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**AGENDA ITEM 6: WORK PROGRAMME AND SUBSIDIARY BODIES FOR THE NEXT INTERSESSIONAL PERIOD**

**AGENDA ITEM 6.2: Subsidiary bodies for the next intersessional period**

# Subsidiary bodies for the next intersessional period

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| **Summary** |
| **Document presented by:** president of the Commission in accordance with Rule 5, Rule 6.13.1(j) and Annex III of the [*Rules of Procedure for Technical Commissions*](https://library.wmo.int/records/item/56841-rules-of-procedure-for-technical-commissions?offset=1) (WMO-No.1240) (2023 edition)**Strategic objective 2024–2027:** 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 5.1**Financial and administrative implications:** within the parameters of the Strategic and Operating Plans 2024–2027.**Key implementers:** INFCOM**Timeframe:** 2024–2026**Action expected:** review and adopt the proposed draft resolution and draft decisions |

# GENERAL CONSIDERATIONS

### Subsidiary bodies for the next intersessional period

1. Through [draft Resolution 6.2/1 (INFCOM-3)](#_Draft_Resolution_6.2/1), the Commission, which was continued through [Resolution 42 (Cg-19)](https://library.wmo.int/idviewer/67177/489) – WMO Technical Commissions and Additional Bodies for the Nineteenth Financial Period, is invited to review its working structure to best address implementation of infrastructure related aspects of [Resolution 2 (Cg-19)](https://library.wmo.int/idviewer/67177/21) – WMO Strategic Plan 2024–2027 and decisions of Congress and the Executive Council.
2. The four Standing Committees: 1) the Standing Committee on Earth Observing Systems and Monitoring Networks (SC-ON), 2) the Standing Committee on Measurements, Instrumentation and Traceability (SC-MINT), 3) the Standing Committee on Information Management and Technology (SC-IMT) and 4) the Standing Committee on Data Processing for Applied Earth System Modelling and Prediction (SC-ESMP), established through [Resolution 1 (INFCOM-1)](https://library.wmo.int/idviewer/57371/18) and continued through [Resolution 2 (INFCOM-2)](https://library.wmo.int/viewer/66287/?offset=1#page=59&viewer=picture&o=bookmark&n=0&q=) with revised Terms of Reference (ToRs), continue to be highly relevant to address implementation of infrastructure related aspects called for through the Strategic Plan 2024–2027, and therefore are proposed to be continued. The name of SC-ESMP is proposed to be changed to the Standing Committee on the WMO Integrated Processing and Prediction System (SC-WIPPS), following the decision of [Resolution 26 (Cg-19)](https://library.wmo.int/idviewer/67177/263) – WIPPS, which took note of the decision by the Commission to adopt WIPPS as the new name of the future Global Data processing and Forecasting System (GDPFS).
3. Standing Committees, assisted by the Advisory Groups in addressing requirements and engaging with community specific to each Earth system domain, and the Study Groups in addressing specific requests of Congress and the Executive Council, are expected to play the central role in implementing and evaluating the expanded World Weather Watch Programme, which consists of globally coordinated component systems: the WMO Integrated Global Observing System (WIGOS), the WMO Information System (WIS) and the WIPPS, as described in the updated programme description proposed through [draft Recommendation 5/1 (INFCOM-3)](https://meetings.wmo.int/INFCOM-3/English/Forms/AllItems.aspx?RootFolder=%2FINFCOM%2D3%2FEnglish%2F1%2E%20DRAFTS%20FOR%20DISCUSSION&FolderCTID=0x0120004D58D6EBC5C7054898FF36E91D58C193&View=%7B84F6CC21%2D2DD6%2D403B%2DB16A%2D97A4B833DE2B%7D), responding to the request through [Resolution 62 (Cg-19)](https://library.wmo.int/idviewer/67177/564) – Review of previous resolutions of Congress.
4. Furthermore, the establishment of the following new subsidiary bodies is proposed by the Management Group:
	* 1. Study Group on Environmental Sustainability (SG-EnvS) [through [draft Decision 7.3/1 (INFCOM-3)](https://meetings.wmo.int/INFCOM-3/_layouts/15/WopiFrame.aspx?sourcedoc=%7bC3ADACA9-603B-45D8-97F0-B4AE11B22D72%7d&file=INFCOM-3-d07-3-ENVIRONMENTAL-SUSTAINABILITY-draft1_en.docx&action=default)];
		2. Study Group on Future Data Infrastructure (SG-FIT) [through [draft Decision 8.3(5)/1 (INFCOM-3)](https://meetings.wmo.int/INFCOM-3/_layouts/15/WopiFrame.aspx?sourcedoc=%7bE0307AA1-A01C-4979-BC16-AEF806E4317E%7d&file=INFCOM-3-d08-3(5)-ESTABLISHMENT-OF-SG-FIT-draft1_en.docx&action=default)];
		3. Study Group on Centres Assessment, Designation and Compliance Review (SG-ADCR) [through [draft Decision 8.5(4)/1 (INFCOM-3)](https://meetings.wmo.int/INFCOM-3/_layouts/15/WopiFrame.aspx?sourcedoc=%7b50E1C318-870E-4649-958D-BB61E272A354%7d&file=INFCOM-3-d08-5(4)-ASSESSMENT-AND-COMPLIANCE-OF-CENTRES-draft1_en.docx&action=default)];
		4. Advisory Group on Hydrology (AG-Hydro) [through [draft Decision 8.5(3)/1 (INFCOM-3)](https://meetings.wmo.int/INFCOM-3/_layouts/15/WopiFrame.aspx?sourcedoc=%7b73D4425E-EA26-4B58-83B0-AC77B6F7EE77%7d&file=INFCOM-3-d08-5(3)-TT-HYDROLOGY-RECOMMENDATIONS-draft1_en.docx&action=default)];
		5. Advisory Group on the Global Greenhouse Gas Watch (AG-G3W) [through [draft Recommendation 7.2/1 (INFCOM-3)](https://meetings.wmo.int/INFCOM-3/_layouts/15/WopiFrame.aspx?sourcedoc=%7b90B65DDD-02E1-4DAE-8829-192C548C2F3A%7d&file=INFCOM-3-d07-2-IMPLEMENTATION-PLAN-FOR-G3W-draft1_en.docx&action=default)].

