

Towards a CGMS High Level Priority Plan (HLPP)

1) CGMS Restructuring process

Following discussions at CGMS-39 (ref. NOAA-WP-35) actions were taken to review the structure of CGMS:

39.18 Action: Interested CGMS Members to nominate a participant in the CGMS Internal Study Task Force in charge of reviewing CGMS structure, meetings and practices for next meeting. Deadline: 31 October 2011

39.19 Action: CGMS Members to review and approve the report of the CGMS Internal Study Task Force by April 2012 so that it could be implemented for CGMS-40.



PURPOSE

The CGMS Internal Review Task Force, established at CGMS-39, will review the effectiveness of CGMS meetings and propose improvements to CGMS structure, agendas, and documentation to be implemented at the occasion of CGMS-40.



- The CGMS Secretariat launched an online survey on 23 November 2011 and received responses from CMA, CNES, CNSA, ESA, EUMETSAT, JAXA, JMA, KMA, NASA, NOAA, WMO, WGI Chair, and WGI rapporteur. The result of the survey was used in the discussions of the Task Force.



- The Task Force meeting was held at EUMETSAT on 9-10 January 2012 with participants from EUMETSAT, JMA, KMA, NOAA, and WMO, which resulted in a set of high-level recommendations circulated to CGMS Members for endorsement.

2) Main thrust of high-level recommendations

- CGMS to reaffirm the **technical focus** of the group – its raison d'être;
- **A 3-5 year high level priority plan [HLPP] to be established to provide a sense of direction of CGMS;**
- CGMS shall have a **living agenda** which is updated regularly to include substantial items for discussion and decision-making justifying **participation by senior levels** with decision-making capacity in plenary;
- A **revised draft plenary agenda** was prepared accordingly together with a **consolidated schedule** (4 instead of 5 days) for implementation at CGMS-40;
- A tentative schedule was prepared for **work in between plenary meetings** both to follow up on the outcome of one plenary meeting and to prepare for the next one;
- Plenary **Working Groups (WGs)** is an **essential asset of CGMS**, but the WGs shall select specific issues for discussion in plenary and not purely reporting on all matters discussed;
- The need to **reinforce the links** between the CGMS plenary WGs and the **International Science WGs** (ITWG, IPWG, IWWG, IROWG);



3) CGMS Restructuring process continued

A series of teleconferences were held by the CGMS Working Group chairs, rapporteurs and the CGMS Secretariat, in order to:

- Identify the main themes to be addressed in the next 5 years and longer-term (15-20 year horizon/vision)
- Prepare and draft the 3-5 year High Level Priority Plan
- Prepare and plan the implementation of CGMS-40 including amendment of the CGMS-40



OUTCOME: A draft HLPP and revised draft CGMS-40 agenda have been circulated to CGMS members and observers for feedback (through csr@wmo.int)

Comments have been received and these have been incorporated in the current version 2C of the HLPP (distributed to all CGMS-40 participants)

WAY FORWARD:
The HLPP to be discussed, finalised and endorsed at CGMS-40

