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| WEATHER CLIMATE WATER | **World Meteorological Organization**  **EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**  **Seventy-Sixth Session** 27 February to 3 March 2023, Geneva | **EC-76/Doc. 1** |
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**AGENDA ITEM 1: AGENDA AND ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS**

# Agenda and Organizational Matters

*[All amendments made by the Secretariat]*

1. The WMO President, Professor G. Adrian, opened the seventy-sixth session of the Executive Council on 27 February 2023 at 0900 (CET) at the WMO Headquarters in Geneva. The President welcomed the Council and other participants, congratulating the newly elected president and vice-president of Regional Association I (Africa). The President reminded the members of the Executive Council that, according to the Convention, in the performance of their duties they act as representatives of the Organization and not of particular Members.

2. The President underlined the important role of the Executive Council in preparing the next session of Congress, which will elect the Officers and the members of the Executive Council and appoint the Secretary-General according to the procedures defined in the Convention and the General Regulations. In this regard, he noted that a new e-voting system will be introduced.

3. The Secretary-General, Professor P. Taalas, also welcomed the Executive Council, emphasizing the important recommendations that the Council is expected to make to Congress concerning the Strategic Plan and the maximum expenditure for 2024–2027. He commended the effective work undertaken by the constituent bodies both during and after the COVID-19 pandemic.

4. The agenda approved by the Council is provided in Appendix 1.

5. The Executive Council established the following open committees in session:

(a) Committee on budget, chaired by Ms Diane Campbell; and

(b) Drafting committees on Document 4(3) - WMO-coordinated Global Greenhouse Gas Monitoring Infrastructure, chaired by Prof. Penny Endersby, and on Document 6(2) – Review of Regional Offices and Regional Structures, chaired by the First Vice-president.

6. The session adopted [xx] resolutions given in Appendix 2, [xx] decisions given in Appendix 3 and [xx] recommendations given in Appendix 2.

7. The list of participants is given in Appendix 3. Out of a total of [xx] participants, the ratio of female to male participants was [xx:xx], that is [xx:xx]%.

8. The Council tested new electronic voting system and found it appropriate for use in the future votes such as elections of officers at constituent body sessions and selection of laureates of awards. Notwithstanding the provisions of General Regulations 40 and 42, the Council recommended that at the Nineteenth Congress in elections and appointments of key WMO leadership positions - WMO Officers, members of the Executive Council and Secretary-General, the voting  should be by paper secret ballot and through physical representation only, to ensure the highest levels of integrity, transparency, security and accountability. For Members who are not able to send to Geneva delegations from the countries, arrangements for representation could be considered through their respective Permanent Missions in Geneva or delegation of vote through proxy voting. The Council requested Secretary-General to communicate this information to the Members well in advance of the Nineteenth Congress.

9. The Council agreed that the seventy-seventh session (EC-77) would be held from 5 to 6 June 2023, at the WMO Headquarters in Geneva, following the nineteenth session of the World Meteorological Congress (Cg-19), to be held from 22 May to 2 June 2023 at the International Conference Centre Geneva (CICG) preceded by the forty-third session of the Financial Advisory Committee (FINAC-43) from 19 to 20 May, at the WMO Headquarters in Geneva.

9 The Council further agreed to tentatively hold the seventy-eighth session (EC-78) from 10 to 14 June 2024 at the WMO Headquarters in Geneva, preceded by FINAC-44 from 6 to 7 June;

10. The seventy-sixth session of the Executive Council closed at \_\_:\_\_(CET) on 3 March 2023.

## Appendix 1

## Provisional annotated agenda

### 1. Agenda and organizational matters

1.1 Opening of the session

1.2 Adoption of the agenda

1.3 Establishment of committees

1.4 Programme and methods of work of the session

### 2. Reports

2.1 Report by the President of the Organization

2.2 Report by the Secretary-General

2.3 Reports by the presidents of Regional Associations

2.4 Reports by the presidents of technical commissions and the Chair of the Research Board

2.5 Other reports

### 3. Implementation of Congress decisions: technical matters

3.1 Long-term goal 1: Services for societal needs

3.2 Long-term goal 2: Earth system observations and predictions

The Council will consider recommendations of the Commission for Observation, Infrastructure and Information Systems (INFCOM), including:

3.3 Long-term goal 3: Targeted research

3.4 Long-term goal 4: Capacity development

### 4. Strategic and operational planning

5. Budget

6. Evaluation of the WMO governance reform

### 7. General, legal, policy and regulatory matters

7.1 Constitutional and regulatory matters

7.2 Designation of acting member(s) of the Executive Council

7.3 Review of subsidiary bodies and membership of bodies reporting to the Executive Council

### 8. Human resources

### 9. Review of past resolutions

### 10. Date and place of the next sessions of the Executive Council and programme of sessions of constituent bodies

### 11. Closure of the session

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