To address decisions of Congress and the Executive Council, in particular:

1. [Resolution 2 (Cg-19)](https://library.wmo.int/idviewer/67177/21) – WMO Strategic Plan 2024–2027, with a new Strategic Objective 5.4: Environmental sustainability;
2. [Resolution 25 (Cg-19)](https://library.wmo.int/idviewer/67177/208) – Technical Regulations of the WMO Information System 2.0;
3. [Resolution 12 (EC-73)](https://library.wmo.int/idviewer/57838/205) – Regional WIGOS Centres audit process;
4. [Resolution 4 (Cg-Ext(2021))](https://library.wmo.int/idviewer/57850/36) – WMO Vision and Strategy for Hydrology and its associated Plan of Action;
5. [Resolution 5 (Cg-19)](https://library.wmo.int/idviewer/67177/65) – Global Greenhouse Gas Watch.
6. In addition to the existing Advisory Groups on the Global Cryosphere Watch and on the Ocean (AG-GCW and AG-Ocean), additional working structures are being considered in four areas and the establishment of structure is proposed to be delegated to the president in consultation with the Management Group of the Commission:
	* 1. Thematic coordination and the engagement with the domain-specific community in the space weather domain ([draft Recommendation 8.5(2)/1](https://meetings.wmo.int/INFCOM-3/_layouts/15/WopiFrame.aspx?sourcedoc=%7b95E44825-AB33-4312-8A9A-C8C44E4F4B43%7d&file=INFCOM-3-d08-5(2)-SPACE-WEATHER-4Y-PLAN-draft1_en.docx&action=default) [(INFCOM-3)](https://meetings.wmo.int/INFCOM-3/_layouts/15/WopiFrame.aspx?sourcedoc=%7b95E44825-AB33-4312-8A9A-C8C44E4F4B43%7d&file=INFCOM-3-d08-5(2)-SPACE-WEATHER-4Y-PLAN-draft1_en.docx&action=default));
		2. Space agencies partner engagement ([draft Decision 9.1/2(INFCOM-3)](https://meetings.wmo.int/INFCOM-3/_layouts/15/WopiFrame.aspx?sourcedoc=%7b0C075156-153C-44C8-88B8-8260DD2D7909%7d&file=INFCOM-3-d09-1-RELATION-WITH-UN-AND-PARTNERS-draft1_en.docx&action=default));
		3. Coordination required for the development of a WMO Standard Vocabulary as per [Resolution 22 (Cg-19)](https://library.wmo.int/idviewer/67177/204) - WMO Standard Vocabulary;
		4. Collaboration with the Services Commission in undertaking the review and update of *the* [*Guide to Hydrological Practices*](https://library.wmo.int/idurl/4/35804)(WMO-No. 168), *Volume I,* the [*Guide to Hydrological Practices*](https://library.wmo.int/idurl/4/36066)(WMO-No. 168), *Volume II*, the [*Guidelines on the role, operation and management of National Hydrological Services*](https://library.wmo.int/idurl/4/33897) (WMO-No. 1003) and, in cooperation with the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), of the [*International Glossary for Hydrology*](https://library.wmo.int/idurl/4/35589) (WMO-No. 385) (see [INFCOM-3/INF. 6.1](https://meetings.wmo.int/INFCOM-3/InformationDocuments/Forms/AllItems.aspx) for more information).
7. Two coordinator roles are also proposed for the coordination on the implementation of the WMO Unified Data Policy (C-DATA) and for the coordination of capacity development activities within INFCOM and to interface with the Capacity Development Panel of the Executive Council (C-CD).

**Chairs and vice-chairs of the subsidiary bodies**

1. Through [draft Decision 6.2/1 (INFCOM-3)](#_Draft_Decision_6.2/1), officers of the Commission propose the chairs and vice-chairs of standing committees, study groups and advisory groups and coordinators. The proposal of chairs and vice-chairs of standing committees, study groups and advisory groups are based on the nomination made by the Permanent Representatives (PRs) and interests expressed by the experts who are willing to take the roles.

**Composition of the Management Group**

1. Through [draft Decision 6.2/2 (INFCOM-3)](#_Draft_Decision_6.2/2), officers of the Commission propose the composition of the Management Group, with the particular attention to its function of coordination with regional associations and engagement with partner organizations.
2. The Management Group members will be nominated by the president, with due consideration of the overarching principles in the selection of experts serving the subsidiary bodies, presented in [INFCOM-3/INF. 6.2](https://meetings.wmo.int/INFCOM-3/InformationDocuments/Forms/AllItems.aspx).

**Expected action**

1. Based on the above, the Commission may wish to adopt [draft Resolution 6.2/1](#_Draft_Resolution_6.2/1) [(INFCOM-3)](#_Chairs_and_vice-chairs) on the establishment of standing committees, study groups, advisory groups and coordinators of the Commission, [draft Decision 6.2/1 (INFCOM -3)](#_Draft_Decision_6.2/1) on the chairs and vice-chairs of standing committees, study groups and advisory groups and coordinators and [draft Decision 6.2/2 (INFCOM-3)](#_Draft_Decision_6.2/2) on the composition of the Management Group of the Commission for the next intersessional period.

# DRAFT RESOLUTION

## Draft Resolution 6.2/1 (INFCOM-3)

## Establishment of standing committees, study groups and advisory groups of the Commission for Observation, Infrastructure and Information Systems (Infrastructure Commission)

THE COMMISSION FOR OBSERVATION, INFRASTRUCTURE AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS,

**Recalling:**

(1) [Resolution 2 (Cg-19)](https://library.wmo.int/idviewer/67177/21) – WMO Strategic Plan 2024–2027, which defines the long-term goals, strategic objectives and focus areas for 2024–2027, in particular in the area of Earth system observations and prediction as Long-Term Goal 2, and with new strategic objectives:

(a) 1.5: Accelerate the development of integrated systems and services to address global risks associated with irreversible changes in the cryosphere and downstream impacts on water resources and sea level rise,

(b) 5.4: Environmental sustainability,

(2) [Resolution 42 (Cg-19)](https://library.wmo.int/idviewer/67177/489) – WMO Technical Commissions and Additional Bodies for the Nineteenth Financial Period, which decided to continue during the nineteenth financial period the Infrastructure Commission with revised Terms of Reference (ToRs),

(3) [Resolution 62 (Cg-19)](https://library.wmo.int/idviewer/67177/564) – Review of previous resolutions of Congress, which maintained for the nineteenth financial period, the World Weather Watch (WWW) Programme and requested the Infrastructure Commission to develop an expanded programme as an evolution of the WWW Programme,

(3) [Resolution 5 (Cg-19)](https://library.wmo.int/idviewer/67177/65) – Global Greenhouse Gas Watch,

(4) [Resolution 6 (Cg-19)](https://library.wmo.int/idviewer/67177/80) – Priorities to Address Global and Regional Impacts of Changes in the Cryosphere,

(5) [Resolution 21 (Cg-19)](https://library.wmo.int/idviewer/67177/203) – GBON Implementation,

(6) [Resolution 22 (Cg-19)](https://library.wmo.int/idviewer/67177/204) – WMO Standard Vocabulary,

(7) [Resolution 25 (Cg-19)](https://library.wmo.int/idviewer/67177/208) - Technical Regulations of the WMO Information System 2.0,

(8) [Resolution 26 (Cg-19)](https://library.wmo.int/idviewer/67177/263) – WMO Integrated Processing and Prediction System (WIPPS),

(9) [Resolution 1 (Cg-Ext(2021))](https://library.wmo.int/doc_num.php?explnum_id=11113#page=9) – WMO Unified Policy for the International Exchange of Earth System Data,

(10) [Resolution 2 (Cg-Ext(2021))](https://library.wmo.int/doc_num.php?explnum_id=11113#page=29) – Technical Regulations of the Global Basic Observing Network (GBON),

(11) [Resolution 4 (Cg-Ext(2021))](https://library.wmo.int/idviewer/57850/36) – WMO Vision and Strategy for Hydrology and its associated Plan of Action,

(12) [Resolution 12 (EC-73)](https://library.wmo.int/idviewer/57838/205) - Regional WIGOS Centres audit process,

