

Roadmap for the Implementation of a QMS for CLIMATE SERVICES

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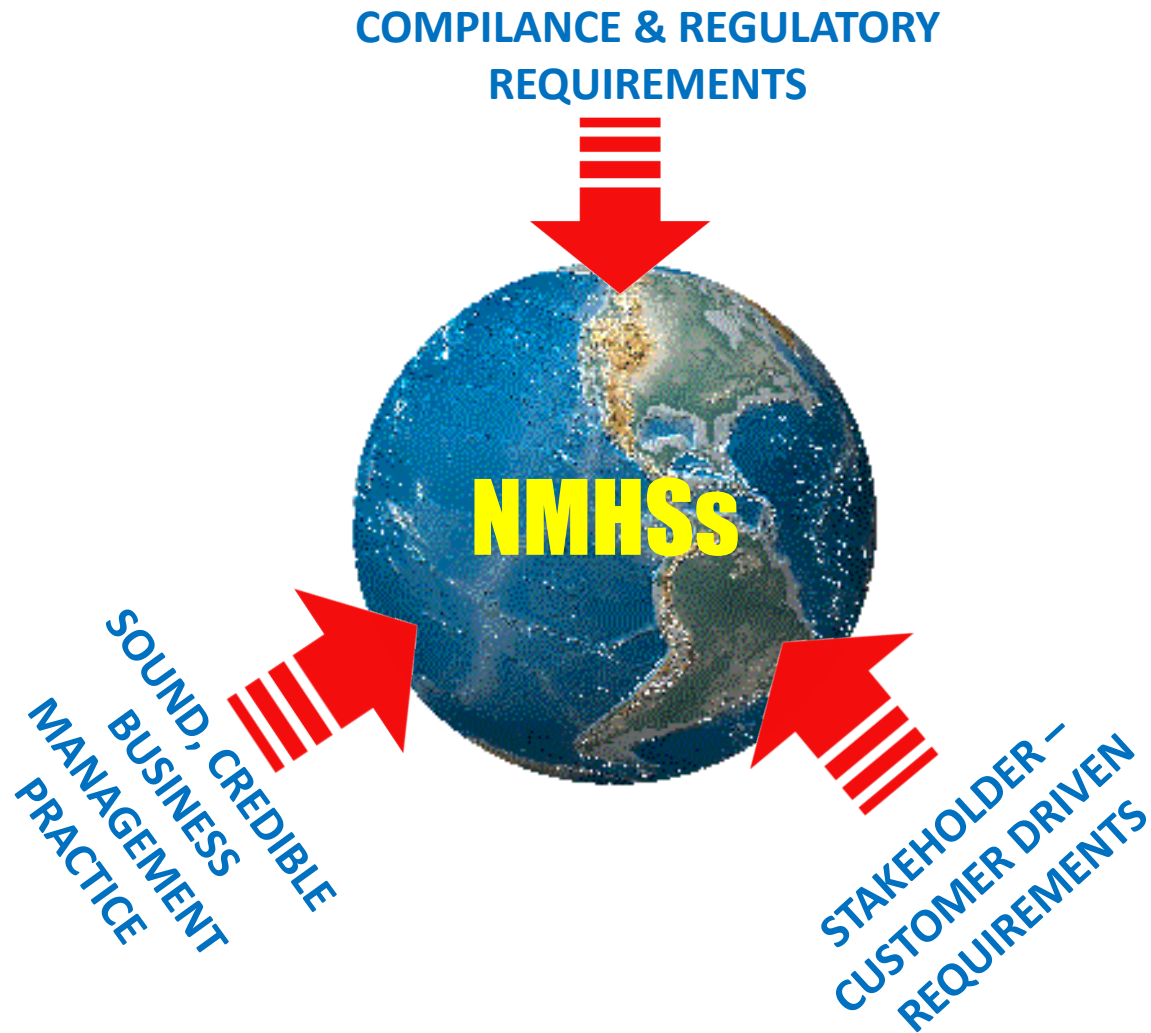


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Brief Background

- WMO programmes and activities, are dedicated to ensuring the highest possible quality for all meteorological, climatological, hydrological, marine, and related environmental data, products, and services.
- *Resolution 19 (EC 69) and its Annex* on the WMO Quality Policy Statement recognizes that quality assurance, reliability and consistency of the information and services provided by the adoption of a QMS, is a key success factor to the viability and ongoing sustainability of NMHSs in today's world.
- *Resolution 20 (EC 69) and its Annex to WMO Tech Reg No.49 Vol 1, Part VII, Quality Management* identifies the need to enhance WMO regulatory and guidance material on QM and provides broad guidance on establishing a QMS.
- The development and implementation of a ISO 9001 QMS provides a strong framework that enables the WMO strategic direction as identified in *WMO No. 1129 Strategy for Service Delivery* to be achieved.

