the Conference Statement as an outcome from the Scientific Segment. The HLT was given a presentation on the status of the climate services and the role played by WMO in it. The WMO Position Paper on Global Framework for Climate Services was also presented to the HLT. The Taskforce discussed the brief outline of its proposed report. The HLT decided to have the report in three sections: i) The present status of the climate services, ii) The needs and gaps to meet the objective of the GFCS, and iii) The mechanism to achieve the objective.

It is proposed that the Section 1 and the elements of Section 2 will be prepared on the basis of consultations with all the stakeholders, the inputs from the Members for which Ministries of Foreign Affairs have already been addressed, and the inputs received in the preparation of the Expert segment of WCC-3 and its outcome. A questionnaire will be developed and sent to all stakeholders to get additional information. First draft of the Section 1 and elements of Section 2 would be made available to the HLT for its second meeting scheduled around 25-26 May 2010. The draft of Section 2 and elements of Section 3 will be made available to the HLT at its third meeting planned for 2-4 August 2010. The HLT Secretariat will set up the network of experts for all further consultations starting with those involved in WCC-3 and extending it with the help of other partners such as UN System organizations. The final report is proposed to be made available before the next quadrennial World Meteorological Congress in May 2011.

**Terms of Reference
for the High-level Taskforce
for the Global Framework for Climate Services
Preamble**

The High-level Declaration adopted by WCC-3 decided to establish a Global Framework for Climate Services (GFCS) to strengthen the production, availability, delivery and application of science-based climate prediction and services. The Declaration requested the Secretary-General of WMO to convene an Intergovernmental Meeting of Member States of WMO to approve the terms of reference and to endorse the composition of a High-level Taskforce (HLT) of independent advisers. The Declaration further decided that the taskforce should prepare a report, including recommendations for proposed elements of the GFCS as well as for the next steps to develop and implement the GFCS.

Scope of work

The HLT will undertake its work in accordance with the WCC-3 Declaration and will:

1. Develop the components of the GFCS and define the roles, responsibilities, and capabilities of the elements within the GFCS and clearly illustrate how it will assist the integration of climate information and services into national planning, policy and programmes for, among others, water resource management and development, health and public safety, energy generation and distribution, agriculture and food security, land and forestry management, desertification, ecosystem protection, sustainable development, and poverty reduction, taking into account the special needs of Africa, Small Island Developing States (SIDS), Least Developed Countries (LDCs), and Landlocked Developing Countries (LLDCs);
2. Develop options for governance of the GFCS, ensuring its intergovernmental nature, and provide the reasoning for the preferred option(s);
3. Outline a plan for implementation of the GFCS, which includes:
 - Ensuring the central role of national governments;
 - Proposing a range of options for immediate and longer-term actions to realize the GFCS;
 - Specifying measurable indicators, with timelines, for the actions necessary to implement the elements of the GFCS;
 - Estimates of costs of implementation of these options, with clear indications of the financial resources and enhanced technological capabilities required, and their likely sources, to ensure effective global implementation; and,
 - A strategy for capacity-building in developing countries, particularly African countries, Least Developed Countries (LDCs), Small Island Countries (SIDS) and Landlocked Developing Countries (LLDCs);
4. Make findings and propose next steps in relation to:
 - i. The role of the UN System and other relevant stakeholders, as well as the mechanisms for their contributions;
 - ii. Approaches to global data policy (addressing data gaps, ownership, data protection, confidentiality, exchange, applications and usage) that would lead to enhanced capability of the GFCS, taking into account Resolution 40 of the Twelfth WMO Congress and Resolution 25 of the Thirteenth WMO Congress;
 - iii. Improving systematic in situ observations and monitoring of climate especially in data-sparse areas, in order to increase data availability, including for research and prediction;
 - iv. Approaches for reviewing the implementation of the GFCS;

- v. Strategies for building capacity in developing countries in accordance with their needs and priorities, including their access to output of global and regional climate models and the underlying technology embedded in the models, and their ability to independently develop/improve in-country climate services capacity;
 - vi. A strategy for promoting a common global understanding of the GFCS and for coherent and coordinated messaging and information sharing;
5. Determine its own rules of procedure with consensus on the guiding principle for decision taking;
6. Be open and transparent in its functioning, making publicly available, including through the WMO Website, the following:
- A report of each meeting held, including a list of participants;
 - Any submissions received; and,
 - Any “White Papers” generated as a part of its research activities.

Support for the Taskforce

Secretariat support will be provided by WMO, which will host its secretariat and seek funding and other support for its work.

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for the Global Framework for Climate Services**

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