(13) [*Rules of Procedure for Technical Commissions*](https://library.wmo.int/index.php?lvl=notice_display&id=21534#.YyL-gXZByUk) ([WMO-No. 1240](https://library.wmo.int/index.php?lvl=notice_display&id=21534#.XmZcEahKi70)) (2023 Edition),

**Recalling further:**

(1) [Resolution 1 (INFCOM-1)](https://library.wmo.int/idviewer/57371/18) – Establishment of standing committees and study groups of the Commission for Observation, Infrastructure and Information Systems (Infrastructure Commission),

(2) [Resolution 2 (INFCOM-2)](https://library.wmo.int/idviewer/66287/59) – Establishment of standing committees and study groups of the Commission for Observation, Infrastructure and Information Systems (Infrastructure Commission),

**Noting** that the chair/vice-chair of the Standing Committees on Information Management and Technology (SC-IMT), on Data Processing for Applied Earth System Modelling and Prediction (SC-ESMP), and on Earth Observing Systems and Monitoring Networks (SC-ON), are appointed members of the Joint WMO-IOC Collaborative Board (JCB) and with their roles, they will ensure the engagement between the INFCOM and the JCB to enhance marine related infrastructure cooperation,

**Noting further** that the president of the Commission represents the Commission on the Research Board to ensure the research – operation value cycle,

**Having considered:**

(1) The specific ToRs of the Commission for Observation, Infrastructure and Information Systems (Infrastructure Commission) ([Annex 1 to Resolution 42 (Cg-19)](https://library.wmo.int/idviewer/67177/492)),

(2) The draft programme description of the expanded WWW Programme, as one of the WMO major programmes, and the affiliated Space Programme, proposed through [draft Recommendation 5/1 (INFCOM-3)](https://meetings.wmo.int/INFCOM-3/English/Forms/AllItems.aspx?RootFolder=%2FINFCOM%2D3%2FEnglish%2F1%2E%20DRAFTS%20FOR%20DISCUSSION&FolderCTID=0x0120004D58D6EBC5C7054898FF36E91D58C193&View=%7B84F6CC21%2D2DD6%2D403B%2DB16A%2D97A4B833DE2B%7D),

(3) The draft work programme of the Commission for the next intersessional period, proposed through [draft Resolution 6.1/1 (INFCOM-3)](https://meetings.wmo.int/INFCOM-3/English/Forms/AllItems.aspx?RootFolder=%2FINFCOM%2D3%2FEnglish%2F1%2E%20DRAFTS%20FOR%20DISCUSSION&FolderCTID=0x0120004D58D6EBC5C7054898FF36E91D58C193&View=%7B84F6CC21%2D2DD6%2D403B%2DB16A%2D97A4B833DE2B%7D),

(4) The need for assuring appropriate coordination across the standing committees, study groups and advisory groups of the Commission with the Commission for Weather, Climate, Hydrological, Marine and Related Environmental Services and Applications (Services Commission), the Research Board (RB), regional associations and other bodies and partner organizations on the implementation of the Unified Data Policy,

(5) The need for the commission-level coordination and knowledge sharing mechanism for capacity development activities,

**Decides** to re-establish the following standing committees for the third intersessional period, with the ToRs provided in the [annex](#_Annex_to_draft) to the present Resolution:

(a) Standing Committee on Earth Observing Systems and Monitoring Networks (SC-ON);

(b) Standing Committee on Measurements, Instrumentation and Traceability (SC-MINT);

(c) Standing Committee on Information Management and Technology (SC-IMT);

(d) Standing Committee on Data Processing for Applied Earth System Modelling and Prediction (SC-ESMP) with the new name of the Standing Committee on the WMO Integrated Processing and Prediction System (SC-WIPPS);

**Decides further** to establish the following study groups, advisory groups, and coordinators for the third intersessional period, with the ToRs provided in the [annex](#_Annex_to_draft_3) to the present Resolution:

(e) Study Group on Environmental Sustainability (SG-EnvS) [if agreed through [draft Decision 7.3/1 (INFCOM-3)](https://meetings.wmo.int/INFCOM-3/_layouts/15/WopiFrame.aspx?sourcedoc=%7bC3ADACA9-603B-45D8-97F0-B4AE11B22D72%7d&file=INFCOM-3-d07-3-ENVIRONMENTAL-SUSTAINABILITY-draft1_en.docx&action=default)];

(f) Study Group on Future Data Infrastructure (SG-FIT) [if agreed through [draft Decision 8.3(5)/1 (INFCOM-3)](https://meetings.wmo.int/INFCOM-3/_layouts/15/WopiFrame.aspx?sourcedoc=%7bE0307AA1-A01C-4979-BC16-AEF806E4317E%7d&file=INFCOM-3-d08-3(5)-ESTABLISHMENT-OF-SG-FIT-draft1_en.docx&action=default)];

(g) Study Group on Centres Assessment, Designation and Compliance Review (SG-ADCR) [if agreed through [draft Decision 8.5(4)/1 (INFCOM-3)](https://meetings.wmo.int/INFCOM-3/_layouts/15/WopiFrame.aspx?sourcedoc=%7b50E1C318-870E-4649-958D-BB61E272A354%7d&file=INFCOM-3-d08-5(4)-ASSESSMENT-AND-COMPLIANCE-OF-CENTRES-draft1_en.docx&action=default)];

(h) Advisory Group on the Global Cryosphere Watch (AG-GCW);

(i) Advisory Group on the Ocean (AG-Ocean);

(j) Advisory Group on Hydrology (AG-Hydro) [if agreed through [draft Decision 8.5(3)/1 (INFCOM-3)](https://meetings.wmo.int/INFCOM-3/_layouts/15/WopiFrame.aspx?sourcedoc=%7b73D4425E-EA26-4B58-83B0-AC77B6F7EE77%7d&file=INFCOM-3-d08-5(3)-TT-HYDROLOGY-RECOMMENDATIONS-draft1_en.docx&action=default)];

(k) Advisory Group on the Global Greenhouse Gas Watch (AG-G3W) [if agreed through [draft Recommendation 7.2/1 (INFCOM-3)](https://meetings.wmo.int/INFCOM-3/_layouts/15/WopiFrame.aspx?sourcedoc=%7b90B65DDD-02E1-4DAE-8829-192C548C2F3A%7d&file=INFCOM-3-d07-2-IMPLEMENTATION-PLAN-FOR-G3W-draft1_en.docx&action=default)];

(l) Coordinator on the implementation of the WMO Unified Data Policy (C-DATA);

(m) Coordinator on capacity development (C-CD);

**Requests** the president, with the assistance of the Management Group and the support of the Secretariat:

(1) To ensure the selection of technical experts from the Expert Network to serve in the above standing committees, study groups and advisory groups, and to establish expert teams and task teams, including inter-commission mechanisms, as necessary to complete the work of these bodies, considering the [*Rules of Procedure for Technical Commissions*](https://library.wmo.int/index.php?lvl=notice_display&id=21534#.YyL-gXZByUk) ([WMO-No. 1240](https://library.wmo.int/index.php?lvl=notice_display&id=21534#.XmZcEahKi70)) (2023 Edition) and the overarching principles in the selection of experts serving the subsidiary bodies, presented in [INFCOM-3/INF. 6.2](https://meetings.wmo.int/INFCOM-3/InformationDocuments/Forms/AllItems.aspx);

(2) To ensure necessary representation on, and coordination with the Services Commission, the RB, the JCB and the subsidiary bodies of the Executive Council through the appointment of representatives of the Commission and necessary focal points, and regularly inform Members of the appointments and the status of representation of the Commission and coordination with other bodies;

(3) To consider and establish optimal working structure/mechanism for:

(a) Space weather activities guided by the Four-year Plan for WMO Activities related to Space Weather 2024–2027 if adopted by the Executive Council (see [INFCOM-3/Doc. 8.5(2)](https://meetings.wmo.int/INFCOM-3/_layouts/15/WopiFrame.aspx?sourcedoc=%7b95E44825-AB33-4312-8A9A-C8C44E4F4B43%7d&file=INFCOM-3-d08-5(2)-SPACE-WEATHER-4Y-PLAN-draft1_en.docx&action=default));

(b) Coordination of satellite related activities in all application areas and Earth system domains and for engagement with partner space agencies through the Coordination Group for Meteorological Satellites (CGMS) and the Committee on Earth Observation Satellites (CEOS) (see [INFCOM-3/Doc. 9.1](https://meetings.wmo.int/INFCOM-3/_layouts/15/WopiFrame.aspx?sourcedoc=%7b0C075156-153C-44C8-88B8-8260DD2D7909%7d&file=INFCOM-3-d09-1-RELATION-WITH-UN-AND-PARTNERS-draft1_en.docx&action=default));

(c) Coordination required for the development of a WMO Standard Vocabulary as per [Resolution 22 (Cg-19)](https://library.wmo.int/idviewer/67177/204) – WMO Standard Vocabulary;

(4) In consultation with the Management Group of the Services Commission (see [Decision 4.6(1)/1 (SERCOM-3))](https://meetings.wmo.int/SERCOM-3/_layouts/15/WopiFrame.aspx?sourcedoc=%7b81BD48D1-03ED-4D0D-B5F0-E26BE82E5BCB%7d&file=SERCOM-3-d04-6(1)-HYDROLOGICAL-SERVICES-draft1_en.docx&action=default) and the Hydrological Coordination Panel, to identify and establish the appropriate mechanism for the two technical commissions to collaborate in undertaking the review and update of *the* [*Guide to Hydrological Practices*](https://library.wmo.int/idurl/4/35804)(WMO-No. 168), *Volume I,* the [*Guide to Hydrological Practices*](https://library.wmo.int/idurl/4/36066)(WMO-No. 168), *Volume II*, the [*Guidelines on the role, operation and management of National Hydrological Services*](https://library.wmo.int/idurl/4/33897) (WMO-No. 1003) and, in cooperation with the UNESCO, of the [*International Glossary for Hydrology*](https://library.wmo.int/idurl/4/35589) (WMO-No. 385), as suggested by the sixth Hydrological Coordination Panel meeting;

**Authorizes** the president to adjust the governance of AG-Ocean with advice from the JCB, in order to improve its ability to effectively represent and advise infrastructure related bodies that fall under the JCB;

**Invites** Members to nominate experts to the Expert Network to support the work of subsidiary bodies of the Commission.

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[Annex: 1](#_Annex_to_draft_3)

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Note: This resolution replaces [Resolution 2 (INFCOM-2)](https://library.wmo.int/idviewer/66287/59), which is no longer in force.

## Annex to draft Resolution 6.2/1 (INFCOM-3)

## Terms of Reference (ToRs) of standing committees, study groups, advisory groups and coordinators

### A. Standing Committee on Earth Observing Systems and Monitoring Networks (SC-ON)

*[Purpose, Expertise required, Membership and Duration are the same as in the* [*Annex to Resolution 2 (INFCOM-2)*](https://library.wmo.int/idviewer/66287/61)*]*

Modalities of work

One face-to-face meeting during the intersessional period (i.e., 2-year cycle). Otherwise by electronic correspondence and tele/video conference.

Regulatory and guidance material within the remit of the Standing Committee

 Relevant parts of the[*Technical Regulations*](https://library.wmo.int/index.php?lvl=notice_display&id=10700#.YyMALHZByUk)*,* [Volume I](https://library.wmo.int/records/item/35722-technical-regulations?offset=4), [Volume II](https://library.wmo.int/records/item/35795-technical-regulations?offset=2) and [Volume III](https://library.wmo.int/records/item/35631-technical-regulations?offset=3)(WMO-No. 49);

 [*Manual on the WMO Integrated Global Observing System*](https://library.wmo.int/index.php?lvl=notice_display&id=19223#.YyMpTnZBw2w) (WMO-No. 1160);

 [*Manual on High-quality Global Data Management Framework for Climate*](https://library.wmo.int/records/item/56975-manual-on-the-high-quality-global-data-management-framework-for-climate?offset=1)(WMO-No. 1238);

 *Guide to Stream Gauging,* [Volume I](https://library.wmo.int/records/item/35848-manual-on-stream-gauging-vol-i-fieldwork#.YyMph3ZBw2w) and [Volume II](https://library.wmo.int/records/item/35841-manual-on-stream-gauging-vol-ii-computation-of-discharge?language_id=13&back=&offset=)(WMO-No. 1044);

 [*Guide to Climatological Practices*](https://library.wmo.int/records/item/60113-guide-to-climatological-practices?offset=1)(WMO-No. 100) (part relevant to climate observations, stations and networks, supporting the Standing Committee on Climate Services);

 [*Guide to Hydrological Practices*](https://library.wmo.int/records/item/35804-guide-to-hydrological-practices-volume-i?offset=2)(WMO-No. 168)*, Volume I*;

 [*International Glossary of Hydrology*](https://library.wmo.int/records/item/35589-international-glossary-of-hydrology?offset=1) (WMO-No. 385);

 [*Guide to the Global Observing System*](https://library.wmo.int/records/item/35699-guide-to-the-global-observing-system?language_id=&offset=1)(WMO-No. 488);

 [*Guide to the WMO Integrated Global Observing System*](https://library.wmo.int/records/item/55696-guide-to-the-wmo-integrated-global-observing-system?language_id=&offset=1)(WMO-No. 1165);

 [*Guide to Aircraft-based Observations*](https://library.wmo.int/records/item/55774-guide-to-aircraft-based-observations?offset=1)(WMO-No. 1200);

 [*Guide to Participation in Radio-frequency Coordination*](https://library.wmo.int/records/item/54853-guide-to-participation-in-radio-frequency-coordination?offset=4)(WMO-No. 1159);

 [*Guide to the Direct Broadcast Network for Near-real-time Relay of Low Earth Orbit Satellite Data*](https://library.wmo.int/records/item/55778-guide-to-the-direct-broadcast-network-for-near-real-time-relay-of-low-earth-orbit-satellite-data?language_id=&offset=1) (WMO-No. 1185)

 [*Technical Guidelines for Regional WIGOS Centres on the WIGOS Data Quality Monitoring System*](https://library.wmo.int/records/item/56347-technical-guidelines-for-regional-wigos-centres-on-the-wigos-data-quality-monitoring-system?language_id=&offset=1)(WMO-No. 1224)

 [*Vision for the WMO Integrated Global Observing System in*](https://library.wmo.int/records/item/57028-vision-for-the-wmo-integrated-global-observing-system-in-2040?offset=1) *2040* (WMO-No. 1243)

