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## AGENDA ITEM 5: REVIEW OF PREVIOUS DECISIONS OF THE INTERGOVERMENTAL BOARD ON CLIMATE SEVICES

**AGENDA ITEM 5.1: CONSIDERATION OF THE TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE PARTNER ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PAC)**

**Consideration of the Terms of Reference of the Partner advisory committee (pac)**

# SUMMARY

### DECISIONS/ACTIONS REQUIRED:

### To discuss and decide on:

### The formalization of other stakeholder engagement mechanisms to complement the PAC as may be deemed appropriate;

### The draft revised Annex 1 of Resolution 7 (IBCS-1) - Terms of Reference of the Stakeholder Engagement Mechanism of the Intergovernmental Board on Climate Services.

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# APPENDIX A: DRAFT TEXT FOR INCLUSION IN THE GENERAL SUMMARY

## 5. REVIEW OF PREVIOUS DECISIONS OF THE INTERGOVERMENTAL BOARD ON CLIMATE SERVICES (AGENDA ITEM 5)

### 5.1 Consideration of the Terms of Reference of the Partner Advisory Committee (PAC) (agenda item 5.1)

5.1.1 The IBCS noted with appreciation the invitations sent by the Secretary-General to potential partners of the GFCS and welcomed that the following partners had submitted requests to become members of the PAC: the European Organization for the Exploitation of Meteorological Satellites (EUMETSAT), the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), the International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics (IUGG), the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the World Business Council for Sustainable Development (WBCSD), the World Food Programme (WFP), the World Meteorological Organization (WMO), the European Commission (EC), the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC).

***Recommendations of the Management Committee***

5.1.2 The Management Committee recommended that the first meeting of PAC be held before IBCS-2. It further recommended that the agenda of the first PAC meeting be developed quite in advance of any proposed date of such a meeting and be sent to the same list of invited organizations to join the PAC as a way to further clarify the role and importance of the PAC for informing and providing advice to the IBCS at its second session.

5.1.3 In view of the functions of the PAC, the Management Committee invited the GFCS Office to include in its quarterly newsletters updates of the GFCS implementation, with a particular emphasis on the involvement and contribution of organizations associated in the various ongoing projects.

5.1.4 The Management Committee also recommended that a draft recommendation be submitted by the Chair of the IBCS to IBCS-2 to amend Resolution 7 (IBCS-1, Establishment of a Stakeholder Engagement Mechanism and Participation of GFCS Stakeholders in the Work of the Intergovernmental Board on Climate Services) with a view to enrich the Partner Advisory Committee to accommodate other interaction mechanisms between the IBCS and potential GFCS stakeholders, in particular those with no legal status, as well as to accommodate technical advisory matters.

5.1.5 In view of the recommendations of the Management Committee, the IBCS adopted Resolution 5.1/1 (IBCS-2).

# APPENDIX B: DRAFT RESOLUTION

## Draft Resolution 5.1/1 (IBCS-2)

## AMENDMENT OF ANNEX 1 OF RESOLUTION 7 (IBCS-1) - ESTABLISHMENT OF A STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT MECHANISM AND PARTICIPATION OF GFCS STAKEHOLDERS IN THE WORK OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL BOARD ON CLIMATE SERVICES

THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL BOARD ON CLIMATE SERVICES,

**Noting** Resolution 7 (IBCS-1) - Establishment of a Stakeholder Engagement Mechanism and Participation of GFCS Stakeholders in the work of the Intergovernmental Board on Climate Services,

**Recognizing** that the GFCS implementation requires the strengthening of the relations with all interested partners in accordance with the purposes and principles of the GFCS Governance,

**Recognizing** the positive outcomes of the first meeting of the PAC held in Rome from 27 to 28 October 2014, and its willingness to advance the objectives of the GFCS,

**Recognizing also** the importance of cooperation between the GFCS partner organizations, as well as the benefits to the GFCS Governance of such cooperation, including in contributing to an as exhaustive as possible identification of the GFCS-related activities worldwide, especially in terms of committed resources and assessed achievements,

**Decides** to adopt Annex 1 to Resolution 7 (IBCS-1) as given in the Annex to this resolution;

**Requests** the Chair of the IBCS to report to the IBCS-3 on the implementation of the adopted Stakeholder Engagement Mechanism including the review of the composition and the criteria for membership;

**Invites** the Secretary-General to inform the partner organizations on the implementation of the modalities set out in the Annex to the present resolution.