Key drivers to adopt a QM approach ...



Key Terms of a QMS

- **Quality management (QM):** An activity that focuses not only on the quality of the product but also on the means to achieve it through the following primary activities: quality planning, quality control, quality assurance and quality improvement.
- **Quality management system (QMS):** a formalised system that provides the organizational structure and documents processes, procedures, and responsibilities to achieve objectives that meet end-user/customer and regulatory/statutory requirements, whilst also pursuing continual improvement.
- **Quality control (QC):** the techniques and inspection activities used to ensure quality criteria/requirements are being met prior to the dissemination of a product or the delivery of a service.
- **Quality assurance (QA):** the planned and systematic activities implemented within the QMS that can demonstrate and provide confidence that a product or service will meet end user/customer requirements. It also involves the systematic monitoring and evaluation of the processes associated with the generation of a product or service.
- **ISO 9001 Standard:** ... ????



ISO 9001 – a stable foundation for management



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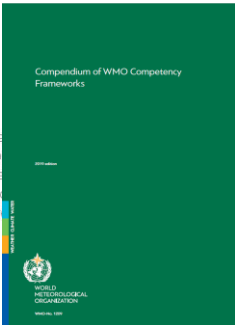
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International Management System/Framework?

World Climate Research Programme

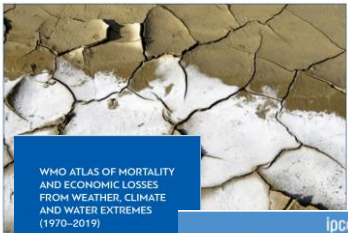
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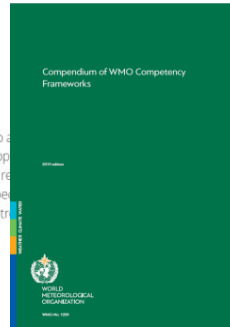
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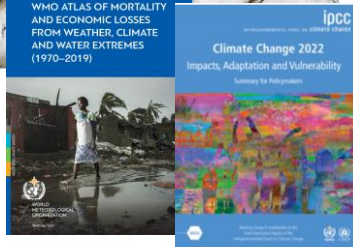
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ISO 9001:2015 Quality management systems – Requirements

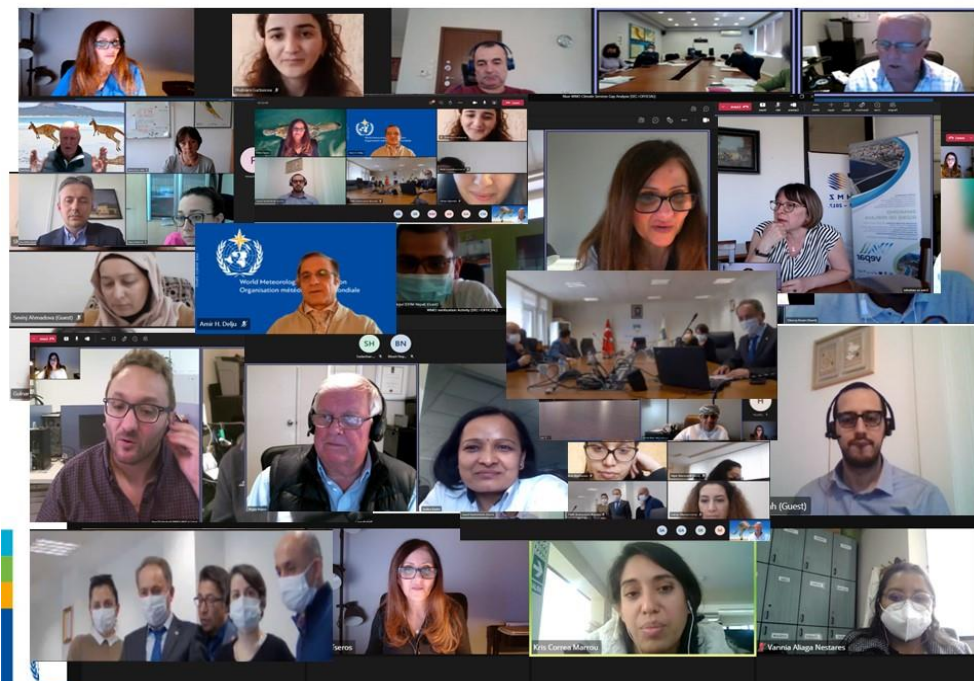
- ISO 9001 is the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) standard that specifies the requirements and the framework for the development of a QMS.
- ISO 9001 is a Standard where organizations can achieve certification of compliance by audit conducted by third party (external) certification organisations.
- Once certification is achieved the QMS is reviewed annually via a surveillance audit and re-certified every three (3) years by audit.
- ISO 9001 should be considered the minimum standard for an organization to achieve.
- **Note:** ISO 9001 it is not the only approach to QM, it is however the most internationally accepted, recognised and the only certifiable management Standard under ISO.



