



## Summary Report - CONECT-MG-5

### 1. Opening and Adoption of the Agenda

- The meeting was chaired by Winifred Jordaan. The proposed Agenda was adopted without changes.

### 2. Outcomes of CONECT-2

- A brief review and discussion of main outcomes of CONECT-2 was facilitated by Winifred.
- The actions and recommendations of CONECT-2 were approved in draft format.
- **Action:** All MG members to review the circulated CONECT-2 minutes and updated Terms of Reference and provide comments.

### 3. Proposal for CONECT Logo

- Marina Baldi (WG-3) presented proposed logo designs, originally developed by Elena, featuring an interlocking-chain motif symbolising collaboration, a four-colour palette, and clean, freely available typography (Helvetica-style). The proposal included both a full logo-with-text version and a standalone symbol, and colour and black/and white variants.
- Feedback from the Management Group:
  - Strengthen the logo's connection to CONECT's education and training focus, which currently reads as more science-oriented; consider a tagline such as "Global collaboration in weather, water and climate learning" in place of "knowledge."
  - Use "CONECT" in full capitals throughout, since it is an acronym rather than a word (raised by Eduard Podgaiskii);
  - the Chair confirmed the full acronym should not be spelled out, to preserve the design's clean look.
  - The standalone symbol (chain only) may benefit from an additional visual element to convey meaning independently of the text, though members were also comfortable keeping it simple.
- Decision: WG-3 will incorporate the feedback and continue to seek input from WMO's design/branding team (who are currently focused on WMO's 75th-anniversary rebranding). Final approval of the logo is deferred, either by e-mail circulation or at a future MG meeting, once the original design files or Elena's input are available.
- **Action:** Marina Baldi to revise the logo per the feedback and circulate it to the MG; Lu Veeck to continue liaising with WMO's design team for further input.

### 4. Planning of the Third CONECT Plenary Meeting – CONECT-3

- Following the call for hosting offers issued on 21 November 2024, the Chair reported one formal nomination (Nanjing University, China) and an informal offer from the Italian RTC (Marina Baldi) to host in Florence, back-to-back with a joint 3-day CALMet–CONECT conference plus 2 days of CONECT plenary meeting, in November 2025.
- Florence was proposed over Rome, with technical (non-financial) support pledged by the WMO Permanent Representative for Italy.



- Decision: By show of hands, the Management Group voted to hold CONECT-3 in Florence, Italy, in November 2025, back-to-back with the joint CALMet–CONECT Conference.
- Decision: An organizing committee was formed: Winifred Jordaan, Lu Veeck, Yuliana Purwanti, Mick Pope, Romina, Barbara Bourdelles, Stephen Kerr and Marina Baldi.
- Action: Yuliana Purwanti and Lu Veeck to coordinate with the CALMet Working Group and schedule the first joint organizing-committee meeting.

## 5. Updates from CONECT Working Groups

### WG-1 – Competencies (BIP / Competency Framework Implementation)

- Chair Mohamed T. Abdeldayem, Vice-Chair Barbara Bourdelles, with members Solangela Sánchez and Stephen Kerr. Mohamed reported that a draft agenda and briefing (based on WMO Publication No. 1083) is ready but a WG-1 meeting has not yet been scheduled.
- Action: Mohamed Tawfik (Abdeldayem) to agree a date/time with WG-1 members by e-mail (copying Lu Veeck), who will then book and host the Teams meeting.

### WG-2 – Training Resources

- Mick Pope and Romina reported progress on two of three planned activities: draft Google Forms for (i) a review process for material submitted to the Global Campus, and (ii) a process for collaborative development of new material across RTCs. The third activity (a call to Members for new material) has not started and will instead be folded into the joint CALMet/CONECT-3 event.

Action: Mick Pope to circulate the draft Google Forms to the Management Group for feedback.

### WG-3 – Communications and Outreach

- Marina Baldi and Vagner Anabor reported the group's main focus has been the logo (Section 2). Ratih Prasetya, who contributed at CONECT-2, was confirmed as a new member of WG-3.

### WG-4 – Human Resources / Workforce

- Presented by Eduard Podgaiskii on behalf of Dr V. Mikheev (chair), Bernie Connell (vice-chair) and Arpita Mandel. Activities covered workforce and succession planning (including a joint discussion with the VLab Management Group and the Capacity Development Panel), management-training resource compilation (WMO Publications 1083, ETR-24 and 1209), and gender-policy work, currently on hold pending updates to WMO's web pages. The group noted that CONECT-2's open call for Plenary members to join working groups produced no new applications and proposed developing a short explainer/booklet on what CONECT is and how to join, as an institution or individual expert.

Decision: WG-3 and WG-4 to collaborate on developing CONECT explanatory material (a webpage and/or short document), building on a page WG-3 had already discussed.

Action: WG-3 and WG-4 to work together on a CONECT explanatory sheet / webpage covering purpose, and how to join as an institution or individual expert.

### WG-5 – Certificates and Micro-credentials

- Represented by Lu Veeck on behalf of Dr Yubin (on leave for Chinese New Year). Draft survey questions on training certificates have been finalised and will be shared with the MG for feedback ahead of wider dissemination to the CONECT community.

Action: WG-5 (Dr Yubin / Lu Veeck) to circulate the draft certificate survey questions to MG members, with a clear response deadline.

- Target: feedback requested by mid-February 2025.



## 6. Next Meetings

- CONECT-MG-6 – 23 April 2025 (moved from 16 April to avoid the Easter holidays)
- CONECT-MG-7 – mid-July 2025 (16 or 23 July, to be confirmed)
- CONECT-3 (with the joint CALMet–CONECT Conference) – November 2025, Florence, Italy; exact dates to be confirmed by the organizing committee

## 7. Any Other Business

- Alexander Baklanov shared information on two initiatives potentially relevant to CONECT and the WMO Global Campus: the CLUVIS European virtual climate-education project (next Virtual Training Week in May), and a new Erasmus+ project coordinated by Helsinki University focused on education for African countries.
- The Chair repeated the CONECT-2 recommendation that all CONECT Plenary members continue adding their training opportunities to the WMO Global Campus calendar.

## 8. Summary of Actions

Action	Owner	Deadline
Review the circulated CONECT-2 minutes and updated Terms of Reference and provide comments	All MG members	To be advised
Revise the CONECT logo per MG feedback and circulate for final input; continue liaising with WMO's design team	Marina Baldi (WG-3); Lu Veeck	Ahead of next MG meeting
Coordinate with the CALMet Working Group and schedule the first joint organizing-committee meeting for CONECT-3	Yuliana Purwanti; Lu Veeck	As soon as possible
Agree a WG-1 meeting date/time with members and arrange hosting	Mohamed Tawfik; Lu Veeck to book meeting	Before CONECT-MG-6
Circulate draft WG-2 Google Forms (Global Campus review process; RTC collaboration process) for MG feedback	Mick Pope	Before CONECT-MG-6
Develop a CONECT explanatory sheet / webpage (purpose and how to join)	WG-3 & WG-4	To be advised
Circulate draft certificate survey questions to the MG for feedback	Dr Yubin / Lu Veeck (WG-5)	Mid-February 2025



## Attendance

### *CONECT Management Group members and representatives attending*

Winifred Jordaan (RTC South Africa); Mick Pope (BMTC); Vagner Anabor (UFMS); Barbara Bourdelles (ENM); Stephen Kerr (ECCC); Mohamed Tawfik (EMA); Solangela Sánchez/Chile (DGAC); Romina Nahir Mezher (SMN); Nelly Florida (BMKG); Ratih Prasetya (BMKG – advisor); Gaurishankar kallappa Sawaisarje (IMD); Michael S. Bala (PAGASA); Arpita Mandal (University of West Indies); Bernadette Connell (CIRA); Marina Baldi (RTC Italy); Valerii Micheev (RSHU), represented by Eduard Podgaiskii, Anna Timofeeva and Alexander Baklanov.

## WMO Secretariat

Paul Bugeac, Mustafa Adiguzel, Luciane Veeck, Yuliana Purwanti, Eunjin Choi.

## Apologies / unable to attend

Diakaria Kone (EAMAC), Yu Yubin (CMATC), Steven Callaghan (UK Met Office).