

REPORT BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE COMMISSION

SUMMARY

ISSUES TO BE DISCUSSED:

General activities of CBS

DECISIONS/ACTIONS REQUIRED:

Management of future CBS activities, including establishment of the CBS Management Group

REFERENCES:

1. *Abridged Final Report with Resolutions of the Fifteenth World Meteorological Congress* (WMO–No. 1026)
2. *Abridged Final Report with Resolutions of the Fifty-ninth Session of the Executive Council* (WMO–No. 1027)
3. *Abridged Final Report with Resolutions of the Sixtieth Session of the Executive Council* (WMO–No. 1032)
4. Final Reports of the 7th, 8th and 9th sessions of the CBS Management Group

CONTENT OF DOCUMENT:

Appendices for inclusion in the final report:

- A. Draft text for inclusion in the general summary of CBS-XIV
- B. Draft Resolution 3/1 (CBS-XIV) - CBS Management Group (CBS-MG)

Additional document for information:

CBS-XIV/INF. 3: Progress/Activity Report

DRAFT TEXT FOR INCLUSION IN THE GENERAL SUMMARY OF CBS-XIV

3. REPORT BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE COMMISSION (*agenda item 3*)

3.1 The Commission noted with appreciation the report of its president, Mr A. Gusev (Russian Federation), which provided information on the activities of the Commission since its extraordinary session in February 2006.

3.2 The Commission recalled with satisfaction that within its current structure, CBS OPAG Expert Teams, the Implementation Coordination Teams and the Rapporteurs, which together included more than 160 experts, had accomplished a great deal of work during the reporting period. There had been more than 50 meetings, workshops and seminars on matters falling under the Commission's purview or otherwise related to the WWW. Details on those activities and major accomplishments were provided in the reports of the chairpersons of the OPAGs and discussed under the relevant agenda items.

3.3 The Commission noted that during the intersessional period the president was actively involved in many activities dealing with matters of general importance to WMO, representing CBS and the WWW Programme at Fifteenth Congress and the sessions of Executive Council, and in numerous other meetings providing a consolidated input to their deliberations. The Commission particularly noted the activities related to THORPEX, IPY, QMF, DRR and GEO.

3.4 The Commission noted that the CBS-MG at its seventh (June 2007), eighth (June 2008) and ninth (November 2008) sessions continued to review and guide the work of four OPAGs, making necessary adjustments in their work programmes and advising the president on relevant issues especially as regards the participation of the Commission in the work of other constituent bodies and for representing the Commission at Congress and sessions of the Executive Council. In that regard, the Commission noted that Cg-XV reaffirmed that the WWW is and will continue to be the backbone Programme of the WMO that also actively contributes to cross-cutting activities, and had agreed with the need for reciprocal input from cross-cutting activities towards the strengthening of the WWW structure. The Commission appreciated the important role of the CBS-MG in coordinating the work of the four OPAGs, in making necessary adjustments in the intersessional period and in advising the president on relevant issues. The Commission therefore decided to re-establish the CBS Management Group by adopting Resolution 3/1 (CBS-XIV).

3.5 The Commission noted that Cg-XV confirmed the leading role of CBS in the further development of the WIS, and also re-affirmed that WIS was serving all WMO Programmes. The Commission expressed its appreciation for the crucial contributions of cross-cutting nature made by the OPAG on ISS to directly support the WIS development and coordination work of the Intercommission Coordination Group on the WMO Information System (ICG-WIS), and stressed the importance of pursuing this thrust.

3.6 The Commission noted that EC-LX emphasized the leading role of CBS in the implementation of the WIGOS concept. In view of the crucial role and contribution of surface-based and space-based observing systems within CBS's responsibility, the Commission agreed that the OPAG on IOS should contribute to the development of the WIGOS initiative and directly support the EC-WG on WIGOS and WIS, and specifically its subgroup on WIGOS.

3.7 The president expressed his sincere appreciation to all CBS members who had participated in the activities of the Commission for their enthusiastic cooperation. In particular, he thanked the chairpersons of the Open Programme Area Groups and the Expert Teams as well as the rapporteurs for their dedicated and outstanding work. On behalf of CBS, the president also thanked the Secretary-General of WMO and the staff of the Secretariat, in particular the OBS and WDS Departments, for their support and cooperation.

DRAFT RESOLUTION

Res. 3/1 (CBS-XIV) - CBS MANAGEMENT GROUP (CBS-MG)

THE COMMISSION FOR BASIC SYSTEMS,

Recalling:

- (1) Paragraph 3.1.0.10 of the general summary of the *Abridged Final Report with Resolutions of Fourteenth World Meteorological Congress*,
- (2) Paragraph 3.4.43 of the general summary of the *Abridged final report with resolutions of the Sixtieth Session of the Executive Council*,
- (3) Resolution 1 (CBS-XIII) – CBS Management Group,
- (4) Resolution 2 (CBS-XIII) – Open Programme Area Groups,

Recognizing:

- (1) That the effectiveness of the Commission depends to a large extent on the effective management of its activities between sessions,
- (2) That a management group would be required to ensure the integration of the programme areas, evaluate the working progress achieved, coordinate strategic planning, and to decide on necessary adjustments to the working structure in the intersessional period,

Decides:

- (1) To re-establish the Management Group of CBS with the following terms of reference:
 - (a) Advise the president on all matters related to the work of the Commission;
 - (b) Provide inputs to the president as regards planning, coordination, monitoring and evaluation of the work of the Commission, its OPAGs, ETs and rapporteurs;
 - (c) Advise the president as regards the provision of CBS input to the WMO Strategic Plan and the Operation Plan, monitoring and evaluation of activities relevant to the CBS-related Expected Results;
 - (d) Manage and evaluate OPAGs' activities with special attention to WMO high priority issues, mainly WMO Integrated Global Observing System, WMO Information System and Disaster Risk Reduction, and advise the president on CBS contribution to the EC WG on WIGOS-WIS, SG-WIGOS and the ICG WIS;
 - (e) Keep under review the internal structure and working methods of the Commission and make necessary adjustments;
 - (f) Advise the president on matters related to cooperation and collaboration with other technical commissions and regional associations in support of other WMO and related international programmes;
 - (g) Coordinate the activities of the Commission with respect to GEOSS;

- (h) Advise the president on all team leader designations necessary between sessions of the Commission;
 - (i) Review and endorse the membership of CBS expert teams;
- (2) That the composition of the Management Group shall be as follows:
- (a) President of CBS (chairperson);
 - (b) Vice-president of CBS;
 - (c) Chairpersons and co-chairpersons of the four OPAGs;
 - (d) CBS Coordinator for the GEOSS;
 - (e) CBS Coordinator for Disaster Risk Reduction.
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