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**AGENDA ITEM 4: TECHNICAL STRATEGIES SUPPORTING LONG-TERM GOALS**

**AGENDA ITEM 4.4: Capacity development**

# WMO Capacity Development Strategy (WCDS)

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| **Summary** |
| **Document presented by:** President of WMO based on Recommendation 10 (EC-76)  **Strategic objective 2020–2023:** 4.2 – Develop and sustain core competencies and expertise  **Financial and administrative implications:** Within the parameters of the Strategic and Operational Plans 2024–2027  **Key implementers:** Members in collaboration with EC Capacity Development Panel and WMO Secretariat  **Time frame:** 2023–2027  **Action expected:** Adopt the revised WMO Capacity Development Strategy (WCDS) in annex to draft Resolution 4.4(1)/1 (Cg-19) |

# GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS

### Introduction

The revision of WMO Capacity Development Strategy (WCDS) provides an opportunity to analyse the changing Capacity Development landscape, assess existing and future practices, and learn from others working in the same domain. It is also expected to contribute to the success of the WMO reform process through introducing more focus, innovation, accountability and coherence of the CD actions across all relevant stakeholders.

Following [Decision 12 (EC-72)](https://library.wmo.int/doc_num.php?explnum_id=10504/#page=140), the Capacity Development Panel with [Decision 9 (EC-75)](https://library.wmo.int/doc_num.php?explnum_id=11550#page=82) requested to review the CDS. A Task Team was constituted (CDP-TT-WCDS) and the fourth draft of the CDS was presented at the fifth meeting of the Capacity Development Panel (CDP-5) in September 2022, when a 3-day workshop was held to gather detailed input from the Panel. A final draft version was submitted by CDP-TT-WCDS and approved by the Panel during the sixth meeting of CDP (CDP-6), pending the addition of case studies that are being collected.

Collection and incorporation of inputs received from all CDP-ETs throughout the review process coordinated by CDP-TT-WCDS has been vital to complete this extensive revision.

The revised WCDS proposed by the EC Capacity Development Panel, has been recommended by the Executive Council ([Recommendation 10 (EC-76)](https://meetings.wmo.int/EC-76/_layouts/15/WopiFrame.aspx?sourcedoc=/EC-76/English/2.%20PROVISIONAL%20REPORT%20(Approved%20documents)/EC-76-d03-4(1)-CDP-RECOMMENDATIONS-approved_en.docx&action=default)) to Congress to adopt.

### Expected action

Based on the above, the Congress is invited to adopt Draft Resolution 4.4(1)/1 (Cg-19).

# DRAFT RESOLUTION

## Draft Resolution 4.4(1)/1 (Cg-19)

## WMO Capacity Development Strategy (WCDS)

THE WORLD METEOROLOGICAL CONGRESS,

**Recalling:**

1. [Resolution 49 (Cg-16)](https://library.wmo.int/doc_num.php?explnum_id=3429#page=335) – WMO Strategy for Capacity Development,
2. [Resolution 18 (EC-64)](https://library.wmo.int/doc_num.php?explnum_id=5103#page=140) – WMO Capacity Development Strategy,
3. [Decision 12 (EC-72)](https://library.wmo.int/doc_num.php?explnum_id=10504#page=140) – Recommendations for Revision of the WMO Capacity Development Strategy,
4. [Decision 9 (EC-75)](https://library.wmo.int/doc_num.php?explnum_id=11550#page=82) – Revision of the WMO Capacity Development Strategy,
5. [Recommendation 10 (EC-76)](https://meetings.wmo.int/EC-76/_layouts/15/WopiFrame.aspx?sourcedoc=/EC-76/English/2.%20PROVISIONAL%20REPORT%20(Approved%20documents)/EC-76-d03-4(1)-CDP-RECOMMENDATIONS-approved_en.docx&action=default) – WMO Capacity Development Strategy (WCDS),

**Having examined** [Recommendation 10 (EC-76)](https://meetings.wmo.int/EC-76/_layouts/15/WopiFrame.aspx?sourcedoc=/EC-76/English/2.%20PROVISIONAL%20REPORT%20(Approved%20documents)/EC-76-d03-4(1)-CDP-RECOMMENDATIONS-approved_en.docx&action=default) containing the draft updated WMO Capacity Development Strategy proposed by the EC Capacity Development Panel,

