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| **Global Framework for Climate Services (GFCS)** | **PAC Virtual/Doc. 3** | |
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**SUMMARY**

**DECISIONS/ACTIONS REQUIRED:**

1. Finalize the proposal of ToR for the PAC to be considered by the Climate Coordination Panel
2. Agree on the representation of the PAC on the CCP
3. Agree on the approach to explore mechanism to enhance the visibility, effectiveness and implementation of the GFCS, including feasibility of co-sponsorship

### 1. Background

1.1 A mid-term review of the Global Framework for Climate Services (GFCS) and a taskforce established by the Management Committee of the Intergovernmental Board on Climate Services (IBCS) proposed recommendations on improvements to the governance, management and finances of the GFCS for the consideration of the Eighteenth World Meteorological Congress (Cg-18) in June 2019. The World Meteorological Organization (WMO), which has its own structures, adopted some of the recommendations, namely:

1. To dissolve the IBCS;
2. To adopt the Climate Coordination Panel [(CCP)](https://gfcs.wmo.int/sites/default/files/events/Tenth%20Session%20of%20the%20Partner%20Advisory%20Committee%20%28PAC%29/ToR%20CCP.pdf) as the oversight and implementation mechanism for the GFCS, including WMO contributions to the GFCS;
3. To continue the GFCS Partner Advisory Committee (PAC), as appropriate, under the remit of the CCP;
4. To reaffirm the GFCS priorities of agriculture and food security, water, health,  energy and disaster risk reduction taking into account the cross-cutting nature of urban dimension and;
5. To adopt the following priority GFCS tasks for the eighteenth financial period, namely:

(a) Partnership and inclusion – coordination of initiatives and communication regarding climate services in all GFCS priority areas; knowledge sharing with key partners and stakeholders, including private sector; presence at relevant climate events such as sessions of the Conference of the Parties (COP) to the UNFCCC to coordinate and strengthen climate services worldwide; global/regional platforms for climate services,

(b) Technical coordination support – identification of capacity development needs for the provision of climate services, applications and climate information; support to Members in climate services implementation through advisory services; identify unmet needs for standards and promote adherence to standards and recommended practices for climate services through the Technical Commission and other bodies for Application and Services and appropriate standard setting-entities or partner organizations,

(c) Monitoring and review – improving monitoring and regular assessments of service delivery at global, regional and national scales and publishing a “State of climate services” report regularly,

(d) Resource mobilization – promote, enable, articulate and facilitate countries’ and regions’ access to climate finance; strengthen rationale for climate services related proposals both in relation to mitigation and adaptation.

1.2 The above decisions open space for the PAC to review its [ToR](https://gfcs.wmo.int/sites/default/files/Annex%20to%20Resolution%201%20(IBCS%202)_%20ToR%20PAC.pdf) and propose any potential changes to align it with new realities emerging from the adoption of the new WMO structures and priority GFCS tasks with the CCP.

1.3 On the 30th of April 2020, the PAC held an informal virtual session, which established a Team to review the ToR of the PAC and make a proposal for their update to be considered by the Climate Coordination Panel (CCP) of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) at the beginning of 2021. The Team was comprised by the following members:

* Nina HJELLEGJERDE, NRC
* Tessa KELLY, IFRC,
* Hartwig KREMER, UNEP
* Roger PULWARTY, NOAA
* Maxx DILLEY, WMO
* Daniel Kull, WB
* Filipe LÚCIO, WMO

1.3 The team reviewed the ToR of the PAV and made the proposal below:

**Functions of the PAC emanating from World Meteorological Congress and WMO Executive Council decisions and subsequent PAC discussions**

*Background*

At its Eighteenth session, the World Meteorological Congress adopted Resolution 21, Implementation of the Global Framework for Climate Services (GFCS), adopting four GFCS priorities for the 2010-2023 WMO financial period:

(a) Partnership and inclusion – coordination of initiatives and communication regarding climate services in all GFCS priority areas; knowledge sharing with key partners and stakeholders, including private sector; presence at relevant climate events such as sessions of the Conference of the Parties (COP) to the UNFCCC to coordinate and strengthen climate services worldwide; global/regional platforms for climate services,

(b) Technical coordination support – identification of capacity development needs for the provision of climate services, applications and climate information; support to Members in climate services implementation through advisory services; identify unmet needs for standards and promote adherence to standards and recommended practices for climate services through the Technical Commission and other bodies for Application and Services and appropriate standard setting-entities or partner organizations,

(c) Monitoring and review – improving monitoring and regular assessments of service delivery at global, regional and national scales and publishing a “State of climate services” report regularly, and

(d) Resource mobilization – promote, enable, articulate and facilitate countries’ and regions’ access to climate finance; strengthen rationale for climate services related proposals both in relation to mitigation and adaptation.

Resolution 21 (Cg-18) also dissolves the GFCS Intergovernmental Board on Climate Services (IBCS) and adopts the Climate Coordination Panel (CCP) as the oversight and implementation mechanism for the GFCS, continues the GFCS Partner Advisory Committee (PAC) as appropriate, under the CCP’s remit, and reaffirms the GFCS priority areas, taking into account the cross-cutting nature of the urban dimension. The CCP supports the WMO Technical Coordination Committee (TCC) and reports to the WMO Executive Council.

