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Annex: 1

Subject: Report of the eightieth session of the WMO Bureau (BUR-80)

Action required: For information

Dear Sir/Madam,

As you are aware, the eightieth session of the WMO Bureau (BUR-80) was held at the WMO Headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland, on 28 January 2019.

The major outcome of the session, which focused on organizational matters for the Eighteenth World Meteorological Congress (Cg-18), are summarized in the attached Summary of Outcomes. I hope you will find this information useful and I look forward to the continued strengthening of the cooperation between all WMO Members.

Yours faithfully,

(D. Grimes)
President of WMO

To: Permanent Representatives (or Directors of Meteorological or Hydrometeorological Services) of Members of WMO

cc: Hydrological Advisers to Permanent Representatives
Permanent Missions in Geneva



WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION

WMO BUREAU EIGHTIETH SESSION (BUR-80) (28 January 2019, WMO Headquarters)

SUMMARY OF OUTCOMES

1. OPENING AND APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

The President of WMO, Mr David Grimes, opened the eightieth session of the Bureau on 28 January 2019 at 9.30 a.m. on WMO premises in Geneva. He welcomed participants and noted that the topic for discussion on the agenda would be the organizational matters and the review of the main issues in the agenda of Cg-18.

WMO Secretary-General, Professor Petteri Taalas, also welcomed the participants informing them about the status of preparations to the Congress and in particular on the key decisions, including the governance reform.

The agenda was adopted, as given in [Annex I](#).

The list of participants to the meeting is given in [Annex II](#).

2. ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS FOR Cg-18

The Bureau considered the status of organizational arrangements for Cg-18, introduced by DSG.

The Bureau considered key decisions coming under each agenda item, tentative workplan, including planning of parallel events approved by EC-70.

In order to facilitate and improve delegates' engagement and provide opportunity for more delegations to express their views on key decisions, during the limited time available at this two-week session, the Bureau agreed with the proposal by the President to organize, during the first two days of Congress, dedicated discussions on key matters with significant implications for Members. These discussions should be organized for each region in parallel and supported/chaired by presidents of regional associations with support from the Secretariat.

The Bureau identified the following topics for such dedicated discussions to facilitate the plenary decision-making:

- Strategic and operational plan and budget; capacity development;
- Constituent body reform (more extended time covering all aspects);
- Services (GMAS, MHEWS, ...);
- Observations (GBON, ...);
- Public-private engagement and data policy;
- Hydrology.

In addition, relevant research aspects should be factored in the above topics.

It was advised that the presidents of regional associations should play an important role, particularly in upcoming regional meetings, in sensitizing Members on the importance to actively engage in these discussions. The workshops could be organized by regional groupings (e.g. Ibero-American Members or SIDS), assuming that all the topics would be explored by all groupings.

Specific Resolutions for these dedicated discussions will be identified by the Secretary-General in consultation with the presidents of regional associations.

Organizational requirements (especially interpretation) will be verified by the Secretariat and arrangements made by the Secretary-General accordingly.

In-session committees

The President invited presidents of regional associations to propose members for the Credentials Committee (one principal delegate from each region), and for the Nomination Committee (one principal delegate in addition to the presidents of RAs themselves), to be provided by 17 May 2019.

Other Congress committees that would likely be established will be open to all delegations.

3. STATUS OF PREPARATION OF KEY CONGRESS DECISIONS

The Bureau reviewed the list of Resolutions planned for consideration by Cg-18. The annotated provisional agenda will be finalized by the Secretariat.

The Bureau was informed on the process for election of the presidents and vice-presidents of technical commissions as well as the chair and co-chair of the Research Board as per Recommendation 25 (EC-70).

The President invited presidents of regional associations to participate in the first meeting of the Congress Coordination Committee meeting on Wednesday 5 June 2019.

4. ANY OTHER MATTERS

There were no other matters to discuss.

5. DATE AND PLACE OF THE NEXT SESSION

The Bureau decided that the next meeting should be held on Friday, 31 May 2019, with the participation of presidents of regional associations.

6. CLOSURE OF THE SESSION

The President closed the meeting at 5.30 p.m. on 28 January 2019.

AGENDA

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LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

MEMBERS OF THE BUREAU

David Grimes	President
Celeste Saulo	Acting First Vice-President / Second Vice-President
Petteri Taalas	Secretary-General

PRESIDENTS OF REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS (PRAs)

Daouda Konate	Acting President of RA I
Abdullah Ahmed Al Mandoos	President of RA II
Madeleine Renom Molina (Ms)	Vice-President of RA III (on behalf of President of RA-III)
Juan Carlos Fallas Sojo	President of RA IV
Ofa Fa'Anunu	President of RA V
Michael Staudinger	President of RA VI

WMO SECRETARIAT

Elena Manaenkova	Deputy Secretary-General
Wenjian Zhang	Assistant Secretary-General
Rob Masters	Director, Cabinet and External Relations Officer
Mary Power	Director DRA
Pavel Kabat	Chief Scientist, Director of Research Department
Maja Carrieri	Director LCP
Stefano Belfiore	Executive Assistant to Secretary-General

ATTENDED ALSO BY

Heather Aucoin	Adviser to President
Marie-Elaine Boivin	Adviser to President
