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## **APPROVAL OF THE PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA**

### **SUMMARY**

**DECISIONS/ACTIONS REQUIRED:**

The Executive Council is requested to approve the attached Appendix – Provisional Annotated Agenda.

**CONTENT OF THE DOCUMENT:**

**Appendix:**

Provisional Annotated Agenda

## PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA

### 1. ORGANIZATION OF THE SESSION

**35 mins.**

#### 1.1 Opening of the session

The sixty-second session of the Council will open on Tuesday, 8 June 2010 at 10:00 a.m. at the WMO Headquarters, Geneva.

#### 1.2 Approval of the agenda – Doc. 1.2, REV. 1

In accordance with General Regulation 159, the provisional agenda will be submitted to the Council for approval at the opening meeting and may be amended at any time in the course of the session.

#### 1.3 Establishment of committees

Proposals for the establishment of plenary throughout will be submitted to the Council in a separate information document.

#### 1.4 Programme of work of the session

Questions to be decided upon will include:

- (a) Working hours of the meetings;
- (b) Tentative programme of work for the session.

#### 1.5 Approval of the minutes

Attention is invited to the decision made by the Executive Council at its fiftieth session and confirmed by Thirteenth Congress that no minutes of plenary meetings at sessions of the Executive Council, regional associations and technical commissions should be prepared unless otherwise decided for special items. Recordings of plenaries would continue to be made and would be retained for record purposes.

### 2. REPORTS

#### 2.1 Report by the President of the Organization – Doc. 2.1

**30 mins.**

As specified in Regulation 157 of the General Regulations, this report will include:

- (a) A resumé of the activities of the Organization and its constituent bodies since the sixty-first session of the Council;
- (b) Matters to be reported under the provisions of Regulations 9 (7);
- (c) Any other matters affecting the Organization and its constituent bodies; including changes in the membership of the Council.

**2.2 Report by the Secretary-General - Doc. 2.2** **30 mins.**

As specified in Regulation 158 of the General Regulations, this report will include:

- (a) A resumé of the activities of the Secretariat since the sixty-first session of the Council;
- (b) A report on the relations of the Organization with other international organizations;
- (c) Management issues:
  - Financial matters;
  - Staff matters.

**2.3 Report of the Financial Advisory Committee – Doc. 2.3** **20 mins.**

The report of the Financial Advisory Committee will contain recommendations of the Committee on financial and budgetary matters to be considered by the Council. The report of the Committee will be finalized after its meeting normally being held prior to the opening of EC-LXII and, therefore, will be distributed during the session of the Council.

**2.4 Reports by the presidents of regional associations – Doc. 2.4** **70 mins.**

With reference to Regulation 166(5) of the General Regulations, the presidents of regional associations (RAs) will present the views of their respective Associations, focussing on the development and implementation of regional strategic plans and the priority areas of concern to the Regions. The report of the 2010 Meeting of Presidents of Regional Associations will be presented. Major outcomes will be presented by the presidents of RAs V and VI which have held sessions since EC-LXI.

**2.5 Report on the 2010 Meeting of Presidents of Technical Commissions and reports of technical commissions – Docs. 2.5(1), 2.5(2), 2.5(3), 2.5(4), REV. 1, 2.5(5), 2.5(6)**  
**80 mins.**

In line with Regulation 185(6) presidents of technical commissions will present overviews of their respective Commissions focusing on matters requiring decision or resolution of the Council. The first Vice-President will present the report of the Meeting of Presidents of Technical Commissions, held in Geneva in January 2010.

**2.5(a) Reports of technical commissions which have held sessions since EC-LXI**

With reference to Regulation 181 of the General Regulations, the presidents of technical commissions that have held sessions in the interval between EC-LXI and EC-LXII will present the major outcomes and recommendations to EC (JCOMM, CAS, CAeM, CCI).

**2.5(b) Reports of technical commissions which have sessions planned before Sixteenth Congress**

A report will be presented to review the priority issues to be addressed by CAgM, CBS, and CIMO at their forthcoming sessions (CAgM-XV, CIMO-XV, CBS-Ext.). (Note: all presidents are invited to make interventions under all agenda items to assist EC in its decision making.)

