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Acronyms

ADPC	Asian Disaster Preparedness Center
APFM	Associated Programme on Flood Management
CBFM	Community-Based Flood Management
CIMA	Centro Internazionale in Monitoraggio Ambientale
DRR	Disaster Risk Reduction
DSS	Decision Support System
E2E-EWS-FF	End-to-End Early Warning System for Flood Forecasting
EWS	Early Warning System
FFGS	Flash Flood Guidance System
FFI	Flood Forecasting Initiative
FM	Flood Management
GHSF	Global Hydrometry Support Facility – (a.k.a. HydroHub)
GWP	Global Water Partnership
GWP-WA	Global Water Partnership West Africa
IDMP	Integrated Drought Management Programme
IFM	Integrated Flood Management
IWRM	Integrated Water Resources Management
NGO	Non-Governmental Organization
NHSs	National Hydrological Services
NMHSs	National Meteorological and Hydrological Services
PAC	Project Advisory Committee (for VFDM Project)
SBPs	Support Base Partners

SEB	Socio-economic benefits
SDGs	Sustainable Development Goals
TSU	Technical Support Unit
TUD	Technische Universität Dresden
VBA	Volta Basin Authority
VFDM	Volta Flood and Drought Management project
WMO	World Meteorological Organization
WYN	Water Youth Network

Support Base Partners Forum

1. Context

The APFM Technical Support Unit (TSU) organized the Support Base Partners Forum in 2024 as a hybrid meeting at WMO Headquarters in Geneva on 3rd October 2024, adjunct to the Drought Resilience +10 Conference. During the meeting, the progress achieved by the APFM in the reporting period 2023-2024, the challenges and lessons learned through implementing APFM activities, and the way forward were presented and discussed with the participants attending from WMO, GWP, and SBPs.

Link to presentation: [Annual Meeting presentation](#)

Summary of important suggestions/recommendations to APFM TSU and SBPs

Recommendations/suggestions	Possible approach by APFM TSUs
Continue identifying new opportunities on E2E-EWS-FF (Integrated Flood and Drought management in general) linking with EW4All initiatives mainly to develop new project proposals and mobilize resources together with WMO initiatives, GWP (RWPs and CWPs), and the SBPs.	APFM will share SBPs and vice versa for their support in developing new project proposals in different countries or at regional levels
Finalize the APFM implementation work plan for the next three years	APFM TSU will draft the implementation plan for the next three years and share it with the SBPs for inputs and finalization
APFM to continue supporting the EW4All initiative and look for opportunities to implement IFM concepts and strategy at local, national, and regional levels	APFM is to present the progress on the EW4All initiative at the next Annual Meeting and share any collaborative opportunity with the SBPs
Continue the youth-led project competition for engaging young scientists or practitioner	APFM TSU will follow up with WYN on the competition and present the selected project in the next meeting
APFM to follow up with SBPs on joining EU Horizon Call for proposal deadline November 2024	WMO will check internally to join the call for proposal
APFM needs to explore avenues for partnering with more institutions, including national partners, to support ongoing initiatives such as EW4All.	Ensure that platforms like MyDewetra are easily accessible to the public, including the press, to foster transparency and wider public engagement.
SBPs mapping to identify expertise and skills available on flood management (WYN to take this up)	APFM (supported by WYN) to contact SBPs for the information and share it with the SBPs groups
SBPs introduction and their activities are promoted through APFM Social media channels	APFM (supported by WYN) to contact SBPs for the information and share it on the social media channels

Share a two-slide APFM presentation to the APFM SBPs for using to promote it during their participation in conference/meetings/workshops	APFM TSU to prepare two slides on APFM and share them with the Partners
Request and update Whatsapp contacts