Climate Services Quality Management Activities - online

Part 1: Review and verification of Global Framework for Climate Services (GFCS)

Part 2: ISO 9001 Gap Analysis, Findings Report with proposed remedial actions



Part 1: Global Framework for Climate Services (GFCS) Checklist

- Verification of the WMO Climate Services Checklist – includes climate service processes, climate data, climate monitoring, climate prediction and service delivery.
- There is a clear and direct relationship between the Checklist and a Climate Services QMS – the Checklist has elements that align with the requirements of an ISO 9001 QMS.
- The Checklist provides a structured and biennial self-audit approach, to evaluating all the key components of an NMHS's climate services program.

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Objective: Institutional, technical, financial, and human resources mobilized for climate services planning, implementation monitoring targeting climate-sensitive national priorities

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Q1 Lao People's Democratic Republic

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Q2 YES

Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) to the Paris Agreement

Q3 YES

National Adaptation Plan (NAP)

Q4 YES

National Development Policy or Strategy

Q5 YES

National Disaster Risk Management (DRM) Strategy

Q6 YES

National sectoral policies and strategies (e.g. food security, health, etc.):

Q7 YES

Identifying key stakeholders for improving climate-related outcomes in priority sectors (UIPs - User Interface Platform - focused on GFCS - Global Framework for Climate Services - priorities: health, agriculture and food security, WRM - Water Resource Management, energy, DRM):

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5. Has the NMHS in your country undertaken resources reviews of relevant ongoing and planned partner projects by:

- Consulting lists of planned or ongoing major adaptation (and mitigation) investment programmes (GEF, GCF, Adaptation Fund, PPCR, development banks, RECs): YES ☐ NO ☐
- Jointly meeting with national government Ministries/Departments and their counterpart(s) major international organizations (UNDP, IFIs, WFP, FAO, WHO etc.) as necessary to articulate NMHS needs to support development decisions: YES ☐ NO ☐
- Negotiating access to financing from ongoing programmes and/or contributing to the development of new proposals to address identified needs: YES ☐ NO ☐

ISO Clause 7.1

6. Does the NMHS in your country participate in national planning, coordination, information sharing and monitoring structures by:

- Identifying/establishing/engaging in an appropriate national governance mechanism to ensure coordination for climate services (there may already be one for NDCs, NAPs, DRM, etc.): YES ☐ NO ☐

ISO Clauses 6.1 & 7.4



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GFCS verification ...

- 14 Members were audited and verified via video conference during 2021/22 ...



An example of responses:

