



REPORT BY THE CHAIR OF THE TECHNICAL COORDINATION COMMITTEE

Background

- (1) The Technical Coordination Committee (TCC) was established in 2018 by [Resolution 35 \(EC-70\)](#) - WMO Executive Council structures, to act as a two-way interface between the Executive Council and the technical bodies of the Organization: technical commissions, the Research Board, and other relevant bodies. In light of the consideration of the constituent body reform by the eighteenth World Meteorological Congress in 2019, the Council, through the same [Resolution 35 \(EC-70\)](#), decided to defer the implementation of the TCC to its seventy-first session, also in 2019.
- (2) The membership of the TCC is established by [Resolution 35 \(EC-70\)](#) - WMO Executive Council structures, and [Decision 1 \(EC-71\)](#) - Membership of Subsidiary Bodies of the Executive Council:
 - (a) Second Vice-President of WMO (Chair) (A. Martis); the presidents and vice-presidents of the technical commissions (M. Jean, B. Forgan, N. Pinardi, S. Pecora; I. Lisk, R. Stone, M. Brunet), the presidents of regional associations (D. Konate, A. Al Mandoos, M. Renom, E. Thompson, 'O. Fa'anunu, M. Staudinger) the chair and vice-chair of the Research Board (C. Saulo, S. Jones), the chairs of any other bodies established by Congress or Executive Council (Policy Advisory Committee [PAC], G. Adrian; Climate Coordination Panel [CCP], G. Adrian; Hydrological Coordination Panel [HCP], J. Danhelka; Panel of Experts on Polar and High Mountain Observations, Research and Services [PHORS], S. Barrell; Capacity Development Panel [CDP], A. Kijazi; Joint WMO-IOC Collaborative Board [JCB], L. Uccellini; Scientific Advisory Panel [SAP], G. Brunet), the chairs of other WMO sponsored and co-sponsored technical bodies identified by the President.
- (3) The role of TCC is further clarified in that it:
 - (a) Facilitates the establishment of effective coordination between the technical commissions and the Research Board, the Joint WMO-IOC Collaborative Board and other relevant bodies ([Resolution 7 \(Cg-18\)](#)) - Establishment of WMO Technical Commissions for the Eighteenth Financial Period;
 - (b) Provides oversight on the work of the Research Board and facilitates the integration of science into all the domains covered by the technical commissions ([Resolution 8 \(Cg-18\)](#)) - Research Board;
 - (c) Is supported by the Climate Coordination Panel - ([Resolution 4 \(EC-71\)](#)), the Hydrological Coordination Panel - ([Resolution 5 \(EC-71\)](#)) - and the Capacity Development Panel - ([Resolution 7 \(EC-71\)](#)).

Activity

Tasks

- (4) Tasks were assigned to the TCC by Congress through [Resolution 47 \(Cg-18\)](#) - Ocean Observations in Support of Earth System Prediction and WMO Support to the Global Ocean Observing System Strategy 2030 (Including Tropical Pacific Observing System 2020) and [Resolution 73 \(Cg-18\)](#) - Strengthening the Capacity of Members in Service Delivery, and by the [seventy-first session of the Executive Council](#) through the following Resolutions:
- Development of the Global Multi-Hazard Alert System Framework and the WMO Coordination Mechanism Concept ([Resolution 1 \(EC-71\)](#)),
 - Climate Coordination Panel ([Resolution 4 \(EC-71\)](#)),
 - Hydrological Coordination Panel ([Resolution 5 \(EC-71\)](#)),
 - Rules of Procedure for the Constituent Bodies ([Resolution 11 \(EC-71\)](#)).

Meetings

- (5) Due to the COVID-19 emergency, the inaugural face-to-face session of the TCC, originally scheduled for 20–22 April 2020, was postponed. The TCC held three sessions by videoconference, TCC-1/2020 on 27–29 April, TCC-2/2020 on 13, 15 and 16 July 2020 and TCC-3/2020 on 1–2 September 2020.

