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Annexes: 2

Subject: Summary outcomes of IBCS-1

Sir/Madam,

I have the honour to inform you that the first session of the Intergovernmental Board on Climate Change (IBCS-1) held from 1 to 5 July 2013 took a number of important decisions to advance the implementation of the Global Framework for Climate Services (GFCS).

The provisional report of IBCS-1 can be accessed through the WMO website at <http://ibcs-1.wmo.int/documents>. The final abridged report with resolutions will be finalized in all official WMO languages in due time and posted on the website.

Following the decision taken at the extraordinary session of the World Meteorological Congress (Cg-Ext.(2012)) to establish the Intergovernmental Board, the first session, under the initial Chairmanship of WMO President Mr David Grimes:

- (i) Approved the Implementation Plan of the Global Framework for Climate Services (GFCS) and a Compendium of initial GFCS projects for immediate implementation;
- (ii) Agreed on the definition of processes and substructures supporting its advancement; and,
- (iii) Elected the Chair, two co-Vice-Chairs and selected the Members forming the Management Committee of the Board.

The major outcomes of the session will guide the Board's work, which will be reviewed at IBCS-2, until the Seventeenth World Meteorological Congress in 2015. A table of the major decisions and required follow-up is provided as Annex I for your attention.

To: Ministers of Foreign Affairs of Member States of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO-1385)

Management Committee

In order to fulfil the mandate given to the Board by Congress to oversee and provide the overall management of the development and implementation of the GFCS, the Board unanimously agreed that it shall be managed until the end of the next ordinary session of the Board, by one Chair and that the office of the Vice-Chair shall be shared by two co-Vice-Chairs.

Chair: Dr Anton Eliassen (Norway)

Co-Vice-Chairs: Dr Linda Makuleni (South Africa), and Dr Laxman Singh Rathore (India)

The principal delegates of the 28 following Members were selected to serve on the Committee (see details in Annex II):

RA I (Africa): Cameroon, Cote d'Ivoire, Egypt, Guinea Bissau; South Africa (co-Vice-Chair), United Republic of Tanzania,

RA II (Asia): China, India (co-Vice-Chair), Islamic Republic of Iran, Japan, Republic of Korea;

RA III (South America): Argentina, Brazil, Peru;

RA IV (North America, Central America and the Caribbean): British Caribbean Territories, Canada, Costa Rica, United States of America;

RA V (South-West Pacific): Australia, Fiji, Indonesia, Philippines;

RA VI (Europe): Germany, Italy, Norway (Chair), Russian Federation, Switzerland, Turkey.

Decisions and Resolutions

Through Resolution 3.2/1, the Board approved a resolution on the Establishment of the Management Committee and its Terms of Reference.

The Board further adopted the Implementation Plan of the Global Framework for Climate Services in Resolution 4.1/1 together with its Annexes on the five pillars in Resolution 4.1.1/1 and Exemplars on the four initial priorities. This represents a roadmap for the implementation of the GFCS and its Initial Priority areas as adopted in Resolution 4.1.2/1.

The Board also adopted a Compendium of GFCS projects in Resolution 4.1.3/1, which includes the projects and activities contained in the initial Compendium of GFCS projects and the criteria for funding from the GFCS Trust Fund and for the recognition of projects funded from other sources as contributing to the GFCS. The Board thereby requested Members to note the resource requirements for implementation of the GFCS including its IBCS and substructures, when pledging contributions, and requested the Management Committee to establish a process to capture the various contributions made by Members at the global, regional and national levels, which support the implementation of the GFCS. In addition, a resolution on the process for the Monitoring and evaluation of the implementation of the GFCS was adopted in Resolution 4.1.4/1.

Finally, in seeking to develop the principles and timeline leading to an optimal stakeholder engagement mechanism process, the Board adopted Resolution 4.2.2/1 and its related annexes on the Establishment of the Stakeholder Engagement Mechanism and participation of such Stakeholders in the work of the Intergovernmental Board on Climate Services, which formalizes the establishment of a Partner Advisory Committee (PAC) in this respect.

Other highlights of the session

The Board expressed its appreciation to the commitment of Members to the GFCS shown through the contributions to the GFCS Trust Fund made by Australia, Canada, China, Finland, Hong Kong, China, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Norway, Republic of Korea, Switzerland and the United Kingdom.

The Board was informed of the costs of undertaking some of the administrative arrangements for the implementation of the GFCS, including, the budget for holding an Intergovernmental Board Meeting in Geneva, a meeting of the Management Committee and the annual cost of the Secretariat staff required to support the operations of the GFCS.

