SYMET-14: Education and Training in a Period of Rapid Change
WMO Symposium on Education and Training
Work Plan Template #2

Theme #2: Newly proposed WMO ETR Education and Training Board (Chair: Anna Timofeeva, RSHU, WMO RTC Russia, EC Capacity Development Panel)

Background on the theme:

- WMO reform suggests moving toward a more coherent and effective delivery of the global WMO Education and Training Programme
- The WMO Education and Training Programme is currently challenged by changes in workforce numbers, profiles and roles; expansion of existing and new services within NMHSs; gaps in the level of available training resources between Members; the need for new pedagogical approaches to meet competency standards; the introduction of many new training strategies, technologies and delivery methods that promise to be more efficient in meeting learning needs; and prevalent stresses to training budgets.
- The concept of a WMO Education and Training Board has been proposed as a formal mechanism to achieve goals of the WMO Global Campus initiative, in particular seeking to improve cooperation and coordination among international education and training providers
- The ultimate objective of the WMO Education and Training Board concept is to increase the sustainability of education and training efforts in meteorology, hydrology and related disciplines to meet the growing needs of Members

Example Goals/Desired Outcomes:

- General agreement on the value of the Education and Training Board concept as a formal mechanism to promote increased collaboration under the aegis of the WMO Global Campus way;
- Recommendations for implementation of the Education and Training Board concept

Elements to consider in the workplan:

- Background information: the Education and Training Board (ETB) as a driver for meeting Global Campus goals
- Presentation of the ETB Concept
- Review of the ETB Terms of Reference, including its composition, responsibilities of participating entities, and working procedures
- Potential elements to be discussed within the ETB, for example, a Data/Resources Policy, Quality Assurance, Assessment Tools, Joint E-Learning Platform, and issuing Micro-credentials.
- Budget/Financing – Search for a Business Model (?)

Group Discussion Prompts

Challenges and concerns (What barriers exist to achieving goals?):

Opportunities and recommendations (From what examples can we learn? What existing initiatives can be drawn from?):

Summary statement (What recommendations for implementation should be offered?)