



SPECIAL DIALOGUE ON WATER - CONCEPT

CONCEPT NOTE OF THE EC-70 SPECIAL DIALOGUE ON WMO WATER PRIORITIES

1. Purpose

1.1 Building on the outcomes of the WMO Global Conference “Prosperity through hydrological services” held from 7 to 9 May 2018, the Dialogue aims at formulating the basic directions of the WMO water strategy for the period 2020-2027.

1.2 The format of the Dialogue consists of a morning session where lead experts and executives representing a wide range of hydrological stakeholders will be part of a panel which will address the evolving requirements and challenges for the provision of hydrological services to respond to national needs while at the same time contributing to satisfy the commitments assumed by countries in the relevant international processes.

1.3 The afternoon session will consist of breakout groups where EC members, advisers and panellists of the morning session will discuss the role of the WMO community, structures, procedures and resources needed to build a relevant WMO Water Strategy.

1.4 The outcomes of the dialogue will be formulated during the session and recorded in Doc. 6(2).

2. Expected Outcome

2.1 The expected outcome of the event will be the recommendations for Congress regarding WMO mid- to long-term strategy for water. Based on the presentations and discussions, it is expected that EC will deliberate on:

- (a) How to increase service provision for water management, including the needed core infrastructure for observations, communications, forecasting and warnings at national, regional and global levels;
 - (b) How to address water-related challenges and opportunities for NMHSs in respect to climate change mitigation and adaptation;
 - (c) Which partnerships (UN, NGOs, academia and research institutions, etc.) WMO should engage in to ensure optimal service delivery capacity in NMHSs;
 - (d) Should the scope of WMO mandate in hydrology and water resources management be revised;
 - (e) How to improve fruitful collaboration between NMSs and NHSs to make both of them more relevant at national level and in the implementation of Agenda 2030, the UNFCCC and the Sendai processes;
 - (f) Roles and responsibilities of the WMO community and WMO Secretariat in supporting hydrological service provision at national, regional and global level;
 - (g) How to ensure that NHSs are appropriately represented in WMO governing structures; and
 - (h) How to organize the hydrological community in WMO within the reform process.
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