Consideration of items and recommendations

- (6) The TCC, based on the assignments by EC-71 and its terms of reference, including the provision of the necessary analytical information to inform EC decisions on technical matters, considered the topics and produced the recommendations indicated in [Table 1](#).

Concept of operations

- (7) To better discharge its tasks, the TCC agreed on its concept of operations ([Annex](#)), including:
- A standard agenda to address: (a) matters related to the technical regulatory framework, (b) matters related to technical coordination, (c) matters related to methods and procedures, and (d) any other matters assigned to the TCC by the Executive Council;
 - Criteria for analysing proposals being submitted to the Council: (a) strategic priority, (b) Members' needs and (c) value chain;
 - Recommendation to the Council according to the following categories: (a) recommended for adoption by consensus without debate, (b) recommended for adoption with debate and (c) not recommended for adoption; to be re-discussed at the next session of the TCC for resubmission to EC. Amendments requested by TCC, if any, will be introduced by the Secretariat in EC documents posted on the EC website.

Recommendations

- (8) The TCC recommends to EC-72 that it adopt, by consensus and without debate, the following draft resolutions and decisions:

Draft resolutions

- Draft [Resolution 4.1\(5\)/1 \(EC-72\)](#) – Concept Note on A Global Drought Indicator
- Draft [Resolution 4.1\(6\)/1 \(EC-72\)](#) – Amendments to the *Technical Regulations, Volume II - Meteorological Service for International Air Navigation* (WMO-No. 49)
- Draft [Resolution 4.2\(1\)/1 \(EC-72\)](#) – Trial Phase of the International Exchange of Daily Climate Data
- Draft [Resolution 4.2\(2\)/1 \(EC-72\)](#) – Upgraded Recognition Mechanism for Long-Term Climate Observing Stations
- Draft [Resolution 4.2\(3\)/1 \(EC-72\)](#) – Collaboration with IATA on the Development of the AMDAR Programme (WICAP)
- Draft [Resolution 4.2\(4\)/1 \(EC-72\)](#) – Traceability of solar radiation measurements
- Draft [Resolution 4.2\(5\)/1 \(EC-72\)](#) – Amendments to the *Manual on the Global Data Processing and Forecasting System* (WMO-No. 485) and the designation of new GDPFS centres
- Draft [Resolution 4.4\(4\)/1 \(EC-72\)](#) – WMO Regional Training Centres (reconfirmation)
- Draft [Resolution 5.3\(1\)/1 \(EC-72\)](#) – Rules of procedure for the non-constituent bodies established by Cg-18 and EC-71

Draft decisions

- Draft [Decision 4.1\(2\)/1 \(EC-72\)](#) – Operationalization of objective seasonal forecasts and tailored products on sub-regional scales
- Draft Decision 4.1(7)/1 (EC-72) – Joint WMO-WHO Study Group on Integrated Health Services
- Draft [Decision 5.1/1 \(EC-72\)](#), (6) – Updated Guidelines for Granting the Professor Dr Vilho Vaisala Awards

- (9) The TCC recommends to EC-72 that it adopt, with debate, the following draft resolutions and decisions:

Draft resolutions

- Draft [Resolution 3.3\(1\)/1 \(EC-72\)](#) – Effective Coordination between Technical Commissions and Regional Associations
- Draft [Resolution 3.3\(2\)/1 \(EC-72\)](#) – Activities and working mechanisms of the Regional Associations
- Draft [Resolution 4.1\(1\)/1 \(EC-72\)](#) – Implementation Plan for the Methodology for Cataloguing Hazardous Events

- Draft [Resolution 4.1\(3\)/1 \(EC-72\)](#) – WMO Flood Forecasting Initiative Advisory Group (WMO FFI-AG)
- Draft [Resolution 4.1\(4\)/1 \(EC-72\)](#) – Strengthening Marine Services
- Draft [Resolution 4.4\(1\)/1 \(EC-72\)](#) – Scope and scale of WMO development projects and progress with the Country Profile Database as an assessment tool

