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**AGENDA ITEM 9: COORDINATION AND COLLABORATION MATTERS**

**AGENDA ITEM 9.3: Engagement with Regional Associations**

# ENGAGEMENT WITH REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS



# 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 recommendations for continued engagements with the Regional Associations into the 2024–2027 period.

2. Since its first session in 2020 and 2021, the Commission for Weather, Climate, Water and Related Environmental Services (SERCOM), in response to [Resolution 1 (EC-72)](https://library.wmo.int/doc_num.php?explnum_id=10504#page=10), to promote 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 Associations (RAs) Sessions where the new structures of the RAs 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 Congress and Executive Council decisions and resolutions, while 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 to support the work and activities of the regional technological bodies relevant to Services and Infrastructure, including production of technical documents for regional meetings and organize and support expert group meetings, seminars, etc. The technical coordinators are placed in the RAF, RAF and RAM regional offices under the co-supervision of the regional directors and directors of Services and Infrastructure.

5. Further, meetings have been convened of the technical commissions (TCs) and presidents of Regional Associations (PRAs), on the side lines of the statutory body meetings to further improve on the coordination between the TCs and the Regional Associations. An additional meeting was also convened by the Assistant Secretary-General with PRAs 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. Enhanced workflows, usability, security, and reliability to better identify the needs of Members and track progress in the implementation of capacity development initiatives would require an estimated investment of CHF 200 000 in the 2024–2027 Financial Period. Additional efforts have been put in place to make full use of the Regional Offices and technical coordinators to populate the TC Expert Teams/Working Groups with diverse experts from all the RAs, in order to form representative teams characterizing the needs and expertise of all regions.

7. The review of the Regional Training Centres (RTCs) has continued to take place in spite of the constraints presented by the COVID-19 pandemic. The review reports of the RTCs in Costa Rica, India and the Russian Federation are currently being finalized. The RTCs in Italy and Türkiye were reviewed in early 2022 and reports are under preparation. Plans are now in place to carry out further reviews of RTCs in China, Indonesia, Israel, Peru, and the Republic of Korea during 2022–23. *[Republic of Korea]*

**Expected action**

8. Based on the above, the Commission is invited to adopt draft Recommendation 9.3/1 (SERCOM-2).

# DRAFT RECOMMENDATION

## Draft Recommendation 9.3/1 (SERCOM-2)

### Engagement with Regional Associations

### THE COMMISSION FOR WEATHER, CLIMATE, WATER AND RELATED ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES AND APPLICATIONS,

**Recalling:**

(1) [Resolution 6 (Cg-18)](https://library.wmo.int/doc_num.php?explnum_id=9827https://library.wmo.int/doc_num.php?explnum_id=9827#page=37) – WMO Regional Associations,

(2) [Resolution 11 (Cg-18)](https://library.wmo.int/doc_num.php?explnum_id=9827https://library.wmo.int/doc_num.php?explnum_id=9827#page=63) – WMO reform – next phase,

(3) [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,

(4) [Resolution 2 (EC-72)](https://library.wmo.int/doc_num.php?explnum_id=10504#page=12) – Activities and working mechanisms of Regional Associations,

**Also recalling** [Decision 12 (SERCOM-1)](https://library.wmo.int/doc_num.php?explnum_id=10767#page=132) – Engagement with the Regional Associations, which called for closer cooperation between SERCOM and the Regional Associations to address regional priorities as well as to ensure more effective support of SERCOM to the Regional Associations,

**Having considered** the current challenges and opportunities as identified in Annex 1 to [Resolution 8 (Cg-Ext (2021))](https://library.wmo.int/doc_num.php?explnum_id=11113#page=206) as well as the continuously changing needs of Members,

**Recommends** the Executive Council, through the resolution provided in the [annex](#Annex_to_draft_Recommendation) to the present recommendation, to request the Secretary-General to 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 the Commission.

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[Annex: 1](#Annex_to_draft_Recommendation)

## Annex to draft Recommendation 9.3/1 (SERCOM-2)

**Draft Resolution ##/1 (EC-76)**

THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL,

**Recalling** [Resolution 8 (Cg-Ext(2021))](https://library.wmo.int/doc_num.php?explnum_id=11113#page=203) - Comprehensive review of the WMO regional concept and approaches, Decision (7) 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 World Meteorological Congress and Executive Council decisions and resolutions, and to facilitate the planning or formulating of regional priorities as well as the targeting of investments by WMO and partner organizations,

**Having considered** Recommendation 9.3/1 (SERCOM-2),

**Having agreed** Recommendation 9.3/1 (SERCOM-2),

**Noting** the importance of reliable, up-to-date information on Member information, in order to formulate support mechanisms from the Organization,

**Requests** the Secretary-General to 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 the Commission; *[Chair of RA IV Services Committee]*;

**Further requests** the Regional Associations, the Technical Commissions, the Research Board, and the other bodies of the Organization to actively support the implementation of this Resolution; *[Chair of RA IV Services Committee]*

**Also requests** the Secretary-General to consider supporting regional centres through extra-budgetary resources to enable them to assist Members as required. *[South Africa]*

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