 *High-Level Guidance on the Evolution of Global Observing Systems during the period 2023–2027 in response to the Vision* (WMO-No. 1334)

 [*Handbook on Use of Radio Spectrum for Meteorology: Weather, Water and Climate Monitoring and Prediction*](https://library.wmo.int/records/item/55658-handbook-on-use-of-radio-spectrum-for-meteorology?language_id=&offset=1)(WMO-No. 1197);

 [*Satellite Data Telecommunication Handbook*](https://library.wmo.int/records/item/56273-satellite-data-telecommunication-handbook?offset=1)(WMO-No. 1223);

 [*Guidelines on Best Practices for Achieving User Readiness for New Satellite Systems*](https://library.wmo.int/records/item/55542-guidelines-on-best-practices-for-achieving-user-readiness-for-new-meteorological-satellites?language_id=&offset=1)(WMO-NO. 1187), title has been updated through [draft Resolution 8.1(5)/1 (INFCOM-3)](https://meetings.wmo.int/INFCOM-3/_layouts/15/WopiFrame.aspx?sourcedoc=%7bBE8DC2BE-A631-4634-9978-9AB823EF7659%7d&file=INFCOM-3-d08-1(5)-UPDATE-GUIDELINES-USER-READINESS-FOR-NEW-SATELLITE-SYSTEMS-draft1_en.docx&action=default));

 [*Climate Data Management System Specifications*](https://library.wmo.int/records/item/51447-climate-data-management-system-specifications?offset=1)(WMO-No. 1131);

 [*Compendium of WMO Competency Frameworks*](https://library.wmo.int/records/item/56877-compendium-of-wmo-competency-frameworks?offset=1) (WMO-No. 1209), including [*Guidelines on Satellite Skills and Knowledge for Operational* Meteorologists](https://library.wmo.int/records/item/55487-guidelines-on-satellite-skills-and-knowledge-for-operational-meteorologists) (WMO Space Programme (SP) No. 12);

 Forthcoming guidelines*:*

 Guidance on the implementation of regional and national Aircraft Meteorological Data Relay (AMDAR) programmes;

 Guidance on the regional coordination and implementation of WIGOS and distribution of roles among Regional WIGOS Centre (RWC) nodes;

 Guidance on hydrological observing network design.

Expected outputs

Deliverables aligned with the work programme of the Commission.

### B. Standing Committee on Measurements, Instrumentation and Traceability (SC-MINT)

*[Purpose, Expertise required, Membership and Duration are the same as* [*in the Annex to Resolution 1 (INFCOM-1)*](https://library.wmo.int/idviewer/57371/20)*]*

Modalities of work

One face-to-face meeting during the intersessional period (i.e., 2-year cycle). Otherwise by electronic correspondence and tele/video conference.

Regulatory and guidance material within the remit of the Standing Committee

 *Guide to Instruments and Methods of Observation* (WMO-No. 8), [Volume I](https://library.wmo.int/records/item/68695-guide-to-instruments-and-methods-of-observation?offset=4), [Volume II](https://library.wmo.int/records/item/68660-guide-to-instruments-and-methods-of-observation?offset=3), [Volume III](https://library.wmo.int/records/item/68661-guide-to-instruments-and-methods-of-observation?offset=6), [Volume IV](https://library.wmo.int/records/item/68662-guide-to-instruments-and-methods-of-observation?offset=5), and [Volume V](https://library.wmo.int/records/item/68663-guide-to-instruments-and-methods-of-observation?offset=2);

 Relevant parts of the[*Technical Regulations*](https://library.wmo.int/index.php?lvl=notice_display&id=10700#.YyMALHZByUk)*,* [Volume I](https://library.wmo.int/records/item/35722-technical-regulations?offset=4), [Volume II](https://library.wmo.int/records/item/35795-technical-regulations?offset=2) and [Volume III](https://library.wmo.int/records/item/35631-technical-regulations?offset=3)(WMO-No. 49);

 [*International Cloud Atlas: Manual on the Observation of Clouds and Other Meteors*](https://library.wmo.int/records/item/66297-manual-on-the-observation-of-clouds-and-other-meteors-international-cloud-atlas?language_id=13&back=&offset=1) (WMO-No. 407);

 [*Manual on the WMO Integrated Global Observing System*](https://library.wmo.int/records/item/55063-manual-on-the-wmo-integrated-global-observing-system?offset=1) (WMO-No. 1160);

 [*Guide to the WMO Integrated Global Observing System*](https://library.wmo.int/records/item/55696-guide-to-the-wmo-integrated-global-observing-system?offset=1) (WMO-No. 1165);

 [*WIGOS Metadata Standard*](https://library.wmo.int/records/item/55626-wigos-metadata-standard?offset=1) (WMO-No. 1192);

 [Contributions to *WMO/GAW Aerosol Measurement Procedures, Guidelines and Recommendations*](https://library.wmo.int/records/item/55277-wmo-gaw-aerosol-measurement-procedures-guidelines-and-recommendations?offset=1) (WMO-No. 1177);

 [*Guide to Hydrological Practices*](https://library.wmo.int/records/item/35804-guide-to-hydrological-practices-volume-i?offset=2) (WMO-No. 168)*, Volume I*;

 [*International Glossary of Hydrology*](https://library.wmo.int/records/item/35589-international-glossary-of-hydrology?offset=1) (WMO-No. 385);

 *Guide to Stream Gauging,* [Volume I](https://library.wmo.int/records/item/35848-manual-on-stream-gauging-vol-i-fieldwork#.YyMph3ZBw2w) and [Volume II](https://library.wmo.int/records/item/35841-manual-on-stream-gauging-vol-ii-computation-of-discharge?language_id=13&back=&offset=)(WMO-No. 1044);

 [*Compendium of WMO Competency Frameworks*](https://library.wmo.int/records/item/56877-compendium-of-wmo-competency-frameworks?offset=1) (WMO-No. 1209);

 Common WMO-ISO standards, as appropriate, including among others: − Wind profilers − Particle backscatter lidar − Doppler lidar − Ground-based weather radar − Reference rain gauge pit − Snow depth sensors;

 Instruments and observing methods reports;

 Guidance on sediment measurement, field safety, water quality.

Expected outputs

Deliverables aligned with the work programme of the Commission.

### C. Standing Committee on Information Management and Technology (SC-IMT)

*[Purpose, Expertise required, Membership and Duration are the same as in* [*the Annex to Resolution 1 (INFCOM-1)*](https://library.wmo.int/idviewer/57371/20)*]*

Modalities of work

One face-to-face meeting during the intersessional period (i.e., 2-year cycle). Otherwise by electronic correspondence and tele/video conference.