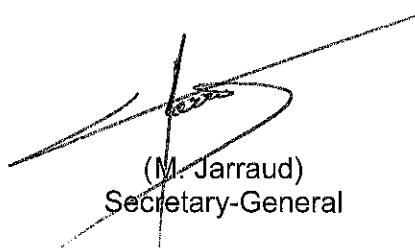
In relation to the implementation of GFCS-related projects and activities, the Board discussed strategies for resource mobilization, including financial contributions to the GFCS Trust Fund, in-kind contributions to the GFCS Office and reporting of investments in GFCS-related activities through bilateral and multilateral mechanisms.

I would like to seize this opportunity to encourage your Government to advocate, as appropriate, that projects with elements supporting or linked to the GFCS could benefit from financial support of the Green Climate Fund and the Adaptation Fund and be recognized as such following the criteria outlined in Resolution 4.1.3/1. This would facilitate the work of the new Intergovernmental Board and the supporting GFCS Office in assessing the engagement of Members in the implementation of the GFCS.

I hope that you will find this information useful and I look forward to the continued strengthening of the cooperation between all WMO Members in supporting the implementation of this critical initiative of the United Nations system.

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

Accept, Sir/Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.



(M. Jarraud)
Secretary-General

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SG/CER/IBCS-1, ANNEX I

OUTCOMES OF IBCS-1 MAJOR DECISIONS AND REQUIRED FOLLOW-UP

Doc No.	Resolution	Required Action	Main Actor
IBCS-1/Doc. 3.2	Resolution 3.2/1 - <i>Establishment of the Management Committee of the Intergovernmental Board on Climate Services</i>	Develop a draft recommendation to be submitted by the IBCS to Seventeenth Congress on appropriate interaction mechanism between the IBCS and other constituent bodies such as the WMO Executive Council, WMO Technical Commissions and WMO Regional Associations, taking into account the possible financial implications.	Management Committee
		Hold a meeting of the Management Committee following the closure of the IBCS regular session.	Management Committee
IBCS-1/Doc. 4.1	Resolution 4.1/1 - <i>Implementation Plan of the GFCS</i>	Reflect additional inputs in the next version of the Implementation Plan, including, inter alia, the integration of in-situ and remotely sensed observations, improving our understanding of how the climate change in the polar regions influences the climate on a global and regional level, practicalities around the establishment of national sources for authoritative climate information and the need for training of professionals in climate service development and delivery.	GFCS Office
		Report to the second session of the Intergovernmental Board on Climate Services and subsequently to the Seventeenth World Meteorological Congress, progress with the implementation of the Global Framework for Climate Services as set out in the Implementation Plan for the Global Framework for Climate Services.	IBCS Chair
IBCS-1/Doc. 4.1.1	Resolution 4.1.1/1 - <i>Pillars of the GFCS</i>	Reflect additional inputs in the next versions of the Annexes, including, inter alia, the need for training in the ongoing maintenance of systems to collect and store climate data, the lack of availability of ocean data and improvements to the structure of the	GFCS Office

		Annexes, taking into consideration the edits and inclusions provided by the participants.	
IBCS-1/Doc. 4.1.2	Resolution 4.1.2/1 - Initial Priority Areas	Record any edits or inclusions proposed for the Exemplars and bring revised versions back to its next session.	GFCS Office
IBCS-1/Doc. 4.1.3	Resolution 4.1.3/1 - Compendium of GFCS Projects	Review and update the principles and criteria for funding of projects and activities from the GFCS Trust Fund on a regular basis for approval of IBCS.	Management Committee
IBCS-1/Doc. 4.1.4	Resolution 4.1.4/4 – Monitoring and evaluation of implementation of the GFCS	Design the monitoring and evaluation criteria and process for the implementation of the Global Framework for Climate Services and to bring this back to the Board for approval.	Management Committee
		Implement the monitoring and evaluation process and report regularly to the Board on the results of the process.	Management Committee
IBCS-1/Doc. 4.2.2	Resolution 4.2.2/1 - Establishment of the Stakeholder Engagement Mechanism and Participation of GFCS Stakeholders in the work of the Intergovernmental Board on Climate Services	Report to the second session of IBCS on the implementation of the adopted Stakeholder Engagement Mechanism.	Chair IBCS
		Review the composition and criteria for membership to the IBCS	Management Committee
		Register the partner organizations willing to be part of the PAC, and maintain this register up-to-date.	GFCS Office
IBCS-1/Doc. 4.3.1	Resolution 4.3.1/1 – Resources Mobilization	Establish a process to capture the various contributions made by Members at the global, regional and national level, which support the implementation of the GFCS.	Management Committee
IBCS-1/Doc. 4.3.2	Resolution 4.3.2/1 – Resources Mobilization	As in Doc. 4.3.1	