Resolution 21 (Cg-18) effectively transfers GFCS governance from the IBCS to the WMO Executive Council under the overall inter-governmental authority of the World Meteorological Congress. In its subsequent session, through Resolution 4 (EC-71), the Executive Council established the CCP’s initial Terms of Reference, with requests to the TCC to review and make recommendations concerning them to the EC, in consultation with the WMO Policy Advisory Committee (WMO PAC), and to the WMO PAC to submit proposals to the Executive Council on mechanisms to enhance the visibility, effectiveness and implementation of the GFCS, including the feasibility of GFCS co-sponsorship.

In Resolution 4 (EC-71), items of particular relevance to GFCS PAC members with respect to the CCP’s overall mandate include that the CCP oversees the implementation of the GFCS in close cooperation with the GFCS PAC and facilitates full value chain country-level delivery of climate services to priority climate sensitive sectors, documenting associated socioeconomic benefits, in cooperation with development partner organizations. Specific items of the TORs of particular relevance to GFCS PAC members include:

* Identify WMO Member priorities for climate services, NMS and NHS priorities and needs, and those of relevant partner activities and programmes,
* Coordinate the collection and development of requirements for climate information, products and services, and for underpinning research, across priority sectors and partner organizations, and WMO contributions to addressing such requirements,
* Define the strategy, priorities and objectives for GFCS implementation through the GFCS implementation plan, including its targets, and periodically update it, as required, and guide and monitor implementation,
* Provide guidance for the development of climate services-related projects and ensure coordination of WMO contributions to such projects, in close coordination with GFCS partner organizations in the case of GFCS-related activities,
* Facilitate coordination among the NMHSs, Regional Climate Centres, Regional Economic Communities, and other regional entities (such as regional development banks and United Nations organization regional offices) […],
* Coordinate and facilitate the sharing of knowledge and information on the implementation of climate services across countries, regions and partner organizations,
* Coordinate and facilitate the integration of WMO Members’ and partners’ input into WMO and GFCS flagship products, including […] GFCS reporting on the global status of climate services,
* Align and facilitate the integration of WMO co-sponsored programmes’, and GFCS inputs into high level climate-related policy processes, including through support to the IPCC,
* Facilitate and develop the synergy among the GFCS Regional and National Frameworks for Climate Services to ensure uniform implementation.

At its virtual meeting held on the 30th of April the PAC, through an exercise using the Mentimeter Application, prioritized functions which could be considered in the review of the PAC ToR. During the meeting, a Task Team was established to further consider potential functions for the PAC. The Task Team met on the 19th of June and further deliberated on the potential role of the PAC.

Draft Task Team recommendations

From deliberations of the Task Team and the results of the Mentimeter exercise, the following specific functions are proposed:

* Promote theory of change for climate services with common goals, target and indicators to track GFCS outcomes through an agreed M&E framework,
* Promote methods, training, tools and projects on climate services and facilitate the development of guidance on how climate services can inform decision-making and early action in at-risk communities as well as major processes and agendas, e.g., NDCs, NAPs,
* Provide a platform for engagement, convening alliances and high-level strategic discussions to overcome fragmented implementation of activities at global, regional and national levels
* Facilitate the identification of high-priority tailored products in the priority areas of the GFCS at global, regional and national levels,
* Facilitate the identification of projects and activities critical for advancing implementation of climate services in the priority areas and identification of partners activities that could be linked and leveraged to enhance outcomes,
* Provide a mechanism for enhancing the visibility of the GFCS and climate services and for broadening of the stakeholder network to transaction brokers, philanthropies, investors who influence the choice and actions of countries and communities,
* Facilitate the identification of areas of climate services development which could benefit from an international effort for standardization.

With the adoption of the CCP as the oversight and implementation mechanisms of the GFCS, as described above, fulfilling the CCP ToR will require the contribution of the PAC. Based on the CCP ToR, the following are specific functions the PAC could perform in support of the CCP mandate:

* Make recommendations to the World Meteorological Congress, through the WMO TCC and Executive Council, on GFCS priorities, management, governance and financing,
* Assess GFCS implementation globally and provide advice on priorities gaps and needs based on the requirements for data, climate information, products and services, as well as on knowledge gaps and needs for underpinning research, across the climate services value chain from the GFCS stakeholders,
* Contribute to the development of climate services-related projects and capacity development activities related to the pillars and priority areas of the GFCS,
* Collaborate in the development of GFCS flagship products of partners and stakeholders,
* Provide recommendations and facilitate the documentation of what constitutes best practices in climate services development and application and the respective sharing of knowledge and information across regions, countries and partner organizations (stakeholders),
* Facilitate the leveraging of regional and national capabilities through linkage with relevant entities for the development and implementation of GFCS at regional and national levels,
* Support the implementation of Regional and National Frameworks for Weather, Water and Climate Services,
* Contribute to the systematic assessment and documentation of socio-economic benefits of climate services.

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