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# Guidance from ICG-WIGOS-5

(Submitted by the Secretariat)

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| **Summary and purpose of document**  This document provides relevant guidance from ICG-WIGOS. |

**Action proposed**

The session will be informed on relevant guidance from ICG-WIGOS to be taken into account.

**References:**

1. [Fourth session of the Inter-Commission Coordination Group on the WMO Integrated Global Observing System (February 2015)](https://www.wmo.int/pages/prog/www/WIGOS-WIS/reports/ICG-WIGOS-4_Final-Report_2015.doc)
2. [Fifth session of the Inter-Commission Coordination Group on the WMO Integrated Global Observing System (January 2016)](https://www.wmo.int/pages/prog/www/WIGOS-WIS/reports/ICG-WIGOS-5_Final-Report_2016.docx)

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1. **GUIDANCE FROM ICG-WIGOS**

**ICG-WIGOS-4 (2015)**

* 1. Mr. M. Manore, invited expert from Canada, presented a discussion document (see Doc. TT-WDP-1/Doc.5.1) on WIGOS data management and data policy in response to the request from EC-66. There are several issues, both technical and policy-related, regarding the integration of externally-sourced data into WIGOS, for which guidance material with best practices and concrete examples must be developed. This highlights the need for a continuous effort across technical commissions on data access and sharing policy and lifecycle data management issues in the WIGOS Pre-operational Phase.
  2. ICG-WIGOS agreed that this subject must be considered very carefully, and that WIGOS should be focussed on technical aspects of the integration of observations from multiple sources, including guidance on establishing partnership and data access/sharing arrangements with non-NMHS partners, and not become deeply involved in broader WMO issues regarding data policy (e.g. as established in Resolutions 25 and 40). The potential budget implications of taking additional priority items should be also considered carefully.
  3. ICG-WIGOS agreed that guidance on the integration of externally-sourced data with high-level principles and strategies within the broader WMO context should be developed and that all relevant technical commissions should be involved, with CBS and CCl providing technical leadership.

**ICG-WIGOS-5 (2016)**

* 1. With a reference to the second session of the ICG-WIGOS Task Team on Planning for the WIGOS Pre-Operational Phase (TT-PWPP-2), Mike Manore presented a proposal for a new ICG-WIGOS Task Team on WIGOS Data and Partnership (TT-WDP) to be established, including a suggested timeline for a two-phased approach to developing the relevant guidance material, a proposed scope and membership.
  2. ICG-WIGOS stressed the sensitivities around matters of data policy and licencing; and it was agreed that the TT-WDP should be very explicit in stating that the team will not be prescriptive on matters regarding national data policies, but that it will rather seek to improve our understanding of the implications for WIGOS of existing data policies and offer guidance to Members on how best to treat external data.
  3. It was further emphasized that the subject matters to be dealt with by TT-WDP are of very broad interest across WMO, and it was therefore recommended that links be established to various existing bodies and ongoing activities (e.g. with CIMO on matters of data quality; with CCl/ IPET-CDMP; with CBS regarding the WIGOS Observing Network Design (OND) Principles). The need for the resulting guidance material to be made available in all WMO languages was underlined again here.
  4. Regarding the membership of the TT-WDP, several suggestions were made, including the inclusion of a satellite expert. It was noted that once the Terms of Reference would be finalized, others might want to make further recommendations. Regarding the proposed Co-Chair for Phase 2 (Data Management and Data Stewardship), it was noted that this expert also chairs the broader CBS/OPAG-ISS; this would help ensure that the respective scopes and schedules of the two activities are aligned to take advantage of the upcoming CBS session in November 2016. It was noted that the timeline for this priority area should be updated accordingly.

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