



World Meteorological Organization  
Organisation météorologique mondiale

Secrétariat  
7 bis, avenue de la Paix – Case postale 2300 – CH 1211 Genève 2 – Suisse  
Tél.: +41 (0) 22 730 81 11 – Fax: +41 (0) 22 730 81 81  
wmo@wmo.int – www.wmo.int

Weather • Climate • Water  
Temps • Climat • Eau

Our ref.: SG/DSG/GFCSO

GENEVA, 18 February 2014

Subject: Effective interaction mechanisms between the technical commissions, regional associations and the IBCS substructures

Action required: Provide input **no later than 10 March 2014**

Dear Sir/Madam,

You will recall that the Sixteenth World Meteorological Congress, through Resolution 47 (Cg-XVI) endorsed the report of the High-level Taskforce (HLT) and requested the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) to lead, with the involvement of the relevant stakeholders, including United Nations bodies, the development of the draft Implementation Plan of the Global Framework for Climate Services (GFCS). Under a companion Resolution 48 (Cg-XVI), Congress further requested WMO technical commissions to: (a) review the technical needs of the Framework as they relate to the activities and competences of the respective Commissions and assist with the implementation of the Framework to the extent possible; and (b) improve coordination of ongoing activities relevant to the Framework within and among technical commissions.

Furthermore, the first session of the Intergovernmental Board on Climate Services (IBCS-1) requested the development of a draft recommendation to be submitted by IBCS to the Seventeenth World Meteorological Congress on appropriate interaction mechanisms between the IBCS and other constituent bodies such as the WMO Executive Council, the WMO technical commissions and the WMO regional associations, taking into account the possible financial implications.

In connection with the above and taking into consideration that the GFCS has moved into an implementation phase, the recent meetings of presidents of technical commissions and the joint meeting of the presidents of technical commissions and presidents of regional associations requested that these provide their views on the interaction of their structures and the IBCS substructures, in particular the Technical Advisory Committee, to be considered at the second session of the IBCS in November 2014.

To: Presidents of regional associations (P.RA-1754)  
Presidents of technical commissions (P.TC-1736)

cc: President of WMO (for information)  
Regional Hydrological Advisors

The purpose of this letter is to seek your views and contributions on effective interaction mechanisms between the technical commissions and regional associations and the IBCS substructures. It would be greatly appreciated if your contributions could be sent to Mr Filipe Lúcio, Director of the GFCS Office at [flucio@wmo.int](mailto:flucio@wmo.int), **no later than 10 March 2014**.

Yours faithfully,



(J. Lengoasa)  
for the Secretary-General