

Scope of the Strategy and Action Plan (SAP)

The main aim of the FFI is to “improve the capacity of meteorological and hydrological services to jointly deliver timely and more accurate products and services required in flood forecasting and warning and in collaborating with disaster managers, active in flood emergency preparedness and response.”

The expected outputs from the meeting during its third constituent session were:

1. Agreement on the scope of work and approach to be taken by the FFI-AG, within its ToR;
2. Improved understanding of the current initiatives and activities undertaken in the framework of the WMO FFI;
3. Agreement on specific actions to be taken and an updated Work Plan associated with these actions;
4. Agreement on how the work of the FFI-AG should be undertaken including its outreach to Members, relevant Commissions, Technical Support Partners, and Donors;
5. Conclusions and recommendations (including target audience), based on the presentations and discussions.

Regarding the FFI SAP, its focus is “to produce more accurate, timely and reliable forecasts and warnings of weather, climate, and water and improve service delivery to users”.

The chair presented the review criteria for the current SAP of FFI, which were the following:

1. The SAP promotes the preparation of national implementation plans, to be adapted in accordance with current national/regional flood forecasting capabilities, specific requirements and priorities.
2. The SAP suggests the implementation of demonstration projects at various levels (country-specific, sub-regional and regional projects), to showcase the value of increased cooperation between NMSs and NHSs in flood forecasting .
3. At the regional level, the SAP advocates the establishment of a framework under which partnerships and development assistance could be provided and coordinated amongst services while taking advantage of existing regional and international arrangements.
4. The SAP also addresses requirements of well -established flood forecasting and warning systems for their further improvement through the development and use of new technologies.