Draft decisions

- Draft [Decision 3.4/1 \(EC-72\)](#) – Vision and Strategy for Hydrology and associated Plan of Action
- Draft Decision 3.5/1 (EC-72) – Update of the WMO Data Policy
- Draft [Decision 4.4\(2\)/1 \(EC-72\)](#) – Recommendations for revision of the WMO Capacity Development Strategy
- Draft [Decision 4.4\(3\)/1 \(EC-72\)](#) – Developing and Sustaining Core Competencies and Expertise

Table 1 – Topics considered by TCC-1, -2 and -3 upon request of EC-71 and additional items considered

| <i>Topic</i> | <i>Resolution</i> | <i>Instructions</i> | <i>Deadline</i> | <i>Document for EC consideration</i> | <i>Sponsor</i> | <i>Discussed at</i> | <i>Recommendations / comments</i> |
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| Technical regulatory framework | Resolution 35 (EC-70) | <p>The committee shall report to the Executive Council on the following issues:</p> <p>(1) Progress in developing further the WMO technical regulatory framework in a consistent manner by all technical bodies involved;</p> <p>(2) Status of compliance with technical regulations of the WMO Members, including advice on identified barriers to compliance and ways to address them to resolve deficiencies;</p> <p>(3) Impact and risk assessment of new standards and technology on the systems operated by Members, including financial and human resources impact;</p> <p>(4) Evolving user needs for information and services and alignment of the plans of the WMO technical bodies to meet those needs;</p> | Every EC session | Draft Resolution 4.1(1)/1 (EC-72) – Implementation Plan for the Methodology for Cataloguing Hazardous Events | SERCOM | TCC-2 | Adoption with debate , noting the need for consultations with regional associations and the Research Board regarding implementation and highlighting connections with hydrological hazards as well as other crosscutting aspects and initiatives (public-private partnerships, Regional Climate Centres). |
| | | | | Draft Decision 4.1(2)/1 (EC-72) – Operationalization of objective seasonal forecasts and tailored products on sub-regional scales | CCP | TCC-2 | Adoption by consensus and without debate , noting that further consultation, including with the Research Board, would be needed and that governance issues should be debated by EC at a strategic level. |
| | | | | Draft Resolution 4.1(3)/1 (EC-72) – WMO Flood Forecasting Initiative Advisory Group (WMO FFI-AG) | SERCOM | TCC-2 | Adoption with debate , with a minor edit, noting the need for the Executive Council to consider the FFI-AG in the broader institutional context of the Organization. |
| | | | | Draft Resolution 4.1(4)/1 (EC-72) – Strengthening Marine Services | SERCOM | TCC-2 | Adoption with debate , noting the need to engage Members in marine services, especially for what concerns user requirements, and socialize with them the collaboration with the International Maritime |

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| | | | | | | | Organization (IMO) and amplify it. |
| | | | | Draft Resolution 4.1(5)/1 (EC-72) – Concept Note on A Global Drought Indicator | SERCOM | TCC-2 | Adoption by consensus and without debate , noting the need to introduce in the draft some refinements of a technical nature, including definitions of different drought indices prior to EC-72 (e.g. Table 1; collaboration between SERCOM SC-AGR & SC-HYD; relation with GMAS). |
| | | | | Draft Resolution 4.1(6)/1 (EC-72) – Amendments to the Technical Regulations, Volume II - Meteorological Service for International Air Navigation (WMO-No. 49); | SERCOM | TCC-2 | Adoption by consensus and without debate , noting that that document was developed according to established procedures that ensure the necessary alignment of Technical Regulations between ICAO and WMO. |
| | | | | Draft Resolution 4.2(1)/1 (EC-72) – Trial Phase of the International Exchange of Daily Climate Data | INFCOM | TCC-2 | Adoption by consensus and without debate , noting the foreseen collaboration between INFCOM and SERCOM (SC-CLI). |
| | | | | Draft Resolution 4.2(2)/1 (EC-72) – Upgraded Recognition Mechanism for | INFCOM | TCC-2 | Adoption by consensus and without debate , noting that recognition of hydrological and marine stations will be discussed at the joint session of technical |