### **3. SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION (Strategic Thrust)**

Members will be invited to discuss reports and decision documents focussing on Expected Results (ER) 1 to 5.

#### **3.1 Enhanced capabilities of Members to produce better weather forecasts and warnings (ER 1) – Doc. 3.1** **165 mins.**

Under this agenda item the Council is invited to discuss and make decisions on the following main issues:

- (a) Improving the quality, and facilitating access to, and effective use of operational numerical weather prediction products for weather forecasts and warnings, including through GDPFS initiatives, and service delivery through public weather services, aeronautical meteorology, marine meteorology and oceanography, and tropical cyclone warnings;
- (b) Technology transfer from research to operational forecasting to benefit prediction services, including WMO activities that enhance the transfer of practices based on new methods or forecasting systems, from research to operational use, through forecasting demonstration projects and training;
- (c) Research and development of next generation forecast and assessment systems, including the provision of increasingly wider-range forecast products of higher quality and effectiveness under coordination by the World Weather Research Programme and its major components (THORPEX, Nowcasting, Tropical Meteorology Research, Mesoscale Forecast Research, Verification Research, Societal and Economic Benefit Research).

#### **3.2 Enhanced capabilities of Members to provide better climate predictions and assessments (ER 2) – Docs. 3.2, 3.2(2)** **165 mins.**

The ER 2 related activities of WCASP, WCDMP, CCA, WCRP, MMO and GCOS and other relevant programmes will be considered, including on issues related to:

- (a) Climate monitoring and assessment;
- (b) Climate modelling and prediction research;
- (c) Climate information and prediction services;
- (d) Adaptation to climate change and management of risks related to climate variability and change;
- (e) Projects funded by the World Bank-GFDRR; KOICA; Greece.

The session will discuss and decide on recommendations related to the outcomes of:

- (f) The extraordinary session (2009) and the third session of the EC Working Group on Climate and Related Weather, Water and Environmental Matters;

- (g) The Technical Conference on “Changing Climate and Demands for Climate Services for Sustainable Development” (Antalya, Turkey, 16-18 February 2010);
- (h) The fifteenth session of the Commission for Climatology (CCI-XV), Antalya, Turkey, 19-24 February 2010.

**3.3 Enhanced capabilities of Members to provide better hydrological forecasts and assessments (ER 3) – Doc. 3.3** **85 mins.**

The Council will be informed of the progress made by the Commission for Hydrology, in particular in the four thematic areas adopted as priority by CHy-XIII:

1. Quality Management Framework – Hydrology (QMF–Hydrology);
2. Water Resources Assessment;
3. Hydrological Forecasting and Prediction;
4. Water, Climate and Risk Management;

and provide guidance for the future achievement of the ER.

**3.4 Integration of WMO Observing Systems (ER 4) – Doc. 3.4** **165 mins.**

The session will discuss and decide on:

- (a) Further development and improvements in the WMO and WMO co-sponsored Observing Systems addressing weather, water and climate including the GOS surface-based and space-based sub systems, GAW, GCOS, GOOS, GTOS and related environmental and research networks;
- (b) Standardization of instruments and methods of observation;
- (c) The further development and implementation of the WIGOS concept with particular attention paid to the refined version of the WIGOS Concept of Operations (CONOPS) as well as to the draft WIGOS Comprehensive Costed Development and Implementation Strategy for approval and submission to Cg-XVI;
- (d) Progress of the Sustained Coordinated Processing of Environmental Satellite Data for Climate Monitoring (SCOPE-CM) ensuring that Essential Climate Variables observed from space are processed to facilitate their integrated use in relevant climate programmes;
- (e) Initial activities regarding Space Weather.

