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# 7.6 ICG-WIGOS Governance ISSUeS

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| **Summary and purpose of document**The document provides the draft ICG-WIGOS Governance and Management responding to the request from EC-67 |

**Action proposed**

The session will be invited to review the draft and finalize it for submission to EC-68.

**References:**

Ad-hoc meeting on ICG-WIGOS Governance, Geneva, 17 September 2015

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**7.6. ICG-WIGOS GOVERNANCE ISSUES**

**I. Introduction**

* + 1. Seventeenth World Meteorological Congress expressed great satisfaction with the status of development of WIGOS, including the conceptual, technical and regulatory aspects and reaffirmed its importance to all Scientific and Technical Programmes of WMO.
		2. The Congress decided that the WIGOS implementation should be preceded by a WIGOS Pre-operational Phase from 2016 to 2019. This phase would encompass the transition from the conceptual, technical and regulatory phase to real implementation phase, involving the participation of Regional Associations and individual Members.
		3. While most of the technical and regulatory issues are quite complete, the governance issue still requires a considerable amount of work, including definitions, decisions and broader coordination, especially at a regional level.
		4. The Congress anticipated that this transitional phase would require special attention to the governance issues and, consequently, more active participation of EC members during this phase. It then requested EC to propose an adequate mechanism that would address the governance issues for a smooth and operational WIGOS.

**II. Comments and Suggestions**

* + 1. There is full agreement on the excellence of the technical work carried out by ICG-WIGOS and the Secretariat up to here. The challenge now is to find a solution that continue the work to complete the technical and regulatory achievements and, at the same time, address the complexities of WIGOS governance issues.
		2. The Ad-hoc Meeting on ICG-WIGOS Governance convened in Geneva (17 September 2015), immediately following the Second Session of the ICG-WIGOS Task Team on WIGOS Pre-operational Phase (TT-PWPP-2) discussed different possibilities and proposed the following three alternatives to be considered by ICG-WIGOS-5, before submission to EC-68:
1. ICG-WIGOS chaired by an EC Member (e.g. the President or First Vice President), supported by two Co-Chairs, one from CBS, one from CIMO.
2. ICG-WIGOS chaired by an EC Member (e.g. the President or First Vice President), supported by two Co-Chairs, one being a representative from the Regional Associations, and a representative from the Technical Commissions.
3. ICG-WIGOS Co-chaired by an EC Member and a Technical Commission (CBS or CIMO) representative.
	* 1. I share the views expressed by the WMO President and others during EC-67 to strengthen the role of the Executive Council in the governance of the WIGOS Pre-operational Phase, due to the importance of WIGOS both to the Regions, to the individual Members and to the Organization as a whole.
		2. I also share the views that there should be no disruption to the work under the current ICG-WIGOS governance, which has produced excellent technical and regulatory material so far.
		3. These views are not contradictory and the combination of solutions proposed during the Ad-hoc meeting tends to combine them, producing complimentary solutions.
		4. Alternative 1 would be the preferred solution as it provides more visibility towards Regions and Members, and would keep the technical aspects almost unchanged, since it has been working very well up to now.
		5. Solutions 2 and 3 are more likely to create unnecessary conflicts, such as the designation of representatives from RAs and TCs (solution 2), or even between the selection of a Co-chair from CBC or CIMO (solution 3).

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