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| | | | | Long-Term Climate Observing Stations | | | commissions with the Research Board (9-13 November 2020). |
| | | | | Draft Resolution 4.2(3)/1 (EC-72) – Collaboration with IATA on the Development of the AMDAR Programme (WICAP) | INFCOM | TCC-2 | Adoption by consensus and without debate , noting the need for introductory materials to the item given the significant impact of Covid-19 on AMDAR observations. |
| | | | | Draft Resolution 4.2(4)/1 (EC-72) – Traceability of solar radiation measurements | INFCOM | TCC-2 | Adoption by consensus and without debate. |
| | | | | Draft Resolution 4.2(5)/1 (EC-72) – Amendments to the Manual on the Global Data Processing and Forecasting System (WMO-No. 485) and the designation of new GDPFS centres | INFCOM | TCC-2 | Adoption by consensus and without debate , noting that work was developed by a technical commission (CBS) active during the 17th FP though working structures still functioning during the current transitional phase. |
| | | | | Technical note: Review of Technical Regulations, Volume III – Hydrology (WMO-No. 49) | HCP | TCC-2 | <i>The TCC took note of the technical note for the future review of Technical Regulations, Volume III – Hydrology (WMO-No. 49).</i> |
| | | (5) Collaboration and coordination between the | | Draft Decision 3.4/1 (EC-72) – | HCP | TCC-2 | Adoption with debate , noting that the finalization of the Vision |

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| Technical coordination | Resolution 35 (EC-70) | technical bodies and regional associations to ensure that regional priorities and requirements are considered into the technical bodies' planning; (6) Collaboration among the technical commissions, the Research Board and any other bodies established by Congress or Executive Council required to facilitate the transition of research to operations through co-design, operational testing and feedback from operational community; (7) Issues of common concerns of regional associations, technical commissions, the Research Board and any other bodies established by Congress or Executive Council affecting the progress of implementation of the Strategic and Operating Plans; (8) Coordination with other bodies, such as SAP and PAC and any other issues that might be referred to by the Executive Council. | Every EC session | Vision and Strategy for Hydrology and associated Plan of Action | | | and Strategy is a work in progress that needs contributions by the Research Board and national hydrological advisors and will be reviewed by the Policy Advisory Committee (PAC-2, 17-18 August 2020). |
| | | | | Draft Resolution 3.3(1)/1 – Effective coordination between technical commissions and regional associations | RAs | TCC-1 TCC-2 TCC-3 | Adoption with debate , with the introduction of edits clarifying the process of consultation between TCs and RAs. |
| | | | | Draft Resolution 3.3(2)/1 (EC-72) – Activities and working mechanisms of the Regional Associations | RAs | TCC-1 TCC-2 TCC-3 | Adoption with debate , noting the need to socialize the proposal with EC to get guidance for the forthcoming EC-73 and Cg-Ext. (2021). |

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| | Resolution 8 (Cg-18) | To provide oversight on the work of the Research Board through the participation of the chair and vice-chair of the Board in the Technical Coordination Committee, To facilitate, through the Technical Coordination Committee, the integration of science into all the domains covered by the technical commissions; | Undetermined | Concept note: Science for Services | RB | TCC-2 TCC-3 | <i>The TCC recommended that the RB further develop the concept note on science for services and inform EC of progress.</i> |
| | Resolution 47 (Cg-18) | The Technical Coordination Committee to provide advice on any required interfaces between GOOS and the WMO Technical Commissions and the Research Board; | Undetermined | — | | Not considered | <i>To be considered by TCC-4 based on the inputs of INFCOM/SG-OOIS and JCB.</i> |
| Methods and procedures | Resolution 4 (EC-71) | Requests the Technical Coordination Committee (TCC) in consultation with the Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) to review these Terms of Reference [CCP] and report to EC-72. | EC-72 | — | | Not considered | <i>To be considered by TCC-4 based on the inputs of CCP.</i> |
| | Resolution 5 (EC-71) | Requests the EC Technical Coordination Committee (EC/TCC) to review these Terms of Reference [HCP] in alignment with the new WMO governance structure and directions from Cg-Ext in 2021; | EC-74 | — | | — | <i>To be considered following guidance of Cg-Ext. (2021).</i> |