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SG/CER/IBCS-1 ANNEX II

OUTCOMES OF IBCS-1 MEMBERS OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AND THEIR PRINCIPAL DELEGATES

Country	Region	Title	Name	Capacity	Role/Entity
Argentina	III	Dr	MARINO Mónica Beatriz	Member	Training, Development, and Research Manager - National Meteorological Service
Australia	V	Dr	VERTESSY Robert A.	Member	Director of Meteorology, Bureau of Meteorology
British Caribbean Territories	IV	Dr	FARRELL David	Member	Principal for the Caribbean Institute for Meteorology and Hydrology (CIMH)
Brazil	III	Dr	MOURA Antonio Divino	Member	Director of the Brazilian National Institute of Meteorology, First Vice-President of the WMO
Cameroon	I	Mr	NGUILAMBOUHE BONGLA André	Member	Head of the National Met Service, PR of Cameroon
Canada	IV	Mr	GRIMES David	Member	Assistant Deputy Minister, PR of Canada, WMO President
China	II	Dr	ZHENG Guoguang	Member	Administrator of China Meteorological Administration, PR of China
Costa Rica	IV	Mr	Juan Carlos FALLAS SOJO not officially designated member of IBCS		Director-General, Instituto Meteorológico Nacional (IMN)
Côte d'Ivoire	I	Mr	KONATE Daouda	Member	Directeur de la Météorologie Nationale, PR of Côte d'Ivoire
Egypt	I	Mr	IBRAHIM Ahmed Hussein	Member	Chairman Board of Directors, PR of Egypt
Fiji	V	Mr	WAQAICELUA, Alipate Not officially designated member of IBCS	Member	Director of Meteorology, PR of Fiji

Germany	VI	Prof	ADRIAN Gerhard	Member	President, General Meteorological Service and PR for Germany with WMO
Guinea-Bissau	I	Mr	TCHEDNÁ João Lona	Member	Presidente do INM-GB, PR of Guinea-Bissau
India	II	Dr	Laxman Singh RATHORE	<u>Co-Vice-Chair</u>	Director General of Meteorology, India Meteorological Department, Ministry of Earth Sciences
Indonesia	V	Dr	SOPAHCLUWAKAN Ardhasena	Member	Head of Climate Analysis and Information Subdivision, Indonesian Agency for Meteorology, Climatology and Geophysics
Iran, Islamic Republic of	II	Dr	BABAEIAN Iman	Member	Head of Climate Change Division of National Center for Climatology, Islamic Republic of Iran Meteorological Organization (IRIMO)
Italy	VI	Col.	DE LEONIBUS Luigi	Member	Italian Air Force Meteorological Service, PR of Italy
Japan	II	Dr	HATORI Mitsuhiro	Member	Director-General, Japan Meteorological Agency
Korea, Republic of	II	Dr	YUN Won-Tae	Member	Director, Climate Policy Division, Korea Meteorological Administration (KMA)
Norway	VI	Mr	ELIASSEN Anton	<u>Chair</u>	Director, Norwegian Meteorological Institute
Peru	III	Eng	VILLEGAS PAREDES Esequiel Bruno	Member	Servicio Nacional de Meteorología e Hidrología del Perú
Philippines, Republic of	V	Dr	HILARIO Flaviana D.	Member	Acting Deputy Administrator for Research and Development
Russian Federation	II	Mr	MAKOSKO Alexander	Member	Deputy Head of Roshydromet
South Africa	I	Dr	Linda MAKULENI	<u>Co-Vice-Chair</u>	SAWS Chief Executive Officer
Switzerland	VI	Dr	PLÜSS Christian	Member	Director General of MétéoSwiss, PR of Switzerland
Tanzania	I	Dr	KIJAZI Agnes L.	Member	PR of Tanzania
Turkey	VI	Dr	YILDIRIM Mustafa	Member	Deputy General Director, Turkish State Meteorological Service
United States	IV	Ms	FURGIONE Laura K.	Member	National Weather Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration