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**AGENDA ITEM 6: CONSIDERATION OF STRATEGIC PLANNING RELEVANT TO THE COMMISSION**

# CONTRIBUTION TO STRATEGIC AND OPERATIONAL PLANNING 2024–2027



# DRAFT DECISION

## Draft Decision 6/1 (SERCOM-2)

### Contribution to Strategic and Operational Planning 2024–2027

**The Commission for Weather, Climate, Water and Related Environmental Services and Applications decides:**

(1) To acknowledge the continued relevance, as established by the Executive Council (EC), of Long-Term Goal (LTG) 1 – Better serve societal needs: delivering authoritative, accessible, user-oriented and fit-for-purpose information and services – and related Strategic Objectives (SOs) ([Decision 13 (EC-73)](https://library.wmo.int/doc_num.php?explnum_id=11008#page=541) - Process for the preparation of the Strategic Plan 2024–2027);

(2) To note the newly proposed SO 1.5 aimed at accelerating 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 ([Annex to Decision 10 (EC-75)](https://meetings.wmo.int/EC-75/_layouts/15/WopiFrame.aspx?sourcedoc=/EC-75/English/2.%20PROVISIONAL%20REPORT%20(Approved%20documents)/EC-75-d04(1)-ANNEX-APPROACH-TO-THE-STRATEGIC-AND-OPERATIONAL-PLAN-2024-approved_en.docx&action=default) - Draft Focus Areas 2024–2027);

(3) To further note the focus areas that EC-75 endorsed as a basis for the draft WMO Strategic Plan 2024–2027 ([Annex to Decision 10 (EC-75)](https://meetings.wmo.int/EC-75/_layouts/15/WopiFrame.aspx?sourcedoc=/EC-75/English/2.%20PROVISIONAL%20REPORT%20(Approved%20documents)/EC-75-d04(1)-ANNEX-APPROACH-TO-THE-STRATEGIC-AND-OPERATIONAL-PLAN-2024-approved_en.docx&action=default));

(4) To take into account knowledge gained from Gender Focal Point activities from 2020–2023, using relevant insights to inform future updates of the Gender Action Plan and the WMO Strategic Plan 2024–2027; *[UK]*

(4) To recognize the strong role played by the Commission’s leadership in the formulation of the focus areas and the ongoing development of the WMO Operating Plan 2024–2027 which underpins the budget for the next financial period;

(5) To request the president of the Commission to continue actively contributing to their finalization, including through regional consultations, to ensure that the priority needs of Members are addressed.

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Decision justification: EC-73 reaffirmed the validity of the high-level vision, the overarching priorities, the long-term goals and the strategic objectives of the WMO SP 2020–2023 for the next financial period ([Decision 13 (EC-73)](https://library.wmo.int/doc_num.php?explnum_id=11008#page=541) — Process for the preparation of the Strategic Plan 2024–2027).

EC-75 endorsed a set of newly formulated focus areas, previously reviewed by the Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) ([Annex to Decision 10 (EC-75)](https://meetings.wmo.int/EC-75/_layouts/15/WopiFrame.aspx?sourcedoc=/EC-75/English/2.%20PROVISIONAL%20REPORT%20(Approved%20documents)/EC-75-d04(1)-ANNEX-APPROACH-TO-THE-STRATEGIC-AND-OPERATIONAL-PLAN-2024-approved_en.docx&action=default)). The focus areas are based on the assessed status of implementation of the current Strategic Plan (see [Performance Assessment Report 2020–2021](https://public.wmo.int/en/about-us/vision-and-mission/wmo-performance-assessment-report-2020-2021)), updates to technical strategies, priorities identified by the regional associations, input received from the technical commissions, Research Board and EC subsidiary bodies, and policy and partnership commitments of the Organization.

These newly formulated focus areas have become the basis for the ongoing development of the draft Operating Plan (OP) 2024–2027 which will lay out the specific outputs to be produced and milestones to be achieved. Together with the budget 2024–2027, the OP will be submitted to PAC for a virtual review in October 2022 prior to their dissemination to Members six months prior to Cg-19 ([Decision 10 (EC-75)](https://meetings.wmo.int/EC-75/_layouts/15/WopiFrame.aspx?sourcedoc=/EC-75/English/2.%20PROVISIONAL%20REPORT%20(Approved%20documents)/EC-75-d04(1)-APPROACH-TO-THE-STRATEGIC-PLAN-2024-2027-approved_en.docx&action=default) - Approach to the Strategic Plan 2024–2027).

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