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| | Resolution 11 (EC-71) | The Technical Coordination Committee to keep the Rules of Procedure for the technical commissions and for the regional associations under review, to develop the Rules of Procedure for the Research Board and for other bodies of the Organization and to propose amendments as necessary, in line with the general effort for effectiveness, efficiency and consistency across the WMO working structure, | Undetermined | Draft Resolution 5.3(1)/1 (EC-72) – Rules of procedure for the non-constituent bodies established by Cg-18 and EC-71 | TCC | TCC-1 | Adoption by consensus and without debate. |
| | | | | Draft Decision 4.1(7)/1 (EC-72) – Joint WMO-WHO Study Group on Integrated Health Services | SERCOM | TCC-3 | Adoption by consensus without debate , noting the need for an inter-agency subsidiary body to be authorized by the Executive Council according to General Regulation 142 and the Rules of Procedure for Technical Commissions 5.4.6(b). |
| | | | | Guidance, internal to the technical commissions, on the selection of experts | SERCOM, INFCOM | TCC-3 | <i>The TCC recommended that the guidance on the selection of experts, internal to the technical commissions, be mentioned in the reports of the PTCs to EC and advised that the TCC, through the PTCs, collaborate with the PAC for the review of the process of nomination of experts</i> |
| Other assignments by the Council | Resolution 73 (Cg-18) | Requests the Executive Council with the support of the Technical Coordination Committee (TCC), the Capacity Development Panel, and relevant technical commissions to: (1) Analyse Members' competency assessments | Undetermined | Draft Decision 4.4(1)/1 (EC-72) – Scope and scale of WMO development projects and progress with the Country Profile Database as an assessment tool | CDP | TCC-2 | Adoption with debate , noting the need to better factor in the proposal the funding sources and mechanisms to support the implementation. |

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| | | though the WMO Community Platform (Country profile Database) and prioritize interventions; (2) Develop training and other capacity development initiatives to address gaps in Members' ability to deliver services; and (3) Address the necessary implementation measures for these initiatives. | | Draft Decision 4.4(2)/1 (EC-72) – Recommendations for revision of the WMO Capacity Development Strategy | CDP | TCC-1 TCC-2 | Adoption with debate , noting (a) the need to recognize the contributions from all relevant WMO bodies, funding sources and mechanisms; and (b) to expand the membership of the CDP to representatives of HCP, INFCOM, SERCOM, RB and JCB (to be reflected in Draft Decision 5.5/1). |
| | | | | Draft Decision 4.4(3)/1 (EC-72) – Developing and Sustaining Core Competencies and Expertise | CDP | TCC-1 TCC-2 | Adoption with debate , noting that the subject may benefit from discussion in the Council. |
| | | | | Draft Resolution 4.4(4)/1 (EC-72) – WMO Regional Training Centres (reconfirmation) | CDP | TCC-2 | Adoption by consensus and without debate. |
| | Resolution 1 (EC-71) | GMAS: Requests the Technical Coordination Committee (TCC) to coordinate and establish an appropriate ad hoc and flexible mechanism to: (1) Work with Members, technical commissions and regional associations; (2) Take the draft Terms of Reference (ToRs) provided in EC-71/INF. 2(1) as a basis for this work; (3) Inform EC-72 of progress; | EC-72 | — | | Not considered | <i>The discussion of this item is postponed to EC-73; it will be examined by TCC-4.</i> |

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| | Resolution 2 (EC-71) | <p>Requests the Policy Advisory Committee (PAC), in consultation with the Technical Coordination Committee (TCC), to accord the highest priority on the follow-up of Resolution 56 (Cg-18) and to:</p> <p>(1) Initiate as soon as possible the review process of the WMO data policies in accordance with the directions given by Congress, with the aim of reporting to the Extraordinary Congress in 2021; (2) Report progress at EC-72 in 2020;</p> | EC-72 | Draft Decision 3.5/1 (EC-72) – Comprehensive update of WMO data policies | INFCOM | TCC-1 TCC-2 TCC-3 | <p>Adoption with debate. The TCC recommended the broad engagement of Members and regional associations in the discussion on the development of the single WMO data resolution, with a view to negotiate a clear-cut solution for its future implementation.</p> <p>The TCC took note of the progress report on the organization of the WMO Data Conference and agreed that it should be held as an online event, preceded by preparatory workshops, to socialize the review of the data policies with all interested communities.</p> |

