

Summary of the 14th IFI teleconference held on 23 January 2018 (Draft)

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Participants:(10)

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Discussion Topics:(6)

1. Report on Resilience Forum at Tokyo
2. Report on World BOSAI Forum at Sendai
3. Report on the Third Asia Pacific Water Summit (APWS) in Yangon, Myanmar
4. Report on IFI Platform activities in Asian region
 - 2nd High Level Consultation Meeting on IFI Coordination in Myanmar
5. Discussion on a road map and long-term management plan
6. Any other business

Materials:(6)

- 0_Draft_Summary_13th_IFI-telecon.pdf
- 1_Report_Resilience Forum.pdf
- 2_Session Summary_WBF_ICHARMsession.pdf
- 3_Report_3rd APWS.pdf
- 4_IFI activity_Myanmar.pdf
- 5_IFI Road Map for 2020.pptx

NEXT CALL

The 15th IFI Teleconference will be held in mid-February 2018. Before the next call, a handout on IFI road map will be prepared. Miyamoto will share a Doodle poll to find out the most convenient date and will set up the WebEx call accordingly.

1. Report on Resilience Forum at Tokyo

T. Ikeda outlined the Global Forum on Science and Technology for Disaster Resilience held from 23 to 25 last November in Tokyo. Co-organizers of the forum were UNISDR, ICSU, IRDR, SCJ, PWRI and NIED. The objectives of the forum were to recognize the importance of a solid evidence and science base for risk-informed development and investment, and to highlight the important linkages and mutual reinforcement for disaster risk reduction with the 2030 agendas.

2. Report on World BOSAI Forum at Sendai

M. Miyamoto reported on the World BOSAI Forum held on 28 November 2017 in Sendai, Japan. ICHARM organized a technical session in the forum. The session discussed the platform on water and disaster from multiple perspectives of ICT, economy, community and dynamics of natural hazards.

3. Report on the third APWS in Yangon

T. Ikeda introduced the third Asia-Pacific Water Summit held from 11 to 12 December 2017 in Yangon, Myanmar. In the summit, thematic session "Water and Disasters in the Context of Climate Change -from the mountains to the islands-" was organized by ICHARM, ICIMOD, SPC and HELP on 11 December. T. Koike added that the outcome of APWS3 will be reported in the WWF8 in Brasilia.

4. Report on the IFI Platform activities in Asian Region

H. Sawano explained the IFI Platform activities in Myanmar. The 2nd High Level Consultation Meeting on IFI Coordination in Myanmar was held on 1 November 2017 at Nay Pyi Taw. In the meeting, data management was discussed as the first step of Platform on Water and Disaster activities among DMH, IWUMD, DWIR, RRD and ICHARM.

5. Discussion on a road map and Long-term management plan

M. Miyamoto presented the IFI Road Map for 2020 including associated events and IFI milestones for reframing and strengthening the initiative.

A. Mishra pointed to add the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development in 2018 (HLPF2018) which will be held from 9 to 18 July in New York and the forum on Science, Technology and innovation (STI) which will be held on June, because the forum of this year will review Goal 6 and Goal 11 those are relevant to the IFI activities. Having said that, he wondered how IFI secretariat is positioning to organize sessions in those events with the synergy between IFI and other initiatives. T. Koike responded to image a lunch-time side event in the 23rd UNESCO-IHP Intergovernmental Council like as previous time in 2016.

S. Simonovic made a comment to discuss priorities and select the theme, topics and their own individual work for more continuous collaboration and work between IFI and ICFM conferences. J. Cullmann introduced that we can have a permanent place for IFI in the WMO conference, because WMO is planning a round-table discussion like World Café where WMO wants to develop the targets for services. The WMO conference will have an end to high-level segment where WMO presents outcomes to ministers. If IFI members have some relations to key ministers, it could support more coordination efforts or collaboration ideas. M. Muste commented that working at the umbrella topic in 2020 and having a steady agenda to the topic in the future years will attract attention and make it meaningful. S. Simonovic talked that Dr. Johannes's guidance related to the Global Conference is necessary to give an opportunity for some discussions or selection of topics. By the end of both meetings, IFI already has selected topics for the collaboration.

T. Koike suggested to have another intensive discussion of teleconference how IFI can focus on the specific topics to be discussed and develop some concrete actions. The discussion and agreement will be passed from the WMO Global Conference to the UNESCO-IHP Intergovernmental Council. J. Cullmann also suggested that the key points of ICFM7 in Leeds will be summarized with bullets by Prof. Koike, Prof. Muste, Prof. Simonovic and Dr. Anil within a week, and Dr. Cullmann will

make a half page proposal. A week after the UNESCO-IHP Intergovernmental Council is the WMO executive Council (EC-70) which will have one special day dedicated to develop the water program of WMO for the next eight years. T. Koike summarized that further discussion will be started based on the draft proposal. A. Mishra recommended to write a quick message to the bureau of UNESCO-IHP Intergovernmental Council, if IFI will bring anything to the Council, because UNESCO will have a bureau of the Council on 19th or 26th of February which will look into the agenda. T. Koike additionally explained to utilize the opportunity of ICHARM Governing Board for the communication with UNESCO-IHP.

6. Any other business

T. Kawasaki mentioned that NARBO which is a network of practitioners explores the opportunity for more contribution to the IFI activities.