

CREWS Alignment with Relevant International Initiatives

1. One of the six values that drive CREWS operations is to promote coherence by considering existing projects and other international partner initiatives to ensure value-added to the national context and needs.
2. This document presents how CREWS is, or needs to be positioned, with regard to existing relevant global initiatives and initiatives under development. It outlines the opportunities and, as required, the opportunity cost of CREWS alignment.
3. It complements information contained in the the following Steering Committee documents presented at previous meetings:
 - i. Paper on Cooperation between the Climate Risks and Early Warning Systems (CREWS), the Green Climate Fund (GCF) and other Climate Financing Institutions (CREWS/SC.7/infdoc.6); and
 - ii. Weather and Climate Data Requirements and Capacity for Disaster Risk Financing and Insurance Solutions. Joint InsuResilience and CREWS Secretariats' Discussion Note (CREWS/SC.6/infdoc.7).
4. Global initiatives of relevance:

Alliance for Hydromet Development

5. Announced in October 2018, the Alliance for Hydromet Development is being established by WMO and the World Bank in collaboration with international development partners. The Alliance is expected to become a collective commitment for coordinated and sustainable investments at scale to better strengthen developing country capacity for the provision of weather, climate, and hydrological services. The Alliance will be launched at the World Bank meeting in October 2019. More information [here](#).
6. CREWS will be identified as a financing mechanisms under the Alliance for Hydromet Development for accelerating action on early warnings in Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and small island developing States (SIDS).
7. CREWS will directly benefit from the collective commitments and norms for effective hydromet development work to be established in the context of the Alliance.

Country Support Initiative (CSI)

8. The Country Support Initiative is a proposed new WMO mechanisms which aims at increasing the effectiveness of investments in weather, climate, and hydrological services. This will be achieved, inter-alia, by:
 - i. Creating a “one-stop-shop” hydromet knowledge platform and supporting development of a “hydromet gap” global flagship report;
 - ii. Supporting development partners in the development of hydromet-related projects based on WMO requirements, standards and good practices;
 - iii. Supporting public-private engagement in developing countries and facilitating mobilization of private sector expertise and resources for the benefit of country hydromet development;
 - iv. Contributing to more sustainable financing of basic operational systems. This includes developing options of innovative financing models.
9. CSI is expected to support CREWS objectives and operations in the following manners:
 - i. The CSI may provide advisory services to CREWS-funded projects and support WMO as one of the CREWS Implementing Partners;

- ii. The CSI may join forces with CREWS to jointly develop an enabling environment for scaled-up bilateral and multilateral investments;
- iii. The CSI will provide project development support to those partners interested to scale up CREWS investments through additional investments;
- iv. CSI may support the compilation and exchanges of CREWS country practices.

Global Framework for Climate Services (GFCS)

10. The Global Framework for Climate Services provides for strengthening production, availability, delivery and application of science-based climate prediction and services along five priority areas – agriculture and food security, disaster risk reduction, energy, health and water. The GFCS coordinates and promotes activities that support the development of climate services. More information [here](#).
11. From its inception, the CREWS initiative identified the relevance of GFCS as a frame to support its country operations, in particular regarding the GFCS priority area on disaster risk reduction.
12. In practice, CREWS is supporting capacity strengthening for climate services and forums, such as Climate Outlook Forums in a number of its country and regional projects. In countries, where National Frameworks for Climate Services exist, such as Burkina Faso, CREWS aligns its programme priorities with these frameworks in order to align with national priorities.
13. Examples of this alignment include the recent launch of the CREWS Caribbean project in the margins of the Caribbean Climate Outlook Forum (CariCOF). The CREWS Project will continue to support the biannual CariCOFs and Early Warning Information Systems Across Climate Timescales (EWISACT) forum for climate sensitive sectors in the region.

Global Commission on Adaptation

14. The Global Commission on Adaptation was launched in October 2018. It is hosted by the Global Center on Adaptation and intends to act as a catalyst for large-scale transformative adaptation action and partnerships to help vulnerable countries and communities and support them to become more resilient, tackle extreme poverty, and achieve the Sustainable Development Goals.
15. The Commission is convened by 17 countries and is supported by the Government of the Netherlands. World Bank CEO Kristalina Georgieva is one of the Commission Co-Chairs. WMO SG Petteri Taalas has been invited to be a Commissioner and WMO Chief Scientist Pavel Kabat to be an Advisor. More information [here](#).
16. CREWS aims to contribute to the work of the Commission and in particular its flagship report to be produced in 2019. The Commission’s report will set-out: (1) Why adapting to climate risks and accelerated action is essential;(2) What new actions are needed and what must be done differently; and (3) How governments, companies and citizens can work to make the world a safer, better place. CREWS will seek to contribute through its practice compilations, in particular, regarding practices related to “sustaining national institutional capacity beyond projects; and “Providing a favorable environment for, and leveraging of, effective and scaled-up climate financing”.

17. CREWS Secretariat will explore with the Global Center on Adaptation how to share CREWS experience on measuring effective adaptation, and in particular how CREWS measures its country operations against the Sendai Framework and the SDGs to show how it contributes to effectively build resilience.

UN Secretary-General's Climate Summit

18. In September 2019, United Nations Secretary-General António Guterres will convene a Climate Summit to bring world leaders of governments, the private sector and civil society together to support the multilateral process and to increase and accelerate climate action and ambition. The Summit will focus on key sector where action can make the most difference—of particular relevance to CREWS are the topics of resilience, and climate finance. World leaders will report on what they are doing, and what more they intend to do when they convene in 2020 for the UN climate conference, where commitments will be renewed and may be increased. More information [here](#).
19. CREWS will seek to be recognized as an effective adaptation action in the build-up and at the Summit. The Climate Summit provides an opportunity to seek new and renewed commitments to the CREWS Trust Fund.

The objective of the CREWS initiative is to significantly increase the capacity to generate and communicate effective impact-based, multi-hazard, gender-informed, early warnings and risk information to protect lives, livelihoods, and assets in Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and small island developing States (SIDS).

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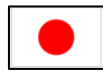
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