**Noting with appreciation** the work conducted by the EC Capacity Development Panel in reviewing and updating the first version of the WMO Capacity Development Strategy (WCDS) adopted with [Resolution 18 (EC-64)](https://library.wmo.int/doc_num.php?explnum_id=5103#page=140),

**Noting further** that the review and update of the WCDS was timely and necessary in order to account for the changes in the capacity development concepts and practices of the Organization in view of the multidimensional evolution of capacity needs of Members striving to enhance their services in response to current and future challenges,

**Reinstating** the fundamental role of the capacity development activities of the Organization in partnership with the international development community to help reduce inequalities and bridge capacity gaps in critical socioeconomic areas and to implement the EW4All Initiative [Switzerland],

**Acknowledging** that the WCDS will provide an overarching strategic framework for alignment and reinforcement of the WMO capacity development activities across all business domains engaged in the value cycle of generating weather, climate, hydrological and related environmental information and services,

**Acknowledging further** that the updated WCDS will contribute to the success of the WMO reform process through introducing more innovation, accountability and coherence of the capacity development actions across all relevant stakeholders,

**Agrees** on the concept of the WCDS as a supporting strategy to the WMO Strategic Plan covering all capacity development elements of its Long-Term Goals and Strategic Objectives, with particular focus on Long-Term Goal 4: *Close the capacity gap on weather, climate, hydrological and related environmental services: Enhancing service delivery capacity of developing countries to ensure availability of essential information and services needed by governments, economic sectors and citizens*;

**Adopts** the new version of the WMO Capacity Development Strategy provided in annex to this resolution;

**Requests** the Secretary-General to:

(1) Publish the WCDS in all WMO official languages [Switzerland];

(2) Support appropriate communication actions to promote the WCDS through the WMO website and other appropriate channels [Switzerland];

(3) Ensure resources for the continuity of such communication activities allowing Members to share good practices and lessons learned in implementing capacity development activities [Switzerland];

(4) Ensure there is clarity of the roles and responsibilities of, and coordination between, the different actors involved in Capacity Development activities within the WMO programmes and within the framework of third-party activities in which the WMO is involved [Switzerland].

**Requests** the Executive Council to keep the WCDS [UK] under review in view of the rapidly changing capacity development landscape, and propose updates and adjustments as necessary;

**Requests** the Capacity Development Panel to report to EC on the uptake and use of the WCDS [Switzerland];

**Requests** the presidents of the regional associations, the presidents of the technical commissions, and the chair of the research board, to promote the provisions of the WCDS in their respective planning and implementation activities;

**Requests** the presidents of the regional associations to pay particular attention to the need [New Zealand] for continuous capacity assessment of their Members, as established by the WCDS, in order to identify priority needs and record progress of bridging capacity gaps through capacity development actions in their respective regions;

**Encourages** Members to use the WCDS as a guiding tool in identifying capacity needs and planning respective activities in partnership with relevant national and international stakeholders;

**Invites** Members and development partners to take WCDS into account in their WMO related activities and contribute to the WMO online resources on capacity development by submitting good national practices and lessons learned.

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Note: This resolution replaces [Resolution 49 (Cg-16)](https://library.wmo.int/doc_num.php?explnum_id=3429#page=335) and [Resolution 18 (EC-64)](https://library.wmo.int/doc_num.php?explnum_id=5103#page=140), which are no longer in force.

## Annex to draft Resolution 4.4(1)/1 (Cg-19)

## WMO Capacity Development Strategy (WCDS)

(Document: [Cg-19-d04-4(1)-WMO-CAPACITY-DEVELOPMENT-STRATEGY-ANNEX-draft2\_en](https://meetings.wmo.int/Cg-19/_layouts/15/WopiFrame.aspx?sourcedoc=%7b8CD91DA7-141D-42AB-8365-1F5F3518FA80%7d&file=Cg-19-d04-4(1)-WMO-CAPACITY-DEVELOPMENT-STRATEGY-ANNEX-draft2_en.docx&action=default))

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