PROVISION AND APPLICATION OF CLIMATE SERVICES (19 Questions)			
10. Decision support products and services (established or strengthened)			
Basic	Evidence	Essential	Evidence
<input type="checkbox"/> Data services (unless prohibited under current mandate and legislation): YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Access remote sensing and reanalysis products (i.e. EUMETCast): YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Weather forecasting products: YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Conduct basic climate diagnostics and climate analysis (staff will have some proficiency in climate statistics, or be able to reliably use statistical software (e.g. Climate Database Management System)): YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Basic statistics (graphs, counts, etc.) on extremes, frequency of occurrence, spatial means for temperature (Max, Min, Mean), precipitation, and possibly relative humidity, evapotranspiration, thunder days, sunshine duration, cyclones, etc., climatological normal: YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Regularly conduct NCOF sessions: YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Conduct climate watch programmes and disseminate early warnings: YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>	1. According to [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] 2. Yes 3. Aladin NWP and access to and provision of ECMWF, WMO, DWD forecast fields 4. web products on [redacted] under the section Climate, more are available on [redacted] web page, and reduced on ENG version. Lot of analysis ordered by users, internal list 5. same as 4 6. Twice per year contributing to RCOF activities (SEECOF; [redacted] while NCOF are reduced to team consultations ([redacted] experts covering this topic). 7. We receive regional CWP products and disseminate those. We don't produce national climate watch reports.	<input type="checkbox"/> Climate monitoring products: YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Targeted dissemination of climate products to priority sectors (i.e. those based on data; regional and national climate monitoring products if available; seasonal outlooks provided by RCOFs and RCCs): YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Generic seasonal forecasts: YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Update/Improve/Develop products and services based on users' feedback and requirements: YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1. Temperature and precipitation anomalies, SPI, station data and maps [redacted] [redacted] Monthly and annual publications: [redacted] [redacted] [redacted] 2. Climate reports to users in sectors of energy production and distribution. 3. Produced but not disseminated publicly. Internal discussion on providing generic sub-seasonal forecasts via [redacted] in future. 4. Occasionally

Table 1. Categorization of NMHSs

(Source: Commission for Climatology Guidelines for NMHSs on capacity development for climate services)

Level of service	Weather services	Climate services	Hydrology services	Description of capacity needed to achieve service level
Category 1- Basic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Weather observations ➤ Weather Data Management ➤ Interaction with users of weather data and products 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Climate observations ➤ Climate Data Management ➤ Interaction with users of climate data and products 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Hydrological observations ➤ Hydrological data management ➤ Interaction with users of hydrology data and products 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Small network of quality controlled observations ➤ Basic data-processing, archiving and communication systems ➤ Little or no backup / offsite storage, or contingency options ➤ Staff: observers and some meteorologists trained to Basic Instruction Package (BIP) ➤ No 24 /7 operation ➤ Rudimentary Quality Management System ➤ No research and development
Category 2- Essential	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Medium-range (synoptic scale) forecasts and warnings ➤ Established links with media and disaster risk reduction (DRR) communities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Seasonal Climate outlooks ➤ Climate monitoring 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Hydrological data products for design and operation of water supply structures ➤ Water level and flow monitoring ➤ Short-term flow forecasts (low flows) ➤ Flood forecasting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Able to take and integrate observations from other parties ➤ Well-established protocols for emergencies, backup of data and minimum offsite facilities ➤ Staff: observers and meteorologists trained to BIP standards ➤ 24/7 operation. ➤ Well established quality management system ➤ Able to access most numerical weather prediction data/products from other centres ➤ Small research and development unit ➤ Some partnerships as junior members

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Category 3- Full	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Specialized weather products for a wide range of sectors ➤ Well integrated into DRR communities and mature links with media 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Specialized climate products ➤ Decadal climate prediction ➤ Long-term climate projections 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Seasonal stream flow outlooks ➤ Specialized hydrology products 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Advanced observation equipment ➤ Ability to run its own numerical prediction suite ➤ Research and development unit ➤ Well educated/trained staff ➤ Own training group ➤ Developed library and information services ➤ Active partnerships with NMHSs taking a leading role
Category 4- Advanced	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Customized weather products ➤ Weather application tools 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Customized climate products ➤ Climate application tools 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Customized hydrology products ➤ Hydrology application tools 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Advanced observations ➤ Leading Research and development team ➤ Well-developed Education and training Unit

Part 2: ISO 9001 Gap Analysis & Findings

ISO 9001:2015 Gap Analysis for WMO Member Climate Services

WMO Member	
Gap Analysis Commencement Date	
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4. A Gap Analysis Findings Report will be provided to the WMO Member and the WMO Secretariat.

