



4.1 REPORT OF THE EXPERT TEAM ON POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND INSTITUTIONAL MATTERS (CDP-ET-PDIM)

4.1(1) Report on activities of CDP-ET-PDIM

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4.1 (2) Meetings and other discussions

During the reported period, the CDP-ET-PDIM has held two virtual meetings (May 11th, 2021, and August 16th, 2021). With the attendance of the meetings at a very low point, it became apparent that the team had diminished and only two active participants of the team were left.

Original Project details:

Originally the project details were the following:

- i) Legislative measures, strategic and operating plans, WMO Gender Equality Action Plan.
- ii) Communications, outreach and negotiation needs and skills.
- iii) Advocacy efforts to governments, end-users, decision-makers on the socio-economic benefits of investments in NMHSs.
- iv) Assistance to NMHSs to incorporate WMO and national requirements into national policy, legislative frameworks and national development plans.
- v) Review the activities of the technical commissions and regional associations aimed at developing, communicating and assisting NMHSs in developing countries to comply with WMO standards and recommended practices.
- vi) Review and analyse gaps in the WMO Gender Equality Action Plan and provide guidance regarding WMO efforts in gender equality.
- vii) Policy-related gaps in the capacity of NMHSs to exchange data, to deliver adequate services, to comply with WMO Standards and recommended practices, bearing in mind the Geneva Declaration 2019 (Public, Private partnerships included).
- viii) Promotion of principles to global meteorology, hydrology and climatology including authoritative voice, common standards, data and product sharing.

Downscaled Project details:

Looking at the original scope, duplications were identified. As the project team also diminished, discussions held suggested that it will be best to put duplications together and to collapse the 8 details into the following 5 details.

It was thus decided to combine the following tasks:

- A) v) Identify the current gaps to the compliance of Members, particular developing countries, to WMO standards and recommended practices and will encourage the establishment of systems between TCs, RAs and the WMO Secretariat for improved capacity development support **and:** vii): Identify the policy gaps in capacity of NMHSs

to the free exchange of data, delivery of services, to comply (as in project V) to the required standards and recommended practices,

Task A will thus concentrate on current gaps to compliance of members to WMO standards and recommended practises including identification of gaps in policies addressing capacity and free exchange of data

- B) **i):** Legislative measures, strategic and operating plans, WMO Gender Equality Action Plan: **and: vi):** Address gender equality.

Task B will look at legislative matters, strategic and operating plans that include gender equity action plans.

- C) **ii):** Communications, outreach and negotiation needs and skills **and: viii):** Promote the principles for global meteorology, hydrology and climatology including authoritative voice, common standards, data and product sharing

Task C will look at communication, promotion of global meteorology, hydrology and climatology including authoritative voice common standards and product sharing.

- D) **iii)** stands alone: Advocacy efforts to governments, end-users, decision-makers on the socioeconomic benefits of investments in NMHSs:

- E) **iv)** stand alone: Develop strategies to assist NMHSs to implement WMO and national requirements: This item will only become active as soon as the WMO strategy has been finalized.

4.1 (3) Progress;

Looking at the simplified task the following reports were provided with the minimum people working on the projects:

A) Concentrate on current gaps to compliance of members to WMO standards and recommended practises including identification of gaps in policies addressing capacity and free exchange of data:

- The WMO data policies development was important as it addresses critical issues for NNMHSs that depend on the capital that the selling of data is bringing in, thus this issued was followed.
- Noted that the WMO data policy was updated with the input given and then re-circulated to NMHSs for input by September 2021 (for October extraordinary congress). The problem is that this is for all earth data and Meteorological Services are usually not the custodian of all the mentioned data. They need now to have discussions with other national relevant institutions and that will take time and get permission from the relevant ministers.
- Another issue registered is with the implementation of the free data exchange. There need to be a gateway to withdraw the data independently and that will take development and financial commitment that is not available. It is suggested that a generic programme that can withdraw data be made available that will serve the purpose.
- A list of the standards and competencies was made. As the aviation competencies are mandatory it is of course necessary to follow that.
- Need to follow the implementation of new BIP-M and BIP-MT curriculums as soon as it is approved.
- Other standards and competencies will have to wait until there is a real need unless there is a specific request. Marine might be identified as important as well.

C) Communication, promotion of global meteorology, hydrology and climatology including authoritative voice common standards and product sharing:

- It was noted that the WMO country basis is not open to all and asked for permission to access the information.

- Product share will be interesting to follow, especially with the MTG implementation. The display of the MTG is becoming critical and EUMETSAT is looking at options.
- The new BIP-M and BIP-MT updated document will be important, and the communications of the draft standards will have to be communicated clearly.
- Looking at the data required for the country data base sent out to all WMO members in 2021: it links again to the competency standards and the output of that will be important to assimilate. The group need to have access to the information gathered.

For new E, B and D

Many of the issues common is the newly defined tasks will be included in the updated Capacity Development Strategy being developed by a separate Task Team lead by David Farrell and John Ogren. Here is the status of that project.

- A draft outline of the new Capacity Development Strategy (CDS) was prepared in July
- The outline was sent to the WMO Secretariat, Technical Departments, Tech Commissions and boards, and Regional Associations for feedback.
- Overall, the outline was accepted with a few minor changes based on comments received.
- Dr. Smith is beginning to write the introduction sections of the CDS
- Other sections of the report will be assigned to the appropriate WMO department, Commission or board for draft authorship.
- It is hoped a rough draft of the CDS will be available for another round of review in the October timeframe.
- Please note that task E is officially is on hold until the WMO strategic plan is developed to give guidance to other NMHSs.