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The Secretariat of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) presents its compliments to the Permanent Missions of Members with WMO to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva and has the honour to refer to the eightieth session of the WMO Executive Council (EC-80), which took place from 22 to 26 June 2026 at the WMO headquarters in Geneva.

The Secretariat has the further honour to request the Permanent Mission's kind assistance in the transmission of the attached letter on the outcomes of EC-80 from the Secretary-General, Professor Celeste Saulo, to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The WMO Secretariat avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Permanent Missions of Members with WMO to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva, the assurances of its highest consideration.



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To: Permanent Missions to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva



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Subject: Outcomes of the eightieth session of the WMO Executive Council (EC-80)

Your Excellency,

I have the pleasure to inform you that the eightieth session of the WMO Executive Council (EC-80) took place from 22 to 26 June 2026 at the WMO headquarters in Geneva as a hybrid session.

The session was attended by 35 members of the Council, 128 alternates or advisers, three regional hydrological advisers, four presidents or co-vice-presidents of technical commissions, two vice-presidents of regional associations, one chair of other WMO bodies, 66 representatives of 17 WMO Members, 21 representatives of seven partner organizations, and seven invited experts.

Of the 267 participants, 152 were men (57%) and 115 were women (43%).

The Executive Council adopted 11 resolutions and 21 decisions dealing with strategic, scientific and technical, policy, regulatory, financial and administrative matters.

A summary of the resolutions and decisions adopted by the Executive Council, with particular attention to the implications for Members, is provided in the [annex](#).

A copy of this letter is being sent to the Permanent Representative of Members with WMO.

Please accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Prof. Celeste Saulo
Secretary-General

To: Ministers of Foreign Affairs of Members of the World Meteorological Organization

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (EC-80) – DETAILED SYNTHESIS OF KEY OUTCOMES

Overall direction

EC-80 reinforced the focus of WMO on:

- **Accelerating early warnings globally,**
 - Advancing **polar and cryosphere action,**
 - Managing **financial constraints through prioritization,**
 - Developing the draft **2028–2031 Strategic Plan,**
 - Strengthening **governance, partnerships and risk management.**
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1. Scientific and technical matters

Early Warnings for All (EW4All) initiative

(Decision 3.1/1 (EC-80))

The Executive Council reaffirmed the central role of WMO in EW4All and committed to accelerating implementation of priority activities within existing resources. It emphasized:

- Strengthening **capacity development**, including training, peer-to-peer exchanges and twinning arrangements, particularly for **least developed countries** and **small island developing States**.
- Enhancing **regional coordination mechanisms** to support knowledge-sharing, good practices and cross-border cooperation in early warning service delivery.

Polar and high-mountain agenda

(Resolution 3.2/1 (EC-80))

The Council advanced preparations for the **Fifth International Polar Year (IPY-5, 2032–2033)**:

- The Panel on Polar and High-mountain Observations (PHORS) is tasked with preparing a WMO Action Plan for submission to the eighty-first session of the Executive Council (EC-81).
- The Infrastructure Commission (INFCOM), in collaboration with PHORS, will lead development of a **Global Cryosphere Watch implementation plan**, serving as the WMO flagship contribution to IPY-5.
- Members are urged to:
 - establish **national IPY-5 committees**,
 - mobilize funding for cryosphere observations and research,
 - strengthen **data exchange** in line with WMO policies.

Observations and infrastructure

(Resolution 3.3/1 (EC-80))

- **88 Centennial Observing Stations** were newly recognized.
- INFCOM will explore the integration of long-term observing requirements into the **Global Basic Observing Network (GBON)** to ensure sustainability.
- Members were encouraged to strengthen **long-term Earth system observations** and preserve key observing stations.

Capacity development

(Resolution 3.4/1 (EC-80))

- Two new **Regional Training Centres (RTCs)** were designated (Ethiopian Meteorological Institute and Fiji Meteorological Service).
- All other RTCs had their status extended pending further external reviews.

2. Strategic and operational planning

Operating Plan 2026–2027 under financial constraints

(Resolution 6.1/1 (EC-80))

In response to liquidity challenges, the Council adopted the **prioritization framework** recommended by the Task Force established by EC-Ext(2025):

- **Tier 1:** Core functions (fully implemented),
- **Tier 2:** Adjusted or scaled activities,
- **Tier 3:** Deferred outputs.

The Secretary-General was requested to:

- Implement prioritization and identify **efficiency gains**,
- Reduce costs while preserving high-priority outputs,
- Assess implications for staffing,
- Expand **resource mobilization efforts**.

Draft Strategic Plan 2028–2031

(Resolution 6.2/1 (EC-80))

The results framework was adopted, structured around three long-term goals:

1. **Service delivery:** Strengthening user-oriented and scientifically authoritative services, especially early warnings and sectoral applications.
2. **Infrastructure:** Building integrated, resilient observing, data-sharing and prediction systems.
3. **Institutions and partnerships:** Enhancing National Meteorological and Hydrological Service (NMHS) capabilities, policy frameworks, financing and partnerships.