ISO 9001 GAP ANALYSIS FINDINGS

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Gap Analysis Conducted by:	
Gap Analysis Participants:	
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ISO 9001: 2015 Reference	Questions	Status	Comments/Evidence
4. CONTEXT OF THE ORGANISATION			
4.1 Understanding the organisation and its context	1. Has the external and internal issues that affect your ability to achieve intended results been determined? Values, culture, knowledge and performance of the organization, Legal, technological, competitive, market, cultural, social, and economic environments?		
4.2 Understanding the needs and expectations of interested parties/stakeholders	2. Have all your stakeholder requirements been determined?		
	3. Do you monitor and review stakeholder's needs and if so, what process is used and how frequently is it performed?		
4.3 Determining the scope of the quality management system	4. Has your QMS scope been clearly defined?		
4.4 Quality management system and its processes	5. Have the processes required to deliver your outcomes been determined?		
	6. Have KPIs and methods of measurement been established to ensure the effectiveness of the processes?		
	7. Have the resources required to support each process and their availability been determined?		
	8. Have responsibilities and authorities been determined for all processes?		
	9. Have risks and opportunities been identified?		
	10. Are processes evaluated and improved?		
	11. Is documented information retained to provide confidence that processes are being carried out as planned?		

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2. There would be merit in reviewing the outcomes from the proposed 'environmental scan' activity (Refer *Template A*), to ensure the needs and expectation of all 'interested parties' (stakeholders) are being addressed. Adoption of *Template B – Stakeholder Register* and *Template C – Customer Register* will provide a structured approach and evidence to demonstrate compliance with this Clause.

approach to the management of risk.



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Template B

Stakeholder/Interested Parties Register for

Notes:

1. A stakeholder is any individual or organisation that can have a negative or positive impact on the QMS, or conversely, any individual or organisation that the QMS can have a negative or positive impact on.
2. Customers are key stakeholders and as such, refer to the 'customer register' that has been established.
3. External providers are also key stakeholders and as such, refer to the 'external providers register' that has been established.

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Customer Register

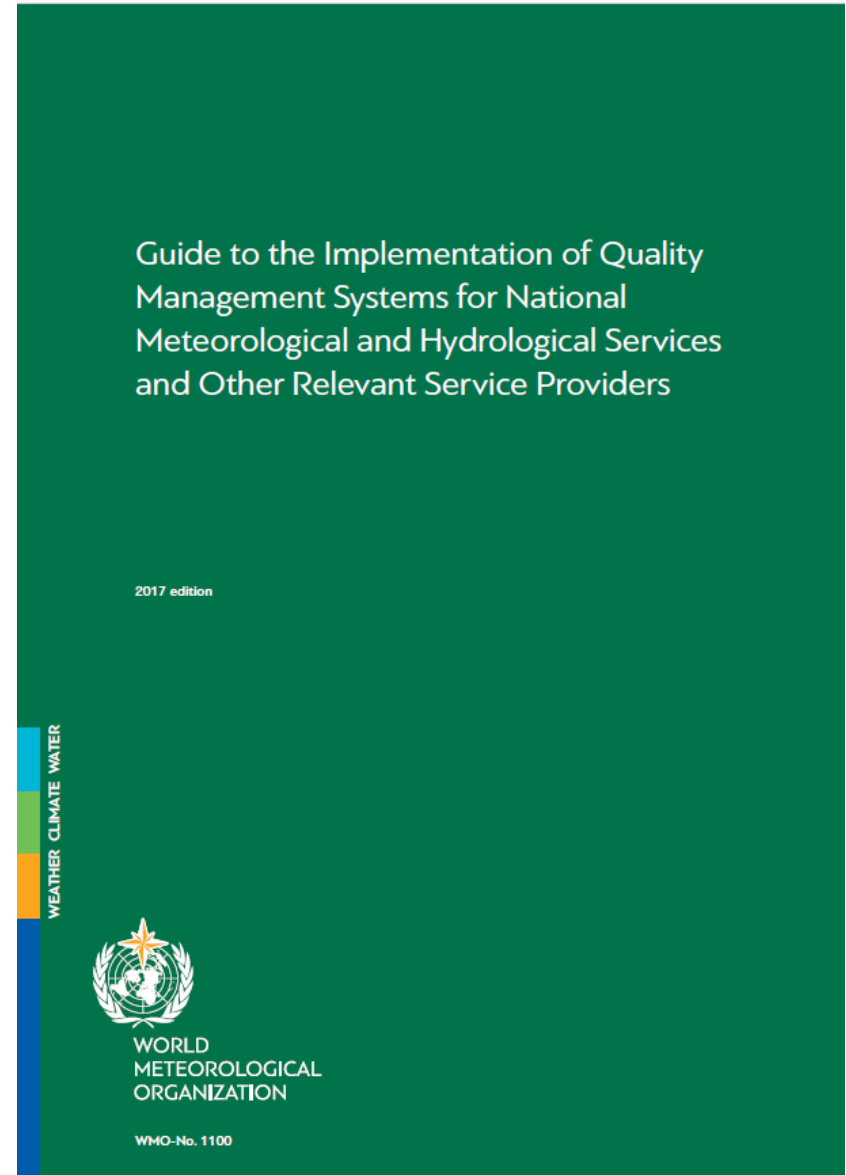
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QM Auditor Training