**3.5 Development and implementation of the new WMO Information System (ER 5) – Doc. 3.5** **80 mins.**

The session will discuss and decide on:

- (a) The further development and implementation of WIS taking into account ICG-WIS and EC WG-WIGOS&WIS outcomes, including the development of regulatory and guidance material, governance matters, including the process for designation of WIS centres

(GISC & DCPC), and also the preliminary identification of potential GISCs and DCPCs and initial 2010/2011 operations. The Council will discuss and decide on directives for further improvements of the GTS, as the WIS part for operation-critical data including high-priority warnings and related information, including in developing areas. It will also discuss and decide on directives for the involvement in WIS development and utilization of WIS services by all WMO Programmes at the global, regional and national levels;

- (b) The further development of WMO metadata and data representation policy and systems for data and products from WMO and related systems, taking account of evolving requirements from various user communities;
- (c) Climate Data Rescue, Climate Data Management Systems and Climate Data Exchange: The Council will review the progress made in these aspects and decide on the new priorities emerging from the outcome of WCC-3 and the fifteenth session of the Commission for Climatology (CCI-XV, February 2010).

#### **4. SERVICE DELIVERY (Strategic Thrust)**

Members will be invited to discuss reports and decision documents focussing on ERs 6 to 7.

##### **4.1 Enhanced capabilities of Members in multi-hazard early warning systems and disaster prevention and preparedness (ER 6) – Doc. 4.1 165 mins.**

Under this agenda item the Council will be invited to discuss and make decisions on the following main issues:

- (a) New initiatives including technical guidance for NMHSs developing disaster risk reduction activities as a climate change adaptation strategy, and meeting requirements of humanitarian and development institutions;
- (b) A coordinated approach among technical commissions, programmes and Members for the development and implementation of assistance to Members for strengthening their capacities in the areas of flood risk assessment, drought risk assessment, climate risk management and other related hazards;
- (c) Pilot projects on a multi-hazard EWS approach, including the demonstration projects in Shanghai (China) and the contribution of the Severe Weather Forecast Demonstration Project (SWFDP), FFG, storm surge watch, and other relevant initiatives;
- (d) Partnership projects with the World Bank, ISDR, UNDP, international financial and development institutions and Members in DRR in South Eastern Europe, Central Asia and Caucasus, Southeast Asia, central America and the Caribbean.

##### **4.2 Enhanced capabilities of Members to provide and use weather, climate, water and environmental applications and services (ER 7) – Doc. 4.2 165 mins.**

Under this agenda item the Council is invited to discuss and make decisions on the following main issues:

- (a) Improving the user interface between NMHSs and the various user sectors, including those which are vulnerable to climate variability and climate change;

- (b) Development and implementation of activities for generating public awareness on the risks of severe and high impact weather;
- (c) Assessment and demonstration of the socio-economic benefits and application of weather and climate services to user sectors including health, energy, tourism and urbanization;
- (d) Development of user-focus skills in NMHSs for the delivery of improved and new services and related products, including those related to the polar regions, nowcasting and severe weather demonstration projects and early warning systems, air quality management and agrometeorology projects.

**5. PARTNERSHIPS (Strategic Thrust)**

**165 mins.**

The Council will receive reports and will be invited to address decision documents focussing on Expected Result 8, namely broader use of weather, climate, and water outputs for decision-making and implementation by Members and partner organizations **(ER 8)**.

**5.1 Cooperation with the United Nations system – Doc. 5**

The Council will be invited to review recent activities relating to cooperation with the United Nations system particularly through its inter-agency mechanisms, to supporting conventions and world summits follow-up. The Council will review the recommendations addressed to the Organization by the United Nations and UN Conventions which are related to the WMO mandate.

**5.2 Cooperation with international organizations – Docs. 5, 5, ADD. 1, 5.2(1), 5.2(2), 5.2(C)**

The Council will be invited to review progress and provide guidance on the activities relating to cooperation with international organizations, including the reports from the IPCC and WCRP, on the International Polar Year 2007-2008, and on GEOSS. The status of the plan to establish working arrangements or granting consultative status requested by other international organizations will be submitted to the Council for its consideration. The Council will be invited to propose a list of candidates to serve on the Joint Scientific Committee for the WCRP. The list will subsequently be discussed with ICSU and IOC as the basis for nominating replacements for outgoing members or extending terms of appointment.