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Annex: 1

**Annex to draft Resolution 5.1/1 (IBCS-2)**

**TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE PARTNER ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL BOARD ON CLIMATE SERVICES**

These terms of reference specify functions and responsibilities, membership, mode of operation and financing of the Partner Advisory Committee (hereunder referred as the “PAC”) of the Intergovernmental Board on Climate Services (hereunder referred as the “IBCS”).

**I. Functions of the Partner Advisory Committee**

1. The PAC shall operate under the guidance of the IBCS. The PAC has the mandate to discuss GFCS Stakeholders issues relating to the implementation of the GFCS. In particular, the PAC is asked to provide expert advice and recommendations on such issues to the IBCS, to raise awareness within the GFCS Stakeholders and to prepare and share information accordingly. The PAC shall discharge its mandate through the following specific functions:

1. To provide comments on draft decisions and to present recommendations for the consideration of the IBCS before and during IBCS sessions, and to interact accordingly with the IBCS Management Committee during the intersessional period;
2. To facilitate, as appropriate, relevant decisions and recommendations of GFCS Stakeholders participating in the GFCS, by providing a forum for the examination of GFCS-relevant issues;
3. To prepare a synthesis and consolidated report on the GFCS implementation within the GFCS Stakeholders with a view to identify gaps and priorities in order to facilitate effective resource mobilization and increase synergy and coordination between GFCS partners, including in the scientific and technical domains, for GFCS implementation;
4. To contribute to the monitoring of the GFCS strategy, objectives and targets, and the Implementation Plan and present their views in collaboration with the Management Committee thereon to the IBCS; and
5. To engage technical expertise, as needed and appropriate, to support its work.

**II. Membership**

2. Membership in the Partner Advisory Committee is open to UN organizations, non-UN intergovernmental organizations, international organizations, international development partners, and international non-governmental organizations in strict compliance with the UN (the agreement concluded between the UN and WMO which came into force 20 December 1951) and WMO policies and regulations (WMO Convention Art. 26 as well as paragraph 2 (f) of the Terms of Reference of the IBCS).

3. In accordance with Regulation 19 of the General Regulations, the Chair of the IBCS may invite experts to participate in sessions or meetings of the PAC as observers.

**III. Mode of operation**

4. The PAC shall work as a structured network. In this respect, the GFCS Office, under the supervision and guidance of the WMO Secretary-General, shall register the partner organizations willing to be members of the PAC as well as experts invited by the Chair of the IBCS as observers in the PAC, and maintain this register up-to-date.

5. The PAC members shall designate its Chair and Vice-Chair, who shall act as its representatives vis-à-vis the IBCS, and replace them as may be required under the circumstances. The WMO Secretary-General shall inform the Chair of the IBCS accordingly.

6. The duties of the Chair, of the PAC, and the Vice-Chair when acting as his/her representative, shall be:

(a) To guide and coordinate the activities of the PAC;

(b) To engage PAC, as appropriate, in consultations and meetings as may result from decisions of the IBCS;

(c) To ensure that the activities of the PAC are in accordance with the Terms of Reference of the PAC;

(d) To submit the synthesis and consolidated report on the GFCS implementation within the GFCS stakeholders, with a view to identify gaps and priorities to the GFCS Office for distribution at least one month in advance of the Management Committee meetings;

(e) As may be decided by the Chair of the IBCS, to report on the activities of the PAC and present its views to the IBCS at its sessions.

**IV. Funding**

7. The cost of administrative arrangements, including those for conference services for meetings of the PAC, shall be borne by partner organizations.

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