- A comprehensive internal audit program is fundamental to the development, implementation, sustainability and viability of a QMS - it underpins the success of a QMS.
 - It is essential that the personnel performing audits are appropriately qualified as auditors to ensure the audit process and its value and credibility will not be compromised.
 - The WMO Competency Framework provides the benchmark for the development of an appropriate standard for auditors that should be aligned with the International Register of Certificated Auditors (IRCA).
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- There are two(2) key auditor training courses:
 - Management Systems Auditing (Internal Auditor); and
 - Lead Auditor

Management Systems Auditing (Internal Auditor) Course

- The successful completion of this course is considered the minimum qualification to be a member of an auditing team performing audits within their own organization/NMHS.
- Provides auditing skills, knowledge and an understanding of:
 - ISO 9001
 - Quality Management Systems
 - Quality concepts
 - Audit process
 - Auditing the ISO 9001 Standard
 - Organisational context
 - Leadership and commitment
 - Quality planning
 - Support and resources
 - Operational planning and control
 - Quality performance evaluation
 - Quality improvement



Lead Auditor Course

- The successful completion is essential to leading an audit team performing audits within their own NMHS or another NMHS.
- Provides comprehensive training in the theory and practice of leading a QMS audit based on ISO 9001 and within the ISO 19011:2018 *Guidelines for auditing management systems*
- Also provides a practical understanding of the responsibilities, techniques and methodologies required to effectively lead a QMS audit including:
 - Managing an Audit Program
 - Audit planning and preparation
 - Performing the Audit – including practical exercises for participants
 - Reporting Audit Outcomes
 - Quality Management Concepts
 - Establishing the context of an organization
 - Leadership

Additional notes applicable to auditor courses ...

- The Management Systems Auditing course is a prerequisite to the Lead Auditor course.
- Successful completion of the Lead Auditor course requires a 70% pass mark via a written examination for recognition under IRCA.
- Both courses are modules that contribute to a Diploma of Quality Auditing should that pathway be pursued.
- Only ISO accredited Lead Auditors employed by an accredited certification organization, can provide ISO 9001 Certification. Refer to the International Accreditation Forum (IAF) web site for a list of certification organisations.

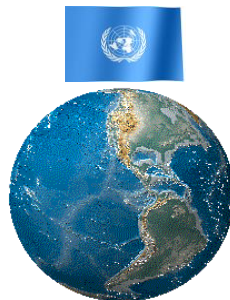


Quality management auditor training providers

- It is essential that the providers of the Management Systems Auditing and Lead Auditor training courses are formally registered or certified with a national training organization.
- It is important that the courses are delivered to a high standard and one that enables participants and their NMHSs to grow their QM skills and capacity of their organization.
- All auditor training shall/should be underpinned by *ISO 19011:2018 Guidelines for auditing management systems*.
- All trainers should be qualified Lead Auditors with extensive auditing experience in their own right.
- All certificates issued to participants shall/should have international recognition.



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Completed – ISO 9001 Demystified Training & Management Systems Auditing Training (All online)



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Online Training Workshops 2021/22 – to date

ISO 9001 Demystified and introduction to developing & implementing a QMS



- 2 Workshops conducted in English, with one having partial translation into Russian
- Total participants: 28
- Participants were from WMO Region: RAVI

