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INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE (WIOC)

ITEM 3

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REVIEW OF THE TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE WIOC

Discussion of items 3.1, 3.2, 3.3 and 3.4 on role and functions of the WIOC

(Submitted by the WMO Secretariat)

3.1 Designation of the Chairperson(s) for the WIOC

Input will be sought from the Committee on a permanent Chairperson(s) for the WIOC. This person(s) will be expected not only to provide leadership to the WIOC but also to play an important role in organising the activities required for the Conference. The Committee will also be asked for recommendations on a Conference Chairperson for the activities at the Conference.

3.2 Role in implementing the Conference and need for Secretariat support

The Terms of Reference for the WCC-3 have been developed by EC-59 and are discussed in Doc 2-1. In light of these Terms of Reference, 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.

The main issues for the Committee, as discussed in Doc 2-3, include:

- Ministerial Declaration;
- Resource mobilisation strategy;
- Science agenda;
- National and international support;
- Venue and scheduling.

It should be noted that the 15th session of the Congress decided that the WCC-3 has to be implemented through reimbursable funding, including the activities of the WIOC. The WIOC should advise on strategic issues on mobilizing resources and people in support of the WCC-3 and where possible, assist in acquiring such resources.

Advice on the necessary functions and support (e.g., degree of travel support for participants from developing countries) for implementing the WCC-3 and their impact on the costs of the WCC-3 will be sought from the WIOC as it pursues its work.

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.

Initial discussion will be sought on the nature of the interest of international partners and their desired level of their involvement in the WCC-3

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 POC further suggested, based on the structure from SWCC that the International Organizing Committee should consider establishing sub-committees or task teams to develop or refine the major issues of the Conference, e.g., refining and programming the science agenda; and defining the policy issues, including preparation of a conference statement. Besides the issues discussed above, the WIOC should consider the other issues faced by the organisers of SWCC, including:

- Core management group in the WMO Secretariat
- Specific task groups for:
 - Publications (Document Editorial Group);
 - Public relations (Media Core Group);
 - Local arrangements & registration; and
 - Exhibits & posters.

Likewise there is a need for the continuity of staff at the WMO Secretariat to carry out the many tasks required to plan, organise, and oversee the implementation of all aspects of the WCC-3. One major function will be to ensure that the administrative and logistical arrangements are made and implemented effectively and efficiently to ensure that the Conference proceeds smoothly.

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. It also may wish to propose individuals from the Committee (as well as others) who would make effective leaders of and participants in the various subcommittees and task teams on issues agreed to by WIOC.