**5.3 Communications and public affairs – Doc. 5**

The Council will be invited to review public outreach and media communication activities under the Information and Public Affairs Programme and decide the theme of the World Meteorological Day 2012.

**6. CAPACITY BUILDING (Strategic Thrust) – Docs. 6(1), 6(2)**

**165 mins.**

Members will be invited to discuss reports and decision documents focussing on enhanced capabilities of NMHSs in developing countries, particularly Least Developed Countries, to fulfil their mandates **(ER 9)** through:

- (a) Promotion of development partnership, cooperation, regional activities, and support to LDCs and SIDS;

- (b) Human Resource Development, including Education and Training and related activities;
- (c) Institutional, infrastructure and operational facilities development;
- (d) Implementation of WMO Country Profile Database;
- (e) Resource Mobilization and technical assistance;
- (f) EC Statement on the Role and Operation of NMHSs.

## **7. EFFICIENT MANAGEMENT AND GOOD GOVERNANCE (Strategic Thrust)**

Members will be invited to discuss reports and decision documents focussing on ERs 10 to 11.

### **7.1 Effective and efficient functioning of constituent bodies (ER 10) – Doc. 7.1** 45 mins.

The Council will be invited to consider the revision of the concept and funding of WMO Mandatory publications, and a costed list of WMO Mandatory publications for the sixteenth financial period.

### **7.2 Effective and efficient management performance and oversight of the Organization (ER 11)**

#### **7.2.1 WMO Strategic and Operating Plans (2012-2015), Secretariat Implementation Plan and Budget for the sixteenth financial period (2012-2015), and Monitoring and Evaluation Plan – Docs. 7.2(01), 7.2(01), ADD. 1, 7.2(02), 7.2(03)** 145 mins.

The Council will be informed on the status of development of the next WMO Strategic and Operating Plans; the Council will consider the corresponding recommendations of its Working Group on Strategic and Operational Planning and it will be invited to provide guidance on the finalization of the next WMO Strategic and Operating Plans for consideration by Congress.

In accordance with Article 3.4 of the WMO Financial Regulations, the Council will examine the Secretary-General's estimates of maximum expenditure for the sixteenth financial period and prepare a report to Sixteenth Congress.

The Council will be invited to consider a proposal on the WMO Monitoring and Evaluation Plan and consider the pertinent recommendations of its Working Group on Strategic and Operational Planning.

#### **7.2.2 External Auditor, Audit Committee, Internal Oversight Office, Joint Inspection Unit (JIU), and Implementation of International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS), and other financial matters – Docs. 7.2(04), 7.2(04), ADD. 1, 7.2(05), 7.2(06), 7.2(07), 7.2(08), 7.2(12)** 135 mins.

The Executive Council will consider the accounts for the year 2009, including reports of the External Auditor, the Audit Committee, and the annual accountability report of the Internal Oversight Office (IOO).

The Council will review the status of implementation of JIU recommendations pertinent

to WMO emanating from JIU UN system-wide reports.

The Council will receive a progress report on the implementation of the IPSAS project.

**7.2.3 Internal Secretariat Matters – Docs. 7.2(09), 7.2(10), 7.2(11), 7.2(C), 7.2(C2)**  
**30 mins.**

The Council will hear reports on Secretariat human resources issues, including Staff Rules, nominations and promotions and views of the Staff Committee.

**8. FUTURE CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES** **165 mins.**

**8.1 Developing the Global Framework for Climate Services – Doc. 8(1)**

The Council will be informed of the outcomes and follow-up to the WCC-3, including implementation of Global Framework for Climate Services (GFCS); Inter-governmental Meeting (January 2010) on the High-Level Task Force on GFCS and other developments.

**8.2 The Role of WMO Research in Enhancing Weather Climate and Water and Environmental Prediction in the Next Decade – Docs. 8.2(1), 8.2(2)**

Outcomes of consultations on the international research on the Earth system prediction, requested by EC-LXI (paragraphs 8.1 to 8.9), on implementing the recommendations of the EC Research Task Team (EC-RTT), consultations with CAS, presidents of technical commissions, presidents of regional associations, the EC WG on SOP and WCRP, will be reported and decision of EC sought.

