

Notes of the 10th IFI teleconference held on Thursday 26 January 2017

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Discussion Topics:

1. Review of the last call Notes
2. Updates on the ICFM7 2017 preparation and IFI sessions
3. Outcomes of the IFI Implementation Planning Workshop and the 9th GEOSS Asia Pacific Symposium held in Tokyo, 10 – 13 January 2017
4. Updates on IFI Implementation Plan development – Project Design Matrix table

Reference Documents:

- The call timeline (10thIFI-telecon_20170126_Timeline.docx)
- Last call notes (9thIFI-telecon-20161205-Notes_drft1206.docx)
- Concept note and draft agenda of the IFI implementation planning workshop in Tokyo, 10 January 2017 (01_IFI_planning WS 20171006.doc)
- Summary of the IFI workshop (02_IFI WS Summary.pptx)
- Concept note and draft agenda of the AWCI session at the GEOSS AP Symposium in Tokyo, 11 – 13 January 2017 (03_GEOSS_AP_Water_session.docx)
- Summary of the AWCI session at the GEOSS AP Symposium (04_WG1_Report.pptx)

NEXT CALL

The **11th IFI Teleconference** will be held roughly two months later, i.e. end of March ~ beginning of April. Koudelova will prepare a Doodle poll to find out the most convenient date and will set up the call accordingly.

1. Review of the last call Notes

At the last IFI call, the following points were discussed:

- S. Simonovic updated the participants on the status of preparations for ICFM7 in Leeds, UK, 5 – 7 September 2017. The design of the two IFI special sessions as panel discussions was agreed and T. Koike asked to draft a concept note and nominate panelists.

- T. Koike reported on the outcomes of the IFI side event at the occasion of the HELP meeting in Jakarta. The importance of IFI new strategy was recognized and the IFI “Jakarta statement” agreed and presented to the HELP meeting. T. Koike also informed about other high-level events relevant to the implementation of IFI plans, namely UN High Level Panel on Water issue of the Action Plan and the Budapest Water Summit 2016.
 - M. Miyamoto presented and explained an updated version of the Project Design Matrix that would be introduced and discussed also at the IFI Implementation Workshop in Tokyo.
 - Concept notes, objectives and agendas of the upcoming events in Tokyo – IFI Implementation Planning Workshop and GEOSS AP Symposium AWCI session were introduced.
 - H. Sawano reported on the UNISDR November meeting at which several indicators for Sendai Framework goals were finalized. T. Koike also mentioned a side event on Water held at the COP22 in Morocco.
2. Updates on the ICFM7 2017 (Leeds, UK, 5 – 7 September 2017 (<http://www.icfm7.org.uk/>)) preparation and IFI sessions
- S. Simonovic mentioned that the preparation of the conference was progressing well. So far 18 special sessions have been proposed and over 200 abstracts submitted. The deadline for the abstract submission is 31 January. The abstract review will begin from 1 February and help from the IFI experts with the review would be much appreciated.
 - Instructions for contributors and further logistics information will be provided after the abstract submission deadline.
 - The IFI special session has a special attention and will be most probably scheduled at the beginning of the conference because it is focused on the framework of international collaboration in the flood management and thus gives very important tone the conference.
 - The IFI session was revised at the time of the Tokyo meeting and currently only one IFI session has been proposed as a combination of the two originally planned containing 8 presentations. This may not leave much time for discussions during the session and thus proposing and preparing one more IFI session may be considered.
 - The current agenda includes two representatives from Asian countries, Prof. S. Herath, representing Sri Lanka and providing a more science-point-of-view contribution and a representative from Philippines presenting on establishment of a national platform for flood management. T. Koike asked T. Konami and S. Simonovic, to nominate national representatives from other continents (Africa, Europe, Americas).
 - T. Konami has also an action to discuss with Dr. Blanca Jimenez Cisneros, Director of the Division of water Sciences and Secretary of the IHP, and invite her to participate in the IFI session.
 - Overall focus of the conference is on resilience to global changing conditions and the need of integrated management and the focus is visible in the proposed sessions. One of the expected outcomes of the conference is a set of recommendations for the transitional period in the flood management that IFI will be further promoting.

- S. Simonovic also voiced that the Project Design Matrix for planning Asian pilot projects should be presented during the session as the event is a great opportunity to introduce the activity to the international community and ask for feedback and contributions.
- S. Simonovic acknowledged UNESCO support of the event, in particular financial support UNESCO will provide for inviting representatives from developing countries. WMO had supported ICFM events in past and similar collaboration would be appreciated at this occasion. This will be communicated with J. Cullman as soon as possible (T. Koike).

3. The IFI implementation planning workshop in Tokyo, 10 January 2017 and the 9th GEOSS AP Symposium in Tokyo, 11 – 13 January 2017

- T. Koike introduced the outcomes of the IFI Implementation Planning Workshop and the 9th GEOSS AP Symposium referring to the event agendas and summary presentation files distributed prior to the call.
- The IFI workshop contained a set of presentations including IFI new strategy introduction, national reports from 6 countries carrying out pilot projects, contributions from IFI partners and collaborators, and contributions from development organizations. After that, the participants discussed on implementation planning focusing on two questions:
 - How to promote to establish and strengthen a flood (IWRM) platform as a part of national platform?
 - How to confirm the IFI implementation plan?

