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**AGENDA ITEM 3: IMPLEMENTATION OF CONGRESS DECISIONS:   
TECHNICAL MATTERS**

**AGENDA ITEM 3.4: Long-term goal 4: Capacity development**

# ENHANCEMENT OF THE COMMUNITY PLATFORM

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| **Summary** |
| **Document presented by:** Secretary-General  **Strategic objective 2020–2023:** 4.1 Improved understanding of the specific capacity needs with respect to technical, institutional and human resources  **Financial and administrative implications:** within the parameters of the Strategic and Operational Plans 2020–2023, will be reflected in the Strategic and Operational Plans 2024–2027.  **Key implementers** INFCOM, SERCOM and RAs  **Time frame:** 2023–2027  **Action expected:** Review and adoption of the proposed draft decisions |

# GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS

### Introduction

1. This document presents a summary of key achievements, in line with the organizational reform process, to promote greater effectiveness and efficiency in delivering on the needs of Members. Furthermore, the document proposes further improvements in assessing capacities and needs of Members to support strategic and operating planning, capacity development interventions in support of Members as well as recommendations for continued engagements with the Regional Associations into the 2024–27 period.
2. Since their first sessions in 2020 and 2021, the technical commissions, in response to [Resolution 1 (EC-72)](https://library.wmo.int/doc_num.php?explnum_id=10504) that promotes effective coordination between Regional Associations, technical commissions and the Research Board, decided on several actions to enhance engagements with Regional Associations.
3. The activities have culminated in the successful and aligned Regional Association Sessions where the new structures of the RA Management Groups and regional association subsidiary bodies are now harmonized and closely resemble the structures of the new constituent bodies of the Organization, creating more synergy for enhanced engagement and implementation of regional priorities in alignment with WMO Congress and Executive Council decisions and resolutions, whilst also taking into consideration the unique regional characteristics.
4. The Secretariat structure has also been strengthened through the recruitment of technical coordinators for both Services and Infrastructure, with the primary purpose of supporting the work and activities of the regional technological bodies relevant to services and infrastructure, including the production of technical documents for regional meetings, organizing and supporting expert group meetings, seminars, etc. The technical coordinators are placed in the RAF, RAP and RAM regional offices under the co-supervision of the regional directors and directors of Services and Infrastructure. In addition, the MSD department is placing interns in the Regional Offices and at WMO headquarters to support the Country Profile Database (CPDB)[P. Endersby] Unit, technical coordinators and Members in relevant information management activities as well as in updating the regional web pages on the Community Platform with vital information for Members. Furthermore, an ongoing review of the effectiveness of the regional and representative offices may offer opportunities for further strengthening regional offices, and thus contribute to increased capacity of the regional offices to provide support to Members.
5. Furthermore, meetings of the technical commissions (TCs) and Presidents of Regional Associations (PRA) have been convened on the side lines of the statutory body meetings to further improve the coordination between the TCs and the Regional Associations. An additional meeting was also convened by the Assistant Secretary-General with PRAs and PTCs on the side lines of EC-75 in June 2022, to further strengthen this cooperation.
6. The WMO Community Platform is being enhanced to capture and update Member information in order to identify capacity development needs and to track the implementation progress of Congress and Executive Council decisions and resolutions. “Member profiles” providing critical information on WMO Members, including capacities and priority gaps were launched in 2022. In collaboration with MERP, data was collected from Members through the “Monitoring Data Collection Campaign 2021”.
7. In order to effectively capture Member capacities, appropriate metrics are required to enable the objective identification of the level of capacities of Members. Such metrics would provide objective data to populate the CPDB.
8. Furthermore, the WMO Regional Reform calls for regional and inter-regional cooperation and collaboration on matters of interest for the region. These efforts would require flexibility of TCs in nurturing and supporting them, with the appropriate guidance. The latter part of the document details the required support from the technical commissions, in order to enhance the WMO Community Platform.

**Expected action**

Based on the above, the Executive Council is invited to adopt Draft Decision 3.4 (2)/1 (EC-76) as endorsed by SERCOM-2 through [Recommendation 9.3/1 (SERCOM-2)](https://meetings.wmo.int/SERCOM-2/_layouts/15/WopiFrame.aspx?sourcedoc=/SERCOM-2/English/2.%20PROVISIONAL%20REPORT%20(Approved%20documents)/SERCOM-2-d09-3-ENGAGEMENT-WITH-REGIONAL-ASSOCIATIONS-approved_en.docx&action=default) on the enhancement of the Community Platform, as well as Draft Decision 3.4(2)/2 to improve the understanding of Member capacities and needs, through the support of the technical commissions.