The Council will be informed of ICSU visioning on research priorities and advice of CAS-XV on raising the profile of weather, water and environment prediction research through international cooperation.

**8.3 WMO Gender Mainstreaming – Doc. 8.3**

A report of the first meeting of the EC Advisory Panel of Experts on Gender Mainstreaming will be presented by the Chair of the Panel.

**8.4 Response of the London Volcanic Ash Advisory Centre (VAAC) to the Eyjafjallajökull Eruption, April/May 2010 – Doc. 8.4**

A document will be presented to the Council describing the response of the London VAAC to the ongoing Eyjafjallajökull volcanic eruption.

**8.5 Report of the EC Working Group on WMO Strategic and Operational Planning on WMO Reform**

The Council will consider the report of the EC Working Group on WMO Strategic and Operational Planning (WG/SOP) WMO reform proposals, and advise on future directions for this work.

**9. GENERAL AND LEGAL MATTERS**

**9.1 Fifty-fifth International Meteorological Organization (IMO) Prize and other Awards – Docs. 9.1(1), 9.1(2), 9.1(C) 80 mins.**

The Council will be invited to select the recipient of the Fifty-fifth IMO Prize. The Council will also be invited to approve the recommendations of selection committees for the recipients of other WMO awards.

**9.2 Constitutional and regulatory matters – Docs. 9.2(1), 9.2(2) 30 mins.**

The Council will be invited to review the amendments to the General Regulations and arrangements for the attendance of Members in Executive Council sessions, with a view to making a recommendation on the matter to Cg-XVI.

**9.3 Preparations for Sixteenth Congress – Doc. 9.3 30 mins.**

The Council will be invited to consider various matters relating to the preparations for Sixteenth Congress, such as dates and arrangements; provisional agenda; invitations to non-Member countries; invitations to international organizations; documentation; working committees; and the seating of delegations. The Council will select themes for scientific lectures and a lecturer for the twelfth IMO Lecture to be delivered at Sixteenth Congress in 2011.

**9.4 Designation of acting member(s) of the Executive Council – Doc. 9.4 30 mins.**

In accordance with Regulation 144 of the General Regulations and Rules 15 and 16 of the Rules of Procedure of the Executive Council, the Council will be called upon to designate acting member(s) of the Council, to fill seat(s) vacated by elected member(s) of the Council.

**9.5 Review of panels and other bodies of the Executive Council – Doc. 9.5 10 mins.**

Following the designation of its acting member(s), the Council will be invited to review the membership of its panels and other bodies.

**9.6 Memorial for the former Secretary-General Professor G.O.P. Obasi – Doc 9.6 15 mins.**

Following the request from Fifteenth Congress, the Council will consider ways and means of immortalizing the memory of Professor G.O.P. Obasi.

**10. SCIENTIFIC LECTURES AND DISCUSSIONS – Doc. 10 60 mins.**

**10.1 Scientific lectures and discussions**

According to the decision by EC-LXI, arrangements have been made for a scientific lecture to be delivered by an invited speaker on the topic: “60 Years of WMO: realizing and building upon the visions and achievements of the IMO (the successful vision of the pioneers)”.

**11. REVIEW OF PREVIOUS RESOLUTIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL – Doc. 11**

The Council will be invited to review its resolutions which are presently in force, in accordance with the provisions of Regulation 155(9) of the General Regulations and Rule 27 of its Rules of Procedure.

**12. DATE AND PLACE OF THE SIXTY-THIRD AND SIXTY-FOURTH SESSIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

The Council will be invited to confirm the date and place of its sixty-third session which was tentatively agreed by EC-LXI to be held from 6 to 8 June 2011 at the CICG, Geneva.

The Council will also be invited to set the tentative dates for its sixty-fourth session in order to facilitate organizational arrangements such as recruiting teams of interpreters on time.

**13. CLOSURE OF THE SESSION**

The sixty-second session of the Council is scheduled to close on Friday, 18 June 2010.

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