



Summary Report CONECT-MG-6

1. Opening and Adoption of the Agenda

The meeting was chaired by Winifred Jordaan, who welcomed participants and introduced the agenda.

2. Proposal for CONECT Logo (30 minutes)

Marina Baldi (Chair, WG-3) presented a revised version of the proposed CONECT logo, incorporating feedback from the January 2025 meeting.

Decisions & Actions:

Action 1: Marina Baldi to share the final version of the logo with Lu Veeck for circulation to the Management Group.

Action 2: Lu Veeck to enquire whether the CONECT and WMO logos can be used together on official letterhead.

3. Updates on the organization of the Joint CALMet XVI – CONECT-3 Conference (10 minutes)

Yuliana Purwanti (Co-Chair, CALMet) reported on preparations:

- First announcement issued in April 2025; second due in June; third in August.
- Registration opens in August. Participants requiring visas must register by mid-September.
- Initial CALMet sessions will inform CONECT-3 discussions. A specific agenda item on CALMet reporting is requested for CONECT-3.

Decisions & Actions:

Action 3: Lu Veeck to circulate announcements to the CONECT Plenary via mailing list.

4. Planning of the Third CONECT Plenary Meeting – CONECT-3 (50 minutes)

In preparation for the meeting, MG members were asked to reflect on key guiding questions regarding challenges, opportunities, and desired outcomes of CONECT-3. Input from MG members was requested to shape a strong and meaningful agenda for CONECT-3.

Key questions provided to CONECT MG members:

- What are the most pressing challenges or opportunities CONECT is currently facing or will face in the next year?
- What topics, decisions, or discussions should be central to CONECT-3?
- What should every plenary member walk away from CONECT-3 having gained (e.g., clarity, decisions, connections, skills)?
- Are there any formats or types of sessions (e.g., workshops, panels, strategy labs) you'd recommend including?

Suggestions for the Agenda included:

- Secretariat: Panel on women's inclusion in training and support to young professionals (recommendations expected).



- Vagner Anabor & Mick Pope: Campaigns/outreach to attract youth to meteorology, hydrology, climatology; production of outreach materials for the Global Campus; WMO engagement at COP.
- Bernie Connell:
 - Session on succession planning (open space format).
 - Training on leadership and management (with recommendations).
 - The role of plain language in interactions between research and operations.
- Winifred Jordaan: WMO functions and Secretariat updates.
- Eduard Podgaiskii: Proposal to establish a list of volunteers.

Decisions & Actions:

Action 4: MG members to send proposals for the Agenda. Deadline for draft proposals end of May.
Next CONECT-MG meeting: refinement of the ideas to finalize the Agenda for CONECT-3.

5. Updates from CONECT Working Groups (20 minutes)

Brief updates on ongoing activities of the CONECT Working Groups were provided by Chairs & Vice-Chairs.

- **WG-1:** 3 Webinars in planning.
 - Webinar 1 – Topic: Updates on BIPs M and MT – Speakers: Winifred, Colleen Rae, and Mick Pope.
 - Webinar 2 – Topic: Implementing BIP-M – Speakers: Mick Pope and collaborators from a university, possibly University of Reading (UK).
 - Webinar 3 – Topic: Implementing BIP.MT – Speakers: Colleen Rae and Romina Mezher.
- **WG-2:** Survey questions being finalized. WG to meet in the coming weeks.
- **WG-3:** CONECT Logo finalized; Letter prepared by Eduard Podgaiskii, Bernie Connell, and Marina Baldi to explain institutional benefits of joining CONECT.
- **WG-4 & WG-5** – No meetings held in 2025 so far.

Decisions & Actions:

Action 5: Eduard Podgaiskii to share final draft of letter with ETR Office for revision.

6. Outcomes of the Meeting (5 minutes)

Five actions were agreed:

1. Marina Baldi to share the final version of the logo with Lu Veeck for circulation to the Management Group.
2. Lu Veeck to enquire whether the CONECT and WMO logos can be used together on official letterhead.
3. Lu Veeck to circulate announcements to the CONECT Plenary via mailing list.
4. MG members to send proposals for the Agenda. Deadline for draft proposals end of May.
Next CONECT-MG meeting: refinement of the ideas to finalize the Agenda for CONECT-3.
5. Eduard Podgaiskii to share final draft of letter with ETR Office for revision.

7. Any Other Business (5 minutes)

No additional matters were raised.

8. Closure of the Meeting

The Chair thanked members for their contributions and closed the meeting.



Attendance:

CONECT-MG Members: Winifred Jordaan, Mohamed Tawfik, Marina Baldi, Mick Pope, Romina Mezher, Bernie Connell, Eduard Podgaiskii, Vagner Anabor, Representative of CMATC (no name provided).

WMO Secretariat: Lu Veeck, Yuliana Purwanti, Eunjin Choi.

Notes of excuse received: Dr Yu Yubin.

Meeting duration: Approximately 120 minutes