Regulatory and guidance material within the remit of the Standing Committee

 Relevant parts of the[*Technical Regulations*](https://library.wmo.int/index.php?lvl=notice_display&id=10700#.YyMALHZByUk)*,* [Volume I](https://library.wmo.int/records/item/35722-technical-regulations?offset=4), [Volume II](https://library.wmo.int/records/item/35795-technical-regulations?offset=2) and [Volume III](https://library.wmo.int/records/item/35631-technical-regulations?offset=3)(WMO-No. 49);

 [*Manual on the WMO Information System*](https://library.wmo.int/records/item/35315-manual-on-the-wmo-information-system-volume-i?offset=2) (WMO-No. 1060), Volume I;

 *Manual on Codes* (WMO-No. 306)*,* [Volume I.2](https://library.wmo.int/records/item/35625-manual-on-codes-volume-i-2-international-codes?offset=1) and [Volume I.3](https://library.wmo.int/records/item/35769-manual-on-codes-volume-i-3-international-codes?offset=2);

 [*Manual on the Global Telecommunication System*](https://library.wmo.int/records/item/35800-manual-on-the-global-telecommunication-system) (WMO-No. 386);

 [*Manual on High-quality Global Data Management Framework for Climate*](https://library.wmo.int/records/item/56975-manual-on-the-high-quality-global-data-management-framework-for-climate) (WMO-No. 1238),

 [*Guide to the WMO Information System*](https://library.wmo.int/records/item/28988-guide-to-the-wmo-information-system) (WMO-No. 1061);

 [*Guide on World Weather Watch Data Management*](https://library.wmo.int/records/item/31747-guide-on-world-weather-watch-data-management?language_id=&offset=4) (WMO-No. 788);

 [*Guide to Information Technology Security*](https://library.wmo.int/records/item/51145-guide-to-information-technology-security?offset=1) (WMO-No. 1115);

 [*Guide to Virtual Private Networks*](https://library.wmo.int/records/item/51153-guide-to-virtual-private-networks-via-the-internet-between-wmo-information-system-centres?offset=1) (WMO-No. 1116);

 [*Satellite Data Telecommunication Handbook*](https://library.wmo.int/records/item/56273-satellite-data-telecommunication-handbook?offset=1) (WMO-No. 1223);

 [*Guide to Climatological Practices*](https://library.wmo.int/records/item/60113-guide-to-climatological-practices?offset=1)(WMO-No. 100), supporting the Standing Committee on Climate Services;

 [*Climate Data Management System Specifications*](https://library.wmo.int/records/item/51447-climate-data-management-system-specifications?offset=1)(WMO-No. 1131);

 [*Compendium of WMO Competency Frameworks*](https://library.wmo.int/records/item/56877-compendium-of-wmo-competency-frameworks?offset=1) (WMO-No. 1209);

 A report on the current activities of global centres for observing data on various components of the Earth system operating under the auspices of WMO, and proposals for improving the services to consumers of information.

Expected outputs

Deliverables aligned with the work programme of the Commission.

### D. Standing Committee on the WMO Integrated Processing and Prediction System (SC-WIPPS)

*[Purpose, Expertise required, Membership and Duration are the same as in* [*the Annex to Resolution 2 (INFCOM-2)*](https://library.wmo.int/viewer/66287?viewer=picture#page=61&viewer=picture&o=bookmark&n=0&q=)*, replacing the GDPFS with the WMO Integrated Processing and Prediction System (WIPPS) (as per* [*Resolution 26 (Cg-19)*](https://library.wmo.int/idviewer/67177/263)*]*

Modalities of work

One face-to-face meeting during the intersessional period (i.e. 2-year cycle). Otherwise by electronic correspondence and tele/video conference.

Regulatory and guidance material within the remit of the Standing Committee

 Relevant parts of the[*Technical Regulations*](https://library.wmo.int/index.php?lvl=notice_display&id=10700#.YyMALHZByUk)*,* [Volume I](https://library.wmo.int/records/item/35722-technical-regulations?offset=4), [Volume II](https://library.wmo.int/records/item/35795-technical-regulations?offset=2) and [Volume III](https://library.wmo.int/records/item/35631-technical-regulations?offset=3)(WMO-No. 49);

 [*Manual on the WMO Integrated Processing and Prediction System*](https://library.wmo.int/records/item/35703-manual-on-the-wmo-integrated-processing-and-prediction-system?offset=2)(WMO-No. 485);

 [*Guide to the WMO Integrated Processing and Prediction System*](https://library.wmo.int/records/item/28978-guide-to-the-wmo-integrated-processing-and-prediction-system?offset=1)(WMO-No. 305);

 [*Guidelines on High-resolution Numerical Weather Prediction*](https://library.wmo.int/records/item/66217-guidelines-on-high-resolution-numerical-weather-prediction?offset=1)(WMO-No. 1311);

 [*Guidelines on Ensemble Prediction System Postprocessing*](https://library.wmo.int/records/item/57510-guidelines-on-ensemble-prediction-system-postprocessing?offset=1)(WMO-No. 1254);

 [*WMO Guidelines on Generating a Defined Set of National Climate Monitoring Products*](https://library.wmo.int/records/item/55817-wmo-guidelines-on-generating-a-defined-set-of-national-climate-monitoring-products?offset=1)(WMO-No. 1204);

 [*Guidance on Verification of Operational Seasonal Climate Forecasts*](https://library.wmo.int/records/item/56227-guidance-on-verification-of-operational-seasonal-climate-forecasts?offset=1) *(WMO-No. 1220);*

 [*Compendium of WMO Competency Frameworks*](https://library.wmo.int/records/item/56877-compendium-of-wmo-competency-frameworks?offset=1) (WMO-No. 1209);

 Guidance on operational practices for objective seasonal forecasting;

 Guidance on regional climate change projections;

 WMO catalogue of Earth system data;

 [*Guidelines for Nowcasting Techniques*](https://library.wmo.int/records/item/55666-guidelines-for-nowcasting-techniques?offset=1)(WMO-No. 1198);

 Future seamless GDPFS implementation plan.

Expected outputs

Deliverables aligned with the work programme of the Commission.

### E. Study Group on Environmental Sustainability (SG-EnvS)

*[ToR will be discussed through* [*draft Decision 7.3/1 (INFCOM-3)*](https://meetings.wmo.int/INFCOM-3/_layouts/15/WopiFrame.aspx?sourcedoc=%7bC3ADACA9-603B-45D8-97F0-B4AE11B22D72%7d&file=INFCOM-3-d07-3-ENVIRONMENTAL-SUSTAINABILITY-draft1_en.docx&action=default) *and agreed texts will be inserted here]*

### F. Study Group on Future Data Infrastructure (SG-FIT)

*[ToR will be discussed through* [*draft Decision 8.3(5)/1 (INFCOM-3)*](https://meetings.wmo.int/INFCOM-3/_layouts/15/WopiFrame.aspx?sourcedoc=%7bE0307AA1-A01C-4979-BC16-AEF806E4317E%7d&file=INFCOM-3-d08-3(5)-ESTABLISHMENT-OF-SG-FIT-draft1_en.docx&action=default) *and agreed texts will be inserted here]*

### G. Study Group on Centres Assessment, Designation and Compliance Review (SG-ADCR)

*[ToR will be discussed through* [*draft Decision 8.5(4)/1 (INFCOM-3)*](https://meetings.wmo.int/INFCOM-3/_layouts/15/WopiFrame.aspx?sourcedoc=%7b50E1C318-870E-4649-958D-BB61E272A354%7d&file=INFCOM-3-d08-5(4)-ASSESSMENT-AND-COMPLIANCE-OF-CENTRES-draft1_en.docx&action=default) *and agreed texts will be inserted here]*

### H. Advisory Group on the Global Cryosphere Watch (AG-GCW)

Purpose

Under the authority of the Management Group of the Commission, the Advisory Group on the Global Cryosphere Watch (AG-GCW) will act as the cryosphere subject-matter expert body of the Commission and provide oversight, guidance, coordination and monitoring of the development and implementation of the Commission Work Programme and Action Plan, with a focus on the application of cryospheric sciences and include the relevant WMO activities on Antarctica.