# DRAFT DECISIONS

## Draft Decision 3.4(2)/1 (EC-76)

## Enhancement of the Community Platform

**The Executive Council decides**:

(1) To request the Secretary-General to provide the necessary resources to [P. Endersby] support the further improvement of the WMO Community Platform with enhanced workflows, usability, security, and reliability to better identify the needs of Members, track progress in the implementation of capacity development initiatives by the Organization as well as supporting the activities of technical commissions, the Research Board and other bodies of the Organization;

(2) To request the Secretary-General to consider supporting regional centres through extra-budgetary resources to enable them to assist Members, as required, in assessing and enhancing [A.C.F. Aramuge] their capacities;

(3) To request the regional associations, the technical commissions, the Research Board, and the other bodies of the Organization to actively support the implementation of this decision;

(4) To request Members to appoint dedicated focal points, for the provision of accurate and regularly updated information into the CPDB; and

(5) To request Members, particularly from developing countries, to designate young professionals and women into the expert teams to improve geographical representation, age structure of constituent bodies [A.C.F. Aramuge] and gender balance.

(6) To request the Secretary-General to enhance opportunities and refine the criteria for Members to second their experts to the WMO Headquarters and Regional Offices to contribute to the enhancing capacities of Members, in contribution to the capacitation of Members in the developing communities [A.C.F. Aramuge].

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**Decision justification:** Congress decided with [Resolution 8 (Cg-Ext(2021))](https://library.wmo.int/doc_num.php?explnum_id=11113#page=201) on a “Comprehensive review of the WMO regional concept and approaches” to promote the use of the new WMO Community Platform and the regular updating of information as an essential tool for the Regional Associations to identify the capacity development needs of Members, to track the progress of the implementation of WMO Congress and Executive Council decisions and resolutions, and to facilitate strategic and operating planning as well as the formulation of regional priorities and the targeting of investments by WMO and partner organizations.

SERCOM with [Recommendation 9.3/1 (SERCOM-2)](https://meetings.wmo.int/SERCOM-2/_layouts/15/WopiFrame.aspx?sourcedoc=/SERCOM-2/English/2.%20PROVISIONAL%20REPORT%20(Approved%20documents)/SERCOM-2-d09-3-ENGAGEMENT-WITH-REGIONAL-ASSOCIATIONS-approved_en.docx&action=default) on “Engagement with Regional Associations”, requested the Secretary-General to support further improvement of the WMO Community Platform with enhanced workflows, usability, security, and reliability to better identify the needs of Members, track progress in the implementation of capacity development initiatives by the Organization as well as supporting the activities of the Commission.

The EC Task Force on Reform Evaluation (TF-RE) [(INF. 2.5(10)](https://elios.wmo.int/share/page/document-details?nodeRef=workspace://SpacesStore/9ae1ac77-2d08-4e19-92c0-acf40c3555d2) recommended monitoring an improvement in the geographical representation of experts particularly from developing countries, as well as young professionals, and women. The TF-RE furthermore recommended the enhancement of the WMO Secretariat presence, through increased staffing within Regional Offices, to enhance better communication and identification of regional needs.

## Draft Decision 3.4(2)/2 (EC-76)

**Improving assessment of Member capacity and needs**

**The Executive Council decides**:

(1) To request the technical commissions to work with the Capacity Development Panel, regional associations and other relevant bodies to build on existing WMO frameworks to develop [P. Endersby] appropriate benchmarks and baselines to enable the objective assessment of the capacities of Members to facilitate a better identification of capacity needs and aid planning of capacity development initiatives;

(2) To request all [P. Endersby] bodies of the Organization to support efforts to assess Members’ capacities and needs, in order to assist them with resource mobilization for the resolutions implementation; tracking and evaluating the implementation progress of Congress and Executive Council decisions and resolutions; in order to make interventions where necessary[A.C.F.Aramuge] .

(3) To request the Secretary-General to support Regional Centres through extra-budgetary resources, to enable them in addressing issues of capacity development at regional levels [A.C.F.Aramuge].

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**Decision justification:** [Resolution 6 (Cg-18)](https://library.wmo.int/doc_num.php?explnum_id=9827#page=37) – WMO Regional Associations; [Resolution 11 (Cg-18)](https://library.wmo.int/doc_num.php?explnum_id=9827#page=63) – WMO reform -Next Phase; [Resolution 1 (EC-72)](https://library.wmo.int/doc_num.php?explnum_id=10504#page=10) – Effective coordination between regional associations, technical commissions and the Research Board; [Resolution 2 (EC-72)](https://library.wmo.int/doc_num.php?explnum_id=10504#page=12) – Activities and working mechanisms of regional associations; and [Resolution 8 (Cg-Ext(2021))](https://library.wmo.int/doc_num.php?explnum_id=11113#page=201) - Comprehensive review of the WMO regional concept and approaches call for effective implementation of Congress and Executive Council decisions and effective monitoring of implementation progress with measurable indicators and milestones, as well as the identification of key capacity gaps and priorities to inform the development of the WMO strategic and operational planning.

Furthermore, the emergence of new initiatives such as the Early Warnings for All (EW4A), Systematic Observations Financing Facility (SOFF), Climate Risk and Early Warning System (CREWS), Unified Data Policy, Geneva Declaration 2019; which require an understanding of the baselines through an objective and up-to-date assessment of Members’ capacities and needs require the current Decision 3.4(2) for improvement of assessment of Member capacity and needs.

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