
Resolution 35 (EC-70)

WMO Executive Council structures

THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL,

Recalling:

- (1) Decision 84 (EC-68) – Governance review,
- (2) Decision 68 (EC-69) – WMO constituent body reform,

Having considered the recommendations of the Executive Council Working Group on Strategic and Operational Planning concerning the WMO constituent body reform,

Emphasizing the essential role of the Executive Council as the executive body of the Organization, responsible for the coordination of programmes of the Organization and for the utilization of its budgetary resources in accordance with the decisions of the World Meteorological Congress,

Recalling the primary functions of the Executive Council set out in Article 14 of the Convention of the World Meteorological Organization,

Considering that the discharge of such primary functions requires the Executive Council, inter alia:

- (1) To lead the development of the WMO Strategic Plan and provide recommendations to Congress on overall policy aspects, including the establishment of partnerships,
- (2) To support and supervise regional associations and technical commissions in the implementation of their decisions and resolutions and in the preparation of their operating plans,

- (3) To provide advice to Congress on scientific and technical matters and emerging issues, including those that entail the engagement of expert communities beyond the WMO mandate,
- (4) To provide recommendations to Congress concerning programme and budget estimates, financial matters and compliance with the legal framework of the Organization,

Decides:

- (1) To establish the following standing bodies reporting to the Executive Council, with the terms of reference as given in the annex to the present resolution:
 - (a) Policy Advisory Committee (PAC);
 - (b) Technical Coordination Committee (TCC);
- (2) To confirm the following bodies reporting to the Executive Council:
 - (a) WMO Staff Pension Committee, established by Resolution 30 (EC-XXI), as amended by Resolution 21 (EC-XXXV);
 - (b) WMO Audit Committee, with the terms of reference provided by Resolution 8 (EC-LXIII);
 - (c) Financial Advisory Committee, with the terms of reference provided by Resolution 39 (Cg-XV), reporting to Congress and the Executive Council;
- (3) To recommend to Congress the establishment of the Science Advisory Panel, reporting to Congress and the Executive Council, with the terms of reference as formulated in Recommendation 25 (EC-70) Annex 4;
- (4) That the need for, and the functions of, other bodies reporting to the Executive Council shall be reconsidered in light of the establishment of PAC and TCC;
- (5) To continue consideration of the matter of the number and distribution of seats of the Executive Council, referred to the Council by Congress, in the next financial period 2020–2023;
- (6) To defer the implementation of point (1) in this decision regarding the PAC and the TCC to the Executive Council at its seventy-first session.

Annex to Resolution 35 (EC-70)

Policy, scientific and technical advisory bodies reporting to the Executive Council

A. Policy Advisory Committee

Mandate

The Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) shall advise the Executive Council on any matters concerning the strategy and policy of the Organization submitted to it by the Executive Council, with a particular focus on:

- (1) Maintaining awareness of global trends and external drivers that affect Members and the long-term vision-setting of the Organization,

- (2) Improving and aligning the Organization-wide strategic, operational and budget planning process, including monitoring of implementation of the Strategic Plan,
- (3) Keeping under review WMO policies and practices for the exchange of meteorological, hydrological and climatological and related data and products,
- (4) Optimizing WMO governance and programme structures, processes and practices to ensure the effective and efficient use of resources through a more strategic focus and within a quality management framework,
- (5) Addressing and keeping under review the evolution of the role and operation of National Meteorological and Hydrological Services,
- (6) Streamlining WMO scientific and technical programmes to ensure their relevance to the Strategic and Operating Plans and effectiveness,
- (7) Guiding the engagement of the Organization in partnerships with other UN and international organizations, the academia and the private sector,
- (8) Mainstreaming and advancing gender equality across the Organization, especially in governance and decision-making.

Membership

The Committee shall be composed of:

- (a) The presidents of the regional associations,
- (b) Eight Members of the Executive Council appointed by the Council upon proposal by the President noting the need for the expertise in the focus areas of the mandate of the Committee and taking into consideration regional representation and gender equality factors,
- (c) The chairs of the Scientific Advisory Panel and the Technical Coordination Committee as ex officio members.

Working procedures

The Committee shall be chaired by the WMO President or one of the Vice-Presidents.

The Committee shall normally meet once per year prior to a session of Executive Council.

The chair of the Committee may invite experts and/or representatives from partner organizations to attend meetings of the Committee as observers.

At meetings of the Committee, the members may be assisted by advisors.

The Committee may establish time-bound substructures as needed for the discharge of specific tasks during an intersessional period.

B. Technical Coordination Committee

Mandate

The Technical Coordination Committee (TCC) shall act as a two-way interface between the Executive Council and the technical bodies of the Organizations: technical commissions, the Research Board, and other relevant bodies. It shall ensure the coordination between these bodies and shall provide the necessary analytical information to inform EC decisions on

technical matters. The TCC shall oversee the level of coordination between the technical bodies and the regional associations to ensure that the technical work of the Organization is properly guided by the needs and priorities identified by Members.

The committee shall report to the Executive Council on the following issues:

- (1) Progress in developing further the WMO technical regulatory framework in a consistent manner by all technical bodies involved;
- (2) Status of compliance with technical regulations of the WMO Members, including advice on identified barriers to compliance and ways to address them to resolve deficiencies;
- (3) Impact and risk assessment of new standards and technology on the systems operated by Members, including financial and human resources impact;
- (4) Evolving user needs for information and services and alignment of the plans of the WMO technical bodies to meet those needs;
- (5) Collaboration and coordination between the technical bodies and regional associations to ensure that regional priorities and requirements are considered into the technical bodies' planning;
- (6) Collaboration among the technical commissions, the Research Board and any other bodies established by Congress or Executive Council required to facilitate the transition of research to operations through co-design, operational testing and feed-back from operational community;
- (7) Issues of common concerns of regional associations, technical commissions, the Research Board and any other bodies established by Congress or Executive Council affecting the progress of implementation of the Strategic and Operating Plans;
- (8) Coordination with other bodies, such as SAP and PAC and any other issues that might be referred to by the Executive Council.

Membership

The Committee shall be composed of:

- (a) The presidents and vice-presidents of the technical commissions,
- (b) The presidents of regional associations,
- (c) The chair and vice-chair of the Research Board,
- (d) The chairs of any other bodies established by Congress or Executive Council,
- (e) The chairs of other WMO sponsored and co-sponsored technical bodies identified by the President.

Working procedures

The Committee shall be chaired by a WMO Vice-President.

The Committee shall meet in principle once per year prior to a session of Executive Council.

The chair of the Committee may invite experts and/or representatives from other partner organizations to attend meetings of the Committee as observers.

At meetings of the Committee, the members may be assisted by advisors.

The Committee may establish time-bound substructures for the discharge of specific tasks during an intersessional period. Such temporary substructures shall be discontinued at the end of every intersessional period.