Specifically, AG-GCW will focus on providing technical and scientific support for the integration of cryosphere observations (in situ and remote sensing), data management, data utilization and applications of cryospheric sciences into the WIGOS and the WIS, and the WIPPS, towards a fully coupled cryosphere in Earth system models.

AG-GCW will function under the general ToRs of advisory groups and:

(a) Provide recommendations to the Management Group related to the application of cryospheric sciences by translating the needs from and for Members, gathered through regular consultation, into recommended activities of INFCOM bodies;

(b) Advise the Management Group and standing committees on optimal working structure and engagement of experts from relevant subdomains to address specific deliverables required by the INFCOM Work Programme, etc., promoting the integration of observing system, data exchange and management and prediction functions into WIGOS, WIS and WIPPS, while ensuring the mutually beneficial collaboration with the international expert communities;

(c) Advice the Management Group on engagements with the Commission for Weather, Climate, Hydrological, Marine and Related Environmental Services and Applications (SERCOM), RB, the Executive Council Panel on Polar and High Mountains Observations, Research and Services (EC-PHORS), the JCB, the Hydrological Coordination Panel (HCP), and the WMO regional associations, on the integration of cryosphere information, e.g., for polar and high mountain regions, etc;

(d) With the support of the WMO Secretariat and in cooperation with the relevant INFCOM and SERCOM subsidiary bodies and the RB, prepare recommendations to the Management Group and other bodies, on the integration of cryosphere into to the delivery of the objectives of the WMO Strategic Plan and the IP/Action Plan, with specific attention to needs and synergies, as identified in [Resolution 6 (Cg-19)](https://library.wmo.int/viewer/67177/?offset=1#page=80&viewer=picture&o=bookmark&n=0&q=) and the WMO Strategic Plan 2024–2027;

(e) Establish and maintain mutually beneficial partnerships and collaborations with relevant international and scientific bodies, programmes, and networks of experts, to foster the sharing of knowledge on advances in cryospheric sciences and joint activities;

(f) Advise the Management Group and assist the vice-president representing the cryosphere domain on engagement with international community.

Composition

AG-GCW will be comprised of up to 15 experts, as core members.

Additionally, AG-GCW will include:

(a) Representation from partner organizations, based on current mutually beneficial engagements;

(b) Associated members, to ensure a balanced representation of all cryosphere domains — snow, sea and freshwater ice, permafrost, glaciers and ice caps, ice sheets and ice shelves, and solid precipitation, as well as representation of cryosphere observations (surface, remote sensing, satellite), data management, data assimilation, Earth system modelling and reanalysis, and specific research and applications as called for in the INFCOM workplan. All WMO Regions should be represented.

AG-GCW will be led a chair and two vice-chairs, who will be members of the Management Group of the Commission.

Modalities of work

One face-to-face meeting during the intersessional period (i.e., 2-year cycle), prior to the next technical Commission session. Otherwise by electronic correspondence and tele/video conference.

Deliverable-specific meetings or workshops, as identified in the Commission work programme will be coordinated and organized with the respective structures and the participation of relevant experts.

Deliverables

Deliverables aligned with the work programme of the Commission.

### I. Advisory Group on the Ocean (AG-Ocean)

*[ToR are the same as in the* [*Annex to Resolution 2 (INFCOM-2)*](https://library.wmo.int/idviewer/66287/61)*]*

### J. Advisory Group on Hydrology (AG-Hydrology)

*[ToR will be discussed through* [*draft Decision 8.5(3)/1 (INFCOM-3)*](https://meetings.wmo.int/INFCOM-3/_layouts/15/WopiFrame.aspx?sourcedoc=%7b73D4425E-EA26-4B58-83B0-AC77B6F7EE77%7d&file=INFCOM-3-d08-5(3)-TT-HYDROLOGY-RECOMMENDATIONS-draft1_en.docx&action=default) *and agreed texts will be inserted here]*

### K. Advisory Group on the Global Greenhouse Gas Watch (AG-G3W)

*[ToR will be discussed through* [*draft Recommendation 7.2/1 (INFCOM-3)*](https://meetings.wmo.int/INFCOM-3/_layouts/15/WopiFrame.aspx?sourcedoc=%7b90B65DDD-02E1-4DAE-8829-192C548C2F3A%7d&file=INFCOM-3-d07-2-IMPLEMENTATION-PLAN-FOR-G3W-draft1_en.docx&action=default) *and agreed texts will be inserted here]*

### L. Coordinator on the implementation of the WMO Unified Data Policy (C-DATA)

The role of the Infrastructure Commission Data Policy Coordinator (C-DATA) is to oversee, coordinate and monitor the progress of the implementation of the WMO Unified Data Policy, and assign responsibilities, principally within INFCOM but as required in collaboration with SERCOM and RB, to ensure the implementation of the WMO Unified Data Policy for the International Exchange of Earth System Data (Unified Data Policy) per [Resolution 1 (Cg-Ext(2021))](https://library.wmo.int/viewer/57850?medianame=1281_en_#page=9&viewer=picture&o=custom_bottom_Permalink&n=0&q=). The C-DATA will work with a coordination mechanism of the Management Group comprising the Coordinator, the chairs or representatives of the INFCOM standing committees and advisory groups and co-sponsored observing systems as required, together with equivalent representatives from SERCOM and the RB to ensure the required tasks and processes are mapped into the work programs of the standing committees and their expert teams, and to ensure a smooth transition from implementation phase to ongoing exemplary practice in international data exchange, integrated within the WMO technical and governance structures.

### M. Coordinator on capacity development (C-CD)

The role of the Infrastructure Commission Coordinator on capacity development is, as the primary interface with the Panel on Capacity Development of the Executive Council (CDP), to collate information on ongoing and planned capacity development activities of INFCOM groups, including those through designated global and regional centres and the Systematic Observations Financing Facility (SOFF), and support effective implementation of these activities guided by the WMO Capacity Development Strategy (WCDS). Target capacity development activities of INFCOM groups include the development of the competency frameworks and guidance materials, the planning and conduct of training and other events. The C-CD will work with a coordination mechanism comprising the Coordinator, the capacity development focal points of the INFCOM standing committees and advisory groups, supported by technical coordinators on infrastructure of the Regional Offices, to ensure capacity development activities carried out by the Commission meet the needs and requirements of Members and to provide CDP with recommendations on the needs and requirements for capacity development and experiences and opportunities to be leveraged in the Commission’s mandate.