ANNEX

Concept of operations for the Technical Coordination Committee

Agenda setting

The provisional agenda of the TCC should include a limited number of items included in the provisional agenda of the upcoming regular session of the Executive Council that the Chair considers necessary to prepare that regular session.

The selection of items to be included in the agenda of the TCC should contribute to the ability of the Executive Council at its upcoming session to make decisions in the most efficient way based on the collective advice of constituent and other bodies. This will entail prior discussion, analysis and recommendations by the TCC on the given items.

These items should include:

- (a) Matters related to the technical regulatory framework, including compliance with existing technical regulations; definition of user needs for information and services; progress with the further development of the regulatory framework; and prior assessment of the impacts of proposed new standards and technology;
- (b) Matters related to technical coordination, including between technical bodies and regional associations; among technical commissions, the Research Board and other bodies regarding research to operations; common aspects affecting the progress of implementation of the Strategic and Operating Plans; and coordination of the TCC with other bodies, including the PAC and co-sponsored bodies;
- (c) Matters related to methods and procedures, such as the development and revision of terms of reference and rules of procedure of technical bodies;
- (d) Any other matters assigned to the TCC by the Executive Council.

The examination of the agenda items will be carried out following the protocol described in the next section.

The drafting, production and dissemination of the report should be facilitated by the Secretariat and it should be published as an information document at least 20 working days before the session of the EC.

Protocol

Examination of measures proposed for adoption by EC through recommendations by technical commissions, the Research Board and other relevant bodies may be done according to the following criteria.

Analysis

| <i>Criteria</i> | <i>Application</i> | <i>Scoring^a</i> |
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| S. Strategic priority | The degree to which the document clearly identifies the contribution of the proposal to the implementation of the priorities of the Strategic Plan. | 3 = high 2 = medium 1 = low |
| M. Members' needs | The degree to which the document explains how the proposed measure contributes to addressing Members' needs and reducing capacity gaps in different regions. | 3 = high 2 = medium 1 = low |
| V. Value chain | The degree to which the document explains how the proposed measure follows the seamless value chain approach, including research to operations. | 3 = high 2 = medium 1 = low |

^a The numerical scoring may also be expressed with colours (■ ■ ■) or substituted by more specific measures in the form of a checklist (e.g. establishment of a coordination committee, adoption of national legislation or implementation of demonstration projects).

It is expected that the members of the TCC will bring to the meetings the views of the constituencies they represent on the feasibility of proposed measures.

Presidents of regional associations, regional specialized centres and presidents of technical commissions may assist through consultations on the technical aspects of their competence, in particular concerning readiness of Members to implement the proposed measure.

The Secretariat will support the TCC by preparing a first analysis, with annotations as needed, according to the above protocol for the consideration of the members.

The analytical framework would help identify those measures that, because they are difficult or complex, would require deeper examination and endorsement by the Committee before being submitted to EC.

In collaboration with the Capacity Development Panel, the Committee may advise on capacity development actions to support the implementation of the proposed measures.

Feedback

Given the role of the TCC as a two-way interface between the EC and the technical bodies of the Organizations, it is expected that, through its members, it would provide feedback to the technical and regional bodies on their proposals.

Recommendations to EC

Recommendations to EC concerning the proposed actions, based on the TCC analysis, may be done according to the following categories:

- Recommended for adoption by consensus without debate
- Recommended for adoption with debate
- Not recommended for adoption; to be re-discussed at the next session of the TCC for resubmission to EC

Amendments requested by TCC, if any, will be introduced by the Secretariat in EC documents posted on EC website.