The presented contributions and the discussion resulted into a set of recommended actions:

1. To engage advanced S & T

- *Data integration, in-situ, satellite and models*
- *Integrated assessment and change identification*
- *Co-design and co-production among policy-makers, practitioners and citizen society*

2. To learn from Regional Knowledge and Experiences:

- *Identify one or two target(s)*
- *Establish a senior level discussion framework in collaboration with IFI Partners*

3. To leverage high level discussions:

- *High Level Panel on Water (HLPW Action Plan)*
- *New Water Decade, "Water for Sustainable Development"*

4. To collaborate with development agencies and donors:

- *Capacity building framework: knowledge partnership function*
- *Funding steps: demonstration funding for preparation for full operation projects*
- *Mainstreaming DRR, strengthening DRR governance*

- The outcomes of the IFI workshop were conveyed to the GEOSS AP Symposium.

- T. Koike reported on the full-day parallel AWCI (Asia Water Cycle Initiative) session at the 9th GEOSS AP Symposium. The overall focus of the Symposium was Earth Observation in support of Sustainable Development Goals. The AWCI session is covering the Water theme of the Symposium and included sessions on floods and droughts. Agenda
- The keynote talk was provided by Prof. Yoshino (ADB), who introduced economic impact of water infrastructure and proposed a method for this impact evaluation. Prof. Yoshino introduced a mechanism for engaging private sector in DRR investment. The important idea is that investment in DRR (e.g. water infrastructure) generates benefits through a spillover effect -> increased tax revenues. Private sector will be interested in investment in DRR if they can share certain percentage of these benefits.
- The AWCI program included sessions on observation, data integration and information dissemination, floods, droughts, and collaboration with development organizations. Also a discussion session on promoting inter-linkages took place.
- The AWCI session resulted into a session report – a ppt file that was distributed prior to the call (04_WG1_Report.pptx). The summary included an input for the Tokyo Statement 2017 (<https://geoss-ap-symposium9.org/>).
- The discussion session was summarized:
 - 1. Needs, Issues and Benefits**
 - *SDG: Goals No. 6 on water is linked to other goals such as No. 2,11 and 13*
 - *Flood and drought are co-exist*
 - *Potential private sectors involvement and PPP scheme in water-related DRR*
 - *Combination of Non-structural and structural measures*
 - 2. Linkage to Regional and Global Coordination Framework**
 - *Multi-agencies and Inter-regional collaboration*
 - *HLPW and UN International Decade Water for Sustainable development 2018-2028*
 - *Opportunities and Challenges for Collaboration (Donor Voice)*
 - *How to achieve actual result: Identify milestones, resources and deliverables clearly*
 - 3. Capacity Building**
 - *Identify needs of institutional and human capacity development knowledge products and Trainings*
 - *Regular meetings of national representatives*
 - 4. Planning Strategy**
 - *Introducing examples of framework and prototypes*
 - *Multi-stakeholder platform and stakeholder participation in decision making process*
- It was highlighted that floods and droughts coexist and integrated approach towards floods and droughts DRR is necessary. The importance of integrated flood management that takes considering Floods and droughts together

4. Updates on IFI Implementation Plan development – Project Design Matrix table

- T. Koike voiced that the PDM has been updated based on the latest contributions from the countries following the discussions at the IFI workshop and GEOSS AP Symposium.
- Current step of the IFI implementation plan in Asia is to develop a national platform following the example of Sri Lanka
- Then PDMs will be also developed for demonstration -> plan for demonstration and then prototyping.
- Opportunity of ICFM7 is great to introduce the progress and results and to receive suggestions for further steps.

5. Other matters

- T. Konami mentioned that physical participation of IFI partners at various fora is important
- Another opportunity to introduce IFI and its progress will be the 9th meeting of HELP in Chengdu in May 2017. Then input from HELP to HLPW will be summarized. HLPW will meet at New York in September 2017.
- Also a HELP-related meeting event will be held in New York in March and IFI may have a special session – T. Koike is now preparing for this.
- Also a Technology and Innovation thematic meeting will be held in New York in March focusing on floods. Another IFI side event or some IFI representation may be requested. UNESCO HQ will communicate this matter with T. Koike.
- P. Koudelova mentioned that the 14th IWA/IAHR International Conference on Urban Drainage would be held in Prague, Czech Republic on 10 – 15 September 2017 (<http://www.icud2017.org/>). The flood issue is highlighted in several thematic sessions. The due date for abstract submission is 31 March 2017. P. Koudelova will circulate the information among the IFI partners.
- Mr. Tadashige Kawasaki of NARBO could not attend the call but reported in writing that the 6th NARBO General Meeting will be held in Jakarta, Indonesia on 22-24 February, 2017. At this meeting, the NARBO 'Action Program 2017-2019' will be approved by getting consensus of member organizations. Activities based on IFI Strategy will be incorporated in the 'Action Program 2017-2019', and PDM will be updated by further discussion with specific NARBO member organizations. Summary of the General Meeting will be shared with the IFI partners.