**PROCESS FOR ADOPTING CBS RECOMMENDATIONS TO EC-70 AND CG-18**

In view of the timing of the next session of the Commission, and the need to be in position to propose appropriate draft Recommendations and Decisions on the critical issues listed in Annex 1 to EC-70 and Cg-18 in 2019, the following mechanism is proposed (listed in chronological order):

1. We are organizing a CBS Technical Conference (TECO) at the WMO Headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland, from 26 to 29 March 2018, prior to EC-70.
2. In January 2018, the Presidents of Technical Commissions and Regional Associations (PTC/PRA) meetings will be informed about the process.
3. If necessary, a Webinar could be organized with the Presidents of Regional Associations to inform them about the process and to obtain their feedback.
4. Following reviews by the management teams of the CBS Open Programme Area Groups (OPAGs), draft technical content for decisions and resolutions of EC-70 and Cg‑18 should be published in English on the internet in January 2018 to allow Members time to consider them before CBS TECO‑2018.
5. CBS TECO-2018, 26-29 March 2018, will discuss scientific and technical issues normally discussed at a Technical Conference, but will also focus on the critical issues above, considering the technical contents of draft recommendations to EC‑70 and Cg‑18. Each OPAG will be allotted about six hours of the TECO. Holding the meeting in Geneva will allow some financial savings.
6. A meeting of an extended CBS Management Group will be held in Geneva during the afternoon of 29 March 2018 (i.e. after the end of the TECO at noon of 29 March 2018). The goal will be to review the outcome of CBS TECO-2018, consider the draft recommendations and possibly update them. In particular, the Presidents of Regional Associations and the chairs of the expert teams who have interest in the above issues will be invited.
7. As appropriate some of the proposed recommendations will be submitted to EC‑70 and others would be submitted to Cg-18. The remainder of this process addresses the latter.
8. The CBS President, advised by the CBS Management Group meeting, will recommend to EC-70 topics for inclusion on the agenda for Cg-18. This will take the form of a recommendation submitted by the President of CBS. The recommendation will also inform EC-70 of the remainder of the process being used by CBS to prepare recommendations to Cg-18.
9. The CBS President will provide the drafts of proposed technical content for Cg-18 decisions and resolutions to EC-70 as information papers.
10. Following EC-70, CBS experts will continue to work on the draft texts taking into account feedback from CBS TECO-2018, CBS Management Group and Members.
11. In November 2018 modified drafts of the proposed content for Cg‑18 decisions and resolutions will be published in official languages on the internet and Members invited to provide their comments and suggestions.
12. In February 2019 decisions and resolutions for Cg‑18 will be drafted based on the feedback provided by Members and reviewed by the President of CBS.

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