

Notes of the 9th IFI teleconference held on Monday 5 December 2016

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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 side event at the HELP meeting in Jakarta, 31 October 2016
4. Updates on IFI Implementation Plan development – Project Design Matrix table
5. GEOSS AP Symposium in Tokyo, 11 – 13 January 2017 and the IFI implementation planning workshop in Tokyo, 10 January 2017

Reference Documents:

- The call timeline (9thIFI-telecon_20161205_Timeline.docx)
- Agenda of the IFI side event at the HELP meeting, Jakarta, Indonesia (01a_Agenda_IFI Side Event_161026.pdf)
- IFI presentation at the HELP meet (01b_IFI_Presentation.pptx)
- IFI Jakarta Statement document (01c_Jakarta_Statement.docx)
- Messages from the Budapest Water Summit 2016 (02_BWS2016_Messages_v1129.pdf)
- Concept note and draft agenda of the IFI implementation planning workshop in Tokyo, 10 January 2017 (03_IFI_planning WS 20161201.doc)
- Concept note and draft agenda of the AWCI session at the GEOSS AP Symposium in Tokyo, 11 – 13 January 2017 (04_GEOSS_AP_Water_session_20161201.docx)

NEXT CALL

The **10th IFI call** will be held within the period from 23 January through 3 February 2017, the actual date will be proposed based on the peoples' availability. P. 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:

- M. Muste introduced the vision, roadmap and development strategy of a generalized decision-support systems for flood risk management, FLOODSS, which is inspired by the

Iowa Watershed Decision Support System (IoWaDSS;
http://iowawatersheds.org/dev/dss_alpha/)

- ICFM7 Conference preparations and preliminary agendas of the two IFI special sessions, one focusing on research and the other on IFI strategy and implementation plans.
- IFI implementation framework and the Project Design Matrix based on the inputs from the IFI partners and collaborating countries in Asia as compiled by M. Miyamoto.
- IFI side event at the HELP meeting in Jakarta, 31 October 2016 – agenda, invited speakers, panel discussion session design and draft Jakarta statement that would be discussed and endorsed at the meeting.
- GEOSS Asia-Pacific Symposium that will be held in Tokyo, 11 – 13 January 2017 and will include a parallel session on Water (Asia Water Cycle Initiative session), which will focus on floods and droughts. At this opportunity, an IFI implementation planning workshop is being planned at the same venue on 10 January 2017. Agendas and more details of these events would be presented at the 9th IFI call.

2. Updates on the ICFM7 2017 (Leeds, UK, 5 – 7 September 2017) preparation and IFI sessions

- S. Simonovic informed the group that the preparation of the ICFM7 conference (<http://www.icfm7.org.uk/>) was progressing well. Five keynote speakers have been confirmed, who represent various points of view of floods and floods risk management. All the proposed special session have been accepted including the two IFI sessions. A number of abstracts have been received and the deadline for abstract submission has been postponed to 31 January.
- UNESCO has agreed to provide funding for speakers from developing countries. Support is also being sought from WMO and T. Koike agreed to help with such negotiations with WMO.
- With regards to the IFI two sessions, it was agreed that they would be organized in a panel-session format with a few shorter presentations and then discussion. This format was successfully used by IFI sessions at ICFM events in past.
- T. Koike will prepare a concept note of the sessions and then panelists will be decided and invited. The implementation planning focused session will include higher-level speakers from relevant international organizations and IFI partners. Abstracts will be asked from the panelists and submitted to the Conference organizing committee by 31 January.
- The IFI partners were asked to inform about the ICFM7 through their personal networks to raise the awareness of this important and promising event among wider communities.

3. Outcomes of the IFI side event at the HELP meeting in Jakarta, 31 October 2016

- T. Koike reported that the IFI side event at the HELP meeting in Jakarta was very successful. The invited speakers recognized the importance of the IFI new strategy for

integrated flood management and flood risk reduction and the Jakarta statement was accepted by the assembly.

- Certain strong messages from the meeting speakers were highlighted in the “01b_IFI_Presentation.pptx” file presented at the time of the call.
- T. Koike also mentioned other recent events relevant to the development of the IFI implementation plan and its realization, including the publication of the HLPW (High Level Panel on Water of UN) Action Plan in September and the Budapest Water Summit 2016 in November. The Budapest Summit resulted into several strong messages from the top-level leaders (Presidents and Prime Ministers) that clearly voiced the importance of water-related disaster risk reduction.

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

- M. Miyamoto has developed a compiled table of the IFI partners’ and collaborating Asian countries’ inputs. This table was presented at the IFI side event in Jakarta and further steps towards more comprehensive PDM development.
- M. Miyamoto will send the latest version of the table to the IFI partners and the countries for their comments and corrections. Then, M. Miyamoto will integrate the inputs to a specific PDM for each IFI partner and country.
- The integrated version will be presented, discussed and finalized at the IFI implementation planning workshop in Tokyo, 10 January 2017 (see below).

5. GEOSS AP Symposium in Tokyo, 11 – 13 January 2017 and the IFI implementation planning workshop in Tokyo, 10 January 2017

- An IFI implementation planning workshop will be held in Tokyo, on Tuesday 10 January 2017. T. Koike presented the concept note and draft agenda of the event.
- The concept note reflects on the HLPW Action Plan, Jakarta Statement and global agendas on disaster risk reduction and sustainable development.
- The workshop will discuss how to realize the Jakarta statement recommended actions in the Asia-Pacific region. T. Koike mentioned that establishing a national platform for floods in each country (like it has been done in Sri Lanka) would be very helpful for IFI implementation and coordination with drought community.
- The workshop precedes the 9th GEOSS Asia Pacific (AP) Symposium that will be held at the same venue in Tokyo, 11 – 13 January 2017. The Symposium will focus on the role of Earth Observation in implementation of SDGs in the Asia-Pacific region.
- The Symposium includes a full day parallel session dedicated to Water (Asia Water Cycle Initiative – AWCI session). A concept note and draft agenda of the AWCI parallel session was also explained. It builds on the outcomes of the Asia Water Cycle Symposium 2016 (held in Tokyo in March 2016) that adopted a new strategic framework for addressing floods and droughts including IFI new strategy. In particular, the session will focus on how

to substantially enhance water-related data collection efforts, employ data integration capabilities, and create and share actionable information for reducing flood and drought risks.

- T. Konami voiced that UNESCO fully supports these events. The UNESCO Jakarta office will provide financial support for speakers from collaborating developing countries to attend the events.
- T. Kawasaki mentioned that JWA/NARBO also supports the events, will participate in the discussions and will provide funding to representatives from Indonesia to attend the meetings.

6. Other issues

- H. Sawano reported about the UNISDR meeting in November, at which several indicators were finalized on seven targets of Sendai framework on DRR and these would be presented to the UN General Assembly in February 2017. One of the points focuses on early warning systems and how these are important for DRR. Japan contributed by bringing actual reality into the indicator discussion – available indicators identified by practitioners in Japan.
- T. Koike and T. Konami mentioned that a side event on Water was held at the COP22 in Marrakech, Morocco, which was organized by UNESCO and included two panel sessions that brought together academia and a wider community.