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# DRAFT DECISIONS

## Draft Decision 6.2/1 (INFCOM-3)

### Chairs and vice-chairs of standing committees, study groups and advisory groups and coordinators

**The Commission for Observation, Infrastructure and Information Systems decides:**

(1) To endorse the officers’ recommendation of the following chairs and vice-chairs of standing committees, study groups and advisory groups and coordinators:

(a) Standing Committee on Earth Observing Systems and Monitoring Networks (SC-ON);

1. Chair: […] (…)
2. Vice-chair: […] (…)

(b) Standing Committee on Measurements, Instrumentation and Traceability (SC-MINT);

1. Chair: […] (…)
2. Vice-chair: […] (…)

(c) Standing Committee on Information Management and Technology (SC-IMT);

1. Chair: […] (…)
2. Vice-chair: […] (…)

(d) Standing Committee on the WMO Integrated Processing and Prediction System (SC-WIPPS);

1. Chair: […] (…)
2. Vice-chair: […] (…)

(e) Study Group on Environmental Sustainability (SG-EnvS) [if agreed through [draft Decision 7.3/1 (INFCOM-3)](https://meetings.wmo.int/INFCOM-3/_layouts/15/WopiFrame.aspx?sourcedoc=%7bC3ADACA9-603B-45D8-97F0-B4AE11B22D72%7d&file=INFCOM-3-d07-3-ENVIRONMENTAL-SUSTAINABILITY-draft1_en.docx&action=default)];

1. Chair: […] (…)
2. Vice-chair: […] (…)

(f) Study Group on Future Data Infrastructure (SG-FIT) [if agreed through [draft Decision 8.3(5)/1 (INFCOM-3)](https://meetings.wmo.int/INFCOM-3/_layouts/15/WopiFrame.aspx?sourcedoc=%7bE0307AA1-A01C-4979-BC16-AEF806E4317E%7d&file=INFCOM-3-d08-3(5)-ESTABLISHMENT-OF-SG-FIT-draft1_en.docx&action=default)];

1. Chair: […] (…)
2. Vice-chair: […] (…)

(g) Study Group on Centres Assessment, Designation and Compliance Review (SG-ADCR) [if agreed through [draft Decision 8.5(4)/1 (INFCOM-3)](https://meetings.wmo.int/INFCOM-3/_layouts/15/WopiFrame.aspx?sourcedoc=%7b50E1C318-870E-4649-958D-BB61E272A354%7d&file=INFCOM-3-d08-5(4)-ASSESSMENT-AND-COMPLIANCE-OF-CENTRES-draft1_en.docx&action=default)];

1. Chair: […] (…)
2. Vice-chair: […] (…)

(h) Advisory Group on the Global Cryosphere Watch (AG-GCW);

1. Chair: […] (…)
2. Vice-chair: […] (…)

(i) Advisory Group on the Ocean (AG-Ocean);

1. Chair: […] (…)
2. Vice-chair: […] (…)

(j) Advisory Group on Hydrology (AG-Hydro) [if agreed through [draft Decision 8.5(3)/1 (INFCOM-3)](https://meetings.wmo.int/INFCOM-3/_layouts/15/WopiFrame.aspx?sourcedoc=%7b73D4425E-EA26-4B58-83B0-AC77B6F7EE77%7d&file=INFCOM-3-d08-5(3)-TT-HYDROLOGY-RECOMMENDATIONS-draft1_en.docx&action=default)]

1. Chair: […] (…)
2. Vice-chair: […] (…)

(k) Advisory Group on the Global Greenhouse Gas Watch (AG-G3W) [if agreed through [draft Recommendation 7.2/1 (INFCOM-3)](https://meetings.wmo.int/INFCOM-3/_layouts/15/WopiFrame.aspx?sourcedoc=%7b90B65DDD-02E1-4DAE-8829-192C548C2F3A%7d&file=INFCOM-3-d07-2-IMPLEMENTATION-PLAN-FOR-G3W-draft1_en.docx&action=default)]

1. Co-chair: […] (…)
2. Co-chair: […] (…)

(l) Coordinator on the implementation of the WMO Unified Data Policy (C-DATA);

1. Coordinator: […] (…)

(m) Coordinator on capacity development (C-CD);

* Coordinator: […] (…)

(2) To request the president, in consultation with the Management Group and with the support of the Secretariat, to select above vacant positions, as mandated by the Commission in accordance with the [*Rules of Procedure for Technical Commissions*](https://library.wmo.int/records/item/56841-rules-of-procedure-for-technical-commissions?offset=1) (WMO-No. 1240) (2023 edition), considering the overarching principles in the selection of experts serving the subsidiary bodies, presented in [INFCOM-3/INF. 6.2](https://meetings.wmo.int/INFCOM-3/InformationDocuments/Forms/AllItems.aspx).

See [INFCOM-3/INF. 6.2](https://meetings.wmo.int/INFCOM-3/InformationDocuments/Forms/AllItems.aspx) for more information.

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Decision justification: Rule 5.2 of the [*Rules of Procedure for Technical Commissions*](https://library.wmo.int/records/item/56841-rules-of-procedure-for-technical-commissions?offset=1) (WMO-No. 1240) (2023 edition).

Note: The present decision, together with [draft Decision 6.2/2 (INFCOM-3)](#_Draft_Decision_6.2/2), replaces [Resolution 3 (INFCOM-2)](https://library.wmo.int/idviewer/66287/74), which is no longer in force.

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## Draft Decision 6.2/2 (INFCOM-3)

### Composition of the Management Group of the Commission

**The Commission for Observation, Infrastructure and Information Systems decides:**

(1) To endorse the composition of the Management Group of the Commission for the next intersessional period:

(a) Elected officers: president and up to three co-vice-president(s),

(b) Chair, co-chairs, vice-chair, co-vice-chairs of the standing committees, study groups and advisory groups,

(c) Coordinators on Capacity Development and the implementation of the WMO Unified Data Policy,

(d) One representative from each of the six Regional Associations (RAs) Working Groups/Committees on Infrastructure (if not already included under (b) and (c) above) based on agreement between the president of each RA and the president,

(e) Chair of the Steering Committee of the Global Climate Observing System (GCOS), as an ex-officio member,

(f) Chair of the Steering Committee of the Global Ocean Observing System (GOOS), as an ex-officio member,

(g) Representative of the CGMS, as ex-officio member;

(2) To authorize the president, in consultation with presidents of RAs and the Management Group of the Commission, to nominate members representing each RA Working Groups/Committee on Infrastructure, considering the overarching principles in the selection of experts serving the subsidiary bodies, presented in [INFCOM-3/INF. 6.2](https://library.wmo.int/idviewer/67177/485);

(3) To authorize the president to nominate additional members of the Management Group pursuant to the establishment of working groups during the intersessional period, including those requested through [draft Resolution 6.2/1 (INFCOM-3)](#_Draft_Resolution_6.2/1);

(4) To request the Management Group to leverage membership of representatives of co-sponsored programmes and partner organizations to ensure effective collaboration.

See [INFCOM-3/INF. 6.2](https://library.wmo.int/idviewer/67177/485) for more information.

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Decision justification: Rule 5.5.6 and Annex III of the [*Rules of Procedure for Technical Commissions*](https://library.wmo.int/records/item/56841-rules-of-procedure-for-technical-commissions?offset=1) (WMO-No.1240) (2023 edition), [Resolution 40 (Cg-19)](https://library.wmo.int/idviewer/67177/485) – Measures to Foster Inclusive, Transparent and Environmentally Sustainable Governance.

Note: The present decision, together with [draft decision 6.2/1 (INFCOM-3)](#_Draft_Decision_6.2/1), replaces [Resolution 3 (INFCOM-2)](https://library.wmo.int/idviewer/66287/74), which is no longer in force.

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