Online Training Workshops 2021/22 – to date



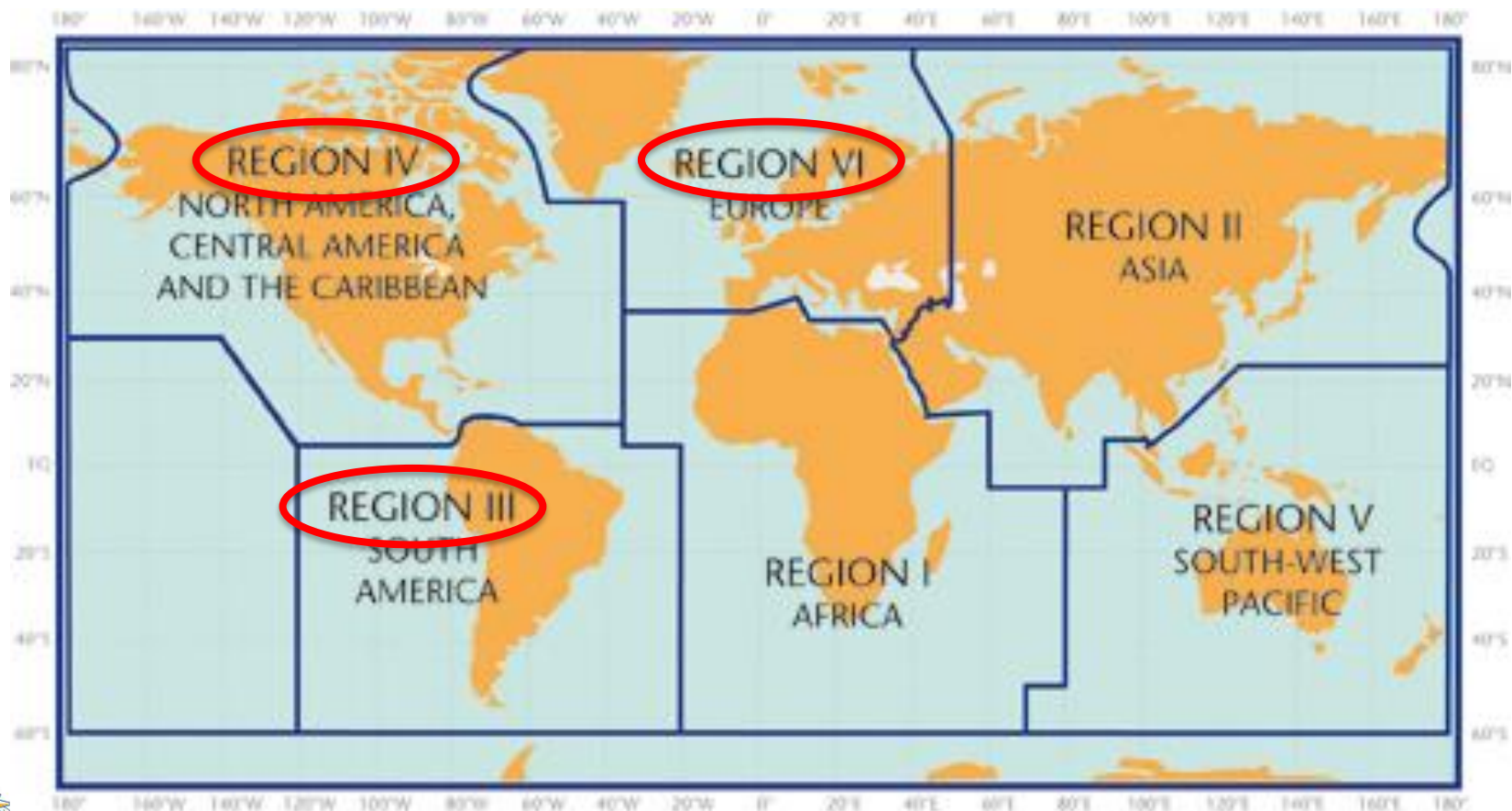
Management Systems Auditing Workshops

- 3 Workshops conducted in English with one of them translated into French
- Total participants registered: 43
- Participants were from the following WMO Regions: RAI, RAII, RAV and RAVI

On-line Management Systems Auditing Workshops for remainder of 2022:

01 – 04 November 2022: RAVI
28 Nov – 02 Dec 2022: RAIII & RAIV

- **Note:** maximum of 16 participants per online course



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Lead Auditor Training

To be conducted face-to-face only

- To be conducted face-to face in English and other languages depending on availability of funding and interpreter services.
- Potential participants selected will be identified from those who have successfully completed the Management Systems Auditing workshop/course/training.
- Participants will be selected on the basis of having demonstrated the underpinning character traits required of auditors.
- Dates and locations in 2023 TBA.