These are supported by a **foundational governance goal**, ensuring effective organizational capacity and accountability.

A drafting team will further refine **strategic context and foresight elements**.

Preparation of the maximum expenditure for 2028–2031

(Resolution 6.3/1 (EC-80))

The Council requested:

- Development of budget scenarios based on **Zero Nominal Growth (ZNG)** and **Zero Real Growth (ZRG)**.
- Additional **sub-scenarios** to account for financial uncertainties.
- Clear alignment between **budget allocations and programme results**, including prioritization outcomes.

Programme framework

(Resolution 6.4/1 (EC-80))

- Updated descriptions of the **Capacity Development Programme** and **Regional Programme** were adopted.
- Ongoing review of **Major Programmes** was mandated to ensure alignment with the Strategic Plan and Operating Plan.

3. Cooperation with the United Nations and partners

United Nations System Engagement

(Decision 4.1/1 (EC-80))

- Strengthened engagement with the **United Nations Development System** to increase the visibility of WMO and NMHSs.
- Continued participation in **UN80 processes**, ensuring the collaboration supports the WMO normative and technical mandate.

Satellite coordination

(Decision 4.2/1 (EC 80))

- Acknowledged the essential role of **space agencies** in supporting the WMO Integrated Global Observing System (WIGOS) and EW4All.
- Encouraged continued collaboration on:
 - data access and coordination,
 - capacity development,
 - support to developing countries,
 - protection of radio-frequency spectrum.

Ocean cooperation (WMO–IOC)

(Decision 4.3/1 (EC-80), Decision 4.3/2 (EC-80))

Through the **Joint Collaborative Board (JCB)**, the Council:

- Promoted enhanced **ocean observations, data exchange and coastal resilience** in support of EW4All.
 - Requested a recommendation on the requirement for a **joint WMO–Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) strategy** and updated governance arrangements.
 - Supported ongoing **Global Ocean Observing System (GOOS) reform**, with attention to governance, efficiency and resource implications.
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4. Governance, policy and institutional matters

Governance reform and oversight

(Resolution 5.1/1 (EC-80); Resolution 7.1/1 (EC-80); Decision 7.2/1 (EC-80))

- Established a **task force** to analyse recommendations from the Joint Inspection Unit (JIU) review of WMO governance structures.
- Continued systematic review of existing resolutions, discontinuing those no longer relevant.
- Strengthened **monitoring and reporting mechanisms** for implementation of resolutions and decisions.

Awards and recognition

(Decision 5.2/1 (EC-80))

- IMO Prize awarded to **Dr Florence Rabier**.
- Additional recognition through Väisälä Awards and Young Scientists Awards.
- Measures introduced to broaden participation in award processes.

World Meteorological Day 2027

(Decision 5.4/1 (EC-80))

Theme adopted: **“Trusted Science. Better Forecasts. Safer World.”**

Resource mobilization

(Decision 5.6/1 (EC-80))

- Highlighted complementary roles of **WMO Commons, Systematic Observations Financing Facility (SOFF), and Climate Risk and Early Warning Systems (CREWS)**.
 - Emphasized need for stronger governance and accountability for **extrabudgetary resources**.
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5. Financial, risk and oversight matters

Financial management

(Resolution 5.7/1 (EC-80); Decision 5.8/1 (EC-80))

- Approved the **2025 financial statements**, while expressing concern over unpaid contributions.

Risk management and oversight

(Resolution 5.9/1 (EC-80); Decisions 5.9/1–5.9/3 (EC-80))

- Adopted a **revised Risk Management Policy** and reinforced the integration of risk management into all operations.
 - Requested:
 - regular reporting on risks and internal controls,
 - monitoring of risk appetite alignment,
 - continued advisory role of the Audit and Oversight Committee (AOC).
 - Took note of reports from oversight bodies (AOC, Internal Oversight Office, JIU).
 - Initiated process to appoint the **External Auditor for 2028–2031**.
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6. Administrative and organizational matters

Human resources and procurement

(Decisions 5.10/1 and 5.10/2 (EC-80))

- Took note of reports on **human resources, ethics and procurement**.

Executive Council membership

(Decision 5.11/1 (EC-80); Decision 7.2/1 (EC-80))

- Designated two **acting members of the Executive Council**, Mr Prithiviraj Booneedy (Mauritius), to replace Moegamat Ishaam Abader (South Africa), and Mr Teuku Faisal Fathani (Indonesia), to replace Dwikorita Karnawati (Indonesia).
 - Confirmed membership of key **WMO governance bodies**, including panels, committees and task forces.
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7. Upcoming sessions

(Decision 5.5/1 (EC-80); Decision 8/1 (EC-80))

- **FINAC-47**: 5 March 2027 *(as modified by the President)*
 - **EC-81**: 8–12 March 2027 *(as modified by the President)*
 - **World Meteorological Congress (Cg-20)**: 14–25 June 2027, Geneva
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