

EXPERT TEAM ON OBSERVATIONAL DATA REQUIREMENTS  
AND REDESIGN OF THE GLOBAL OBSERVING SYSTEM

ITEM: 1.2

REDUCED SESSION

Original: ENGLISH

OXFORD, ENGLAND, 1 – 5 JULY 2002

## EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

### 1. ORGANIZATION OF THE SESSION

#### 1.1 Opening of the meeting

The Meeting of a sub group of the CBS/OPAG-IOS Expert Team on Observational Data Requirements and Redesign of the GOS will open at 10.00 hours on Monday, 1 July 2002 at Wadham College in Oxford, England.

#### 1.2 Adoption of the agenda

The provisional agenda, as contained in CBS/OPAG-IOS (ODRRGOS-5)/Doc.1, will be submitted for adoption. The order of the items may be modified and additional items may be introduced if necessary.

#### 1.3 Working arrangements

The work of the meeting will be conducted by the assembled sub-group. The session and documentation will be in English only. The pre-meeting documents are to be e-mailed to the secretariat for subsequent posting on the WMO Server at :

<http://www.wmo.ch/web/www/OSY/ODRRGOS-5/Doc-Plan.html>

The session will decide on other arrangements, such as its working hours.

### 2. REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN

The chairman will report on the activities carried out since the last meeting of the Expert Team (Geneva, 28 Jan – 1 Feb 2002). He will also describe the expected outcome for the meeting in the light of the upcoming session of CBS-Ext.

### 3. REPORT ON THE COSNA/SEG MEETING

A summary of the May 2002 SEG meeting with emphasis to monitoring activities and impact studies will be presented. Implications for the work of the Expert Team will be considered.

### 4. STATUS AND RESULTS OF OSEs

The April 2001 session of the Expert Team suggested seven OSEs for consideration by NWP centres. The meeting will be informed on the status and results of these experiments and be invited to consider their implications for redesign of the GOS, including required revisions to existing Statements of Guidance.

**5. REVIEW OF RECOMMENDATIONS FOR EVOLUTION OF SURFACE AND SPACE-BASED COMPONENTS OF THE GOS**

The January 2002 session of the Expert Team drafted specific recommendations (see Annex III of the Final Report) regarding the evolution of surface-based and space-based components of the GOS. These will be reviewed and updated, if necessary. Additionally, the meeting will review the status of the update to the Manual and Guide for the GOS being performed by the CBS Task Team on Regulatory Material.

**6. PREPARATION OF THE ET INPUT TO THE CBS-EXT**

The Expert Team will develop input to be submitted to CBS-Ext. 2002 that would summarize the major outcome of ET-ODRRGOS activities.

**7. DISCUSSION OF THE UPCOMING ICT**

The Expert team will discuss preparation of the necessary background materials for use at the October ICT meeting.

**8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Any items of business requiring attention of the expert team, but not covered above, will be considered.

**9. CLOSURE OF THE MEETING**

The session is tentatively scheduled to close at 12h00 on Friday, 5 July 2002.