Climate Services QM Roadmap - Development & Implementation



Options:

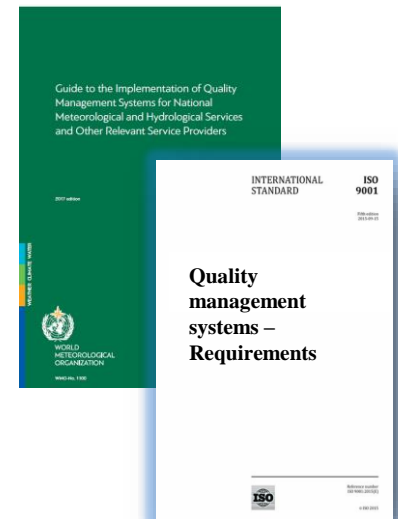
Three (3) options under consideration:

1. Develop and implement a QMS for NMHS Climate Services within an ISO 9001 framework to achieve Certification of Compliance.
2. Develop a Joint ISO -WMO Climate Services Standard based on the ISO 9001 Standard format to achieve Certification of Compliance.
3. Develop a stand-alone WMO Climate Services Standard as a key component of an overarching ISO 9001 QMS – WMO Certification.

Option 1: ISO 9001 QMS Framework

ISO 9001 Quality management systems – Requirements Standard is used to manage the overall management function relevant to the delivery of climate services.

- Growing experience within the WMO community combined with *WMO No. 1100 Guide to the Implementation of Quality Management Systems for National Meteorological and Hydrological Services and Other Relevant Service Providers* provides a solid foundation on which to build.
- *Certification* of compliance is achieved through an accredited third party/external certification body.
- **Challenge:** Lack of experienced “third party/external” auditors with knowledge of climate services.
- **Opportunity:** The third party/external bodies “may consider” utilizing WMO trained Lead Auditors (IRCA recognised), as subject matter/specialist experts to assist with audits. Note: There may be additional costs to the organization being audited.



Option 2: Joint ISO/WMO Climate Services Standard

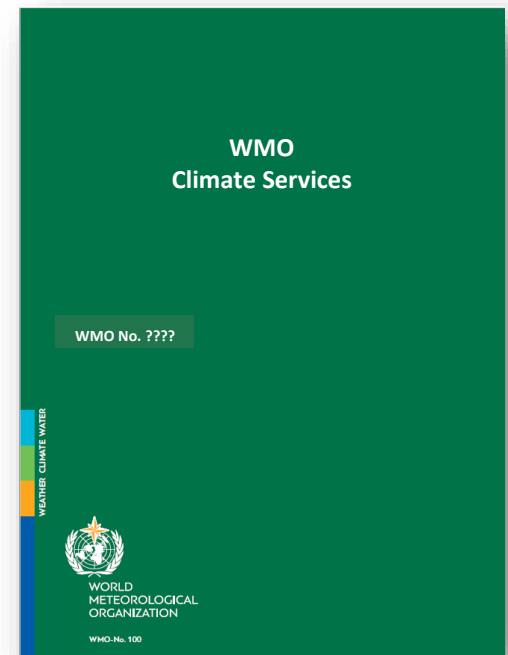
Development and implementation of a *Joint ISO – WMO Climate Services Standard* based on the ISO 9001 format with a specific focus on Climate Services – Practices & Procedures as per Tech Reg 49 Vol I and guides such as WMO No-100 and WMO No-1221 Note: WMO is an ISO recognized Standardization body.

- *Certification* achieved through accredited third party/external certification body
- **Challenge:** Lack of experienced third party/external auditors with knowledge of climate services.
- **Opportunity:** The third party/external bodies “may consider” utilizing WMO trained Lead Auditors (IRCA recognised), as subject matter/specialist experts to assist with audits. Note: There may be additional costs to the organization being audited.



Option 3: Independent WMO Climate Services Standard

- Develop and publish an in-house (WMO), technical standard for *WMO Climate Services* that would be integrated with ISO 9001.
- **Certification:** achieved through a WMO “certification process” utilizing WMO trained Lead Auditors as climate subject matter/specialist experts within and between the WMO Regions.
- **Challenges:**
 - Lack of experienced third party/external auditors with knowledge of climate services.
 - Ensuring WMO Member staff “appointed” as lead auditors, are appropriately trained and qualified to IRCA standards as a minimum.



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