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## Decision 9 (EC-73)

### Recommendations from the Capacity Development Panel

**Considering:** the progress report and recommendations from the Capacity Development Panel found at EC-73/INF. 2.5(8),

**The Executive Council decides** to request the Capacity Development Panel:

- (1) To compile best practices from the National Meteorological and Hydrological Services (NMHSs) considered to be meeting global standards in the delivery of services. This compilation is to be used in the promotion of standards worldwide;
- (2) To review and update the current competency frameworks as needed and to support the development of new frameworks in areas not yet addressed, with the support of the Education and Training Office, and in order to benefit from the experience and knowledge of WMO Regional Training Centres (RTCs), in close coordination with RTC representatives;
- (3) To coordinate with the technical commissions (Commission for Weather, Climate, Water and Related Environmental Services and Applications (SERCOM) and Commission for Observation, Infrastructure and Information Systems (INFCOM)) in the development of a capacity development framework to support the implementation of their activities;
- (4) To develop strategies to foster the engagement of academic and NMHS staff at the local and regional levels with regard to research, the transfer of research to operations, and the application of research to improve operational delivery;
- (5) To make recommendations on how to foster systematic contributions from academia towards the enhancement of the research-to-operations continuum, which should address approaches to promoting capacity development and service capabilities in weather, climate, hydrology and environment at regional levels through the promotion of collaboration and communication between regional centres such as Regional Specialized Centres, Regional Climate Centres, Regional Training Centres (RTCs), WMO Integrated Global Observing System (WIGOS) Centres, WMO Information System (WIS) Centres, and so forth;
- (6) To support and review a publication on leadership and management based on experience gained from the training programmes jointly organized by WMO and the Meteorological Service Singapore for Regional Associations II and V since 2018;
- (7) To support the development of guidelines on best practices for NMHSs in terms of working with development partners/governments with the aim of enhancing knowledge sharing in this area;
- (8) To contribute to the Fourteenth WMO Education and Training Symposium (SYMET-14), which will be held in 2021, as additional input to the development and promotion of the educational and training activities of the Organization;
- (9) To conduct an assessment of and to clarify the roles and responsibilities of the different actors as well as the different funding mechanisms involved in WMO capacity development activities;
- (10) To make recommendations and develop strategies to strengthen sub-regional, regional, inter-regional and other cooperation groups in order to establish synergies at inter-

regional and sub-regional levels and to identify training and capacity-building opportunities;

**The Executive Council decides** to request the Secretary-General:

- (1) To ensure continued that there is Secretariat support for the activities of the Capacity Development Panel as it works to achieve its objectives within the limit of the financial resources available;
- (2) To encourage the centralization and dissemination of information concerning regional capacity development opportunities and capacity development opportunities for NMHSs, such as training courses and so forth, provided by various actors;
- (3) To support NHMSs to access funding for capacity development through international cooperation mechanisms, such as projects, fellowships, internships, and so forth.

See EC-73/INF. 2.5(8), EC-73/INF. 4.4(2) and EC-73/INF. 4.4(3) for more information.

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**Decision justification:** The Executive Council (EC) established a Capacity Development Panel with [Resolution 7 \(EC-71\)](#) – Capacity Development Panel; this Panel held its first meeting on 26–27 August 2020 and agreed on its Expert Teams and Task Team and their terms of references. At its seventy-second session, the Executive Council made a number of resolutions and decisions related to the Panel, including [Resolution 4 \(EC-72\)](#) – Strengthening marine services, [Resolution 12 \(EC-72\)](#) – Rules of Procedure for the non-Constituent Bodies established by Cg-18 and EC-71, which includes the Panels Reporting to the EC, [Decision 11 \(EC-72\)](#) – Scaling up effective partnerships and scope, scale and progress of WMO development projects, [Decision 12 \(EC-72\)](#) – Recommendations for revision of the WMO Capacity Development Strategy, [Decision 13 \(EC-72\)](#) – Developing and sustaining core competencies and expertise, and [Decision 15 \(EC-72\)](#) – Review of the membership of bodies established by Congress and the Executive Council. In its second meeting, held on 3–4 February 2021, the Panel reviewed related resolutions and decisions and made a number of observations and recommendations for EC-73, as presented in the present decision.

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## **Decision 10 (EC-73)**

### **International Meteorological Organization Prize and other awards**

**The Executive Council decides:**

- (1) To award the sixty-sixth International Meteorological Organization (IMO) Prize to Professor In-Sik Kang (Republic of Korea);
- (2) To invite Professor In-Sik Kang to deliver a scientific lecture to the Council at its seventy-fifth sessions;
- (3) To request the Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) to review the IMO Prize nomination and selection criteria and process (Rule 7 of the Rules of Procedure for the Executive Council) and to invite Members to give due recognition to the recent achievements of the nominees, to encourage the scientific, regional and gender diversity of the candidates, and to submit nominations one month in advance of the session of the Council to enable due consideration;

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