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# GENERAL SUMMARY OF THE WORK OF THE SESSION

## 1. OPENING OF THE SESSION (agenda Item 1)

1.1 The second session of the Management Committee of the Intergovernmental Board on Climate Services (IBCS) was opened by Mr Jens Sunde (Norway), Chairperson of IBCS, at 9.30 a.m. on 14 November 2014 at the International Conference Centre in Geneva. Mr Sunde welcomed the participants and thanked them for supporting his election as Chairperson of the IBCS and thus also of the IBCS Management Committee (the Committee). He stressed the need for prioritizing activities in the workplan and guidance on resource mobilization. He requested the meeting to concentrate on those issues that needed decisions in the short term and noted that the aim of the Global Framework for Climate Services (GFCS) was to enable humankind to be better prepared for a variable and changing climate.

1.2 The meeting was addressed by Mr Michel Jarraud, Secretary-General of WMO. He congratulated the Chairperson on his election and the co-Vice-Chairpersons on their re-election. He expressed his satisfaction that the Chairperson of the Partners Advisory Committee (PAC) was also in attendance.

1.3 The meeting was attended by 26 members of the IBCS Management Committee and 25 observers. The list of participants is contained in the appendix to this report.

## 2. ORGANIZATION OF THE SESSION (agenda item 2)

### 2.1 Adoption of the agenda

The Committee adopted the agenda as provided in Annex I.

### 2.2 Provisional programme (organizational matters)

The Committee agreed on the details concerning the organization of its work, including the working hours of 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and 2.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.

## 3. REVIEW OF IBCS-2 DECISIONS (agenda item 3)

The Committee reviewed the major decisions taken by the second session of IBCS with a view to taking them into consideration in its workplan, as appropriate. The Committee noted that all relevant items were covered under the agenda as adopted. The Committee agreed that the IBCS support of Energy as an additional priority area be included under agenda item 6.

## 4. ACTIVITIES OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (agenda item 4)

### 4.1 Development of the workplan of GFCS

### 4.2 Establishment of task teams/working groups to support the workplan of the GFCS

The Committee discussed the process to finalize the further development of the workplan for the implementation of GFCS in consultation with the relevant bodies and the establishment of task teams/working groups to support the workplan. It agreed that items 4.1 and 4.2 should be discussed together. The Committee agreed to:

- Request the Chairperson of the Management Committee, together with the co-Vice-Chairpersons and with the assistance of the Secretariat to:
  - Prepare a draft workplan for the years 2015–2018;

- Develop a proposal for establishing working groups and task teams to accomplish the goals of the draft workplan with corresponding draft terms of reference (to be shared with IBCS Management Committee members);
  - Invite principal members of IBCS and PAC to propose experts who could serve in the different technical fields of the substructures; and
  - Submit a consolidated proposal to the next session of the Management Committee for its consideration.
- Request the Chairperson and co-Vice-Chairpersons to take into consideration the outcomes of Seventeenth World Meteorological Congress (Cg-17) in this process, especially with respect to the possible addition of Energy as a priority area.

### **4.3 Monitoring and evaluation of GFCS**

4.3.1 The Committee discussed an approach to refining the monitoring and evaluation criteria and process for GFCS, including the possible establishment of an ad hoc task team to support this work and agreed to:

- Request the Chairperson and co-Vice-Chairpersons, with the support of the WMO Secretariat and in collaboration with PAC, to:
  - Prepare draft terms of reference for the ad hoc task team;
  - Invite principal members of IBCS and members of PAC to propose experts who could serve on the ad hoc task team, taking into consideration regional representation; and
  - Submit a consolidated proposal to the next session of the Management Committee for its consideration.

4.3.2 The Chairperson also requested the members of the Management Committee to provide the WMO Secretariat with any guidance that they might have on this matter.

### **4.4 Dates and place of IBCS-3**

The Committee discussed the dates and place of the third session of IBCS and agreed, in principle, that it would be held in the last quarter of 2018 and that it would decide on exact dates and venue at its next session.

## **5. RESOURCE MOBILIZATION (agenda item 5)**

5.1 The Committee was informed of activities being undertaken by the GFCS Office to mobilize resources. The Chairperson called on all Management Committee members to encourage the provision of national and regional resources in support of GFCS. The Committee noted the value of working in partnership with other agencies in seeking support funding, for example through the European Union and its Horizon 2020 Fund, the World Bank and the Green Climate Fund. The Committee noted that both the GFCS Trust Fund and the WMO Voluntary Contribution Fund were available to provide additional resources for Members, noting that the latter was focused on WMO activities. The Chairperson requested members to provide any additional advice to the WMO Secretariat.

5.2 The Committee decided to task the WMO Secretariat with the responsibility of further developing a mechanism for the resource mobilization process and its enhancement.



**6. REPORT TO SEVENTEENTH WORLD METEOROLOGICAL CONGRESS**  
(agenda item 6)

The Committee discussed the key elements that should be included in its report to Cg-17, as well as the recommendations to be contained therein and agreed that the following topics would be addressed in the format provided in Annex II:

- Frequency of IBCS ordinary sessions and the provisional dates of the next meeting;
- GFCS budget and workplan;
- Links to the Executive Council (including the role of the Management Committee in the intersessional period), technical commissions and regional associations (including the monitoring and evaluation of GFCS); and
- Addition of Energy as a new priority area.

**7. DATES AND PLACE OF NEXT MEETING** (agenda item 7)

The Committee decided that the Chairperson should set the date and place of its next session in consultation with the Secretariat with, in principle, agreement for it to be held in Geneva in the second half of 2015.

**8. CLOSURE OF THE SESSION** (agenda Item 8)

The second session of the Management Committee of the Intergovernmental Board on Climate Services closed at 1.05 p.m. on Friday, 14 November 2014.

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## **ANNEXES**

### **ANNEX I**

Annex to paragraph 2.1 of the general summary

#### **APPROVED AGENDA**

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**ANNEX II**

Annex to paragraph 6 of the general summary

**REPORT TO SEVENTEENTH WORLD METEOROLOGICAL CONGRESS****1. GENERAL STRUCTURE OF THE DOCUMENT**

The report of the Chairperson of IBCS to Cg-17 should contain at least the following:

**Chapter I – GFCS at a glance**

Introduction and key essential background information on the raison d'être of the GFCS, its main objectives and principles, and timeline of implementation;

**Chapter II – Activities and achievements in the field**

General summary of the projects and activities since Cg-Ext.(2012)

**Chapter III – The Intergovernmental Board on Climate Services in action**

Main outcomes of IBCS-1 and IBCS-2

**Chapter IV – Lessons learned and key success factors**

Important messages from the Management Committee

**Chapter V – The way forward and guidance by Congress**

Recommendations for consideration by Congress, including identification of those requiring the adoption of completely new resolutions or the replacement of current ones.

**2. BUILDING METHODOLOGY AND TIMELINE**

**Chapter I** is already available piecemeal in different existing documents, including on the website (to be made available at the end of December 2014).

**Chapter II** should be based largely on the documents prepared for IBCS-1, IBCS-MC1 and IBCS-2, with final additions on necessary updates resulting from deliverables in the last quarter of 2014 (to be made available at the end of February 2015).

**Chapter III** could use the summary of outcomes produced for IBCS-1 (hard copies will be made available at the meeting) and the one to be prepared by the Secretariat for IBCS-2, which will be based on the summary of decisions ((IBCSmc2-2), to be made available at the end of December 2014).

**Chapter IV** will have to be done after MC2, but may have to wait for the beginning of 2015, depending on consultations of the Chairperson with Management Committee members or even a meeting (online through video with as many participants as possible), to be made available at the end of February 2015).

**Chapter V** will require an analysis of Congress decisions and resolutions from Cg-XVI and Cg-Ext.(2012) (to be made available at the end of December 2014). Annex III recapitulates those resolutions that relate to GFCS.

**3. FINAL VERSION PRODUCTION**

Once a chapter is completed, it will be submitted to the Chair of the IBCS and the Secretary-General for their comments in the two following weeks. Both will decide whom they wish to consult to finalize their comments. When all comments are received, the GFCS Office will produce a final

version for approval by the IBCS Chairperson, possibly with additional comments or guidance from the Secretary-General (to be made available at the end March 2015) (see Regulation 133(a): For all ordinary sessions of Congress, the notification shall be accompanied by the provisional agenda and an explanatory memorandum. The documents shall be distributed as soon as possible, and preferably not later than 45 days before the opening of the session;).

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**ANNEX III****RESOLUTIONS OF Cg-XVI AND Cg-Ext.(2012) RELATING TO THE GLOBAL FRAMEWORK FOR CLIMATE SERVICES****1. Resolutions of Cg-XVI**

- Resolution 3 (Cg-XVI) - Global Observing System
- Resolution 7 (Cg-XVI) - Instruments and Methods of Observation Programme
- Resolution 12 (Cg-XVI) - Hydrology and Water Resources Programme
- Resolution 13 (Cg-XVI) - Quality Management Framework – Hydrology
- Resolution 17 (Cg-XVI) - Implementation of the Climate Services Information System
- Resolution 18 (Cg-XVI) - World Climate Programme
- Resolution 19 (Cg-XVI) - Development of an architecture for climate monitoring from space
- Resolution 27 (Cg-XVI) - Information and Public Affairs Programme
- Resolution 33 (Cg-XVI) - WMO Programme for the Least Developed Countries
- Resolution 37 (Cg-XVI) - Maximum expenditure for the Sixteenth Financial Period (2012–2015)
- Resolution 43 (Cg-XVI) - Terms of reference of the technical commissions
- Resolution 47 (Cg-XVI) - Response to the report of the High-level Task Force on the Global Framework for Climate Services
- Resolution 48 (Cg-XVI) - Implementation of the Global Framework for Climate Services
- Resolution 49 (Cg-XVI) - WMO strategy for capacity development
- Resolution 50 (Cg-XVI) - Implementation of the WMO Integrated Global Observing System
- Resolution 52 (Cg-XVI) - Disaster Risk Reduction Programme

**2. Resolutions of Cg-Ext.(2012)**

- Resolution 1 (Cg-Ext.(2012)) - Implementation Plan of the Global Framework for Climate Services
  - Resolution 2 (Cg-Ext.(2012)) - Establishment of the Intergovernmental Board on Climate Services
  - Resolution 3 (Cg-Ext.(2012)) - Financing the Intergovernmental Board on Climate Services, Secretariat and Implementation Plan of the Global Framework for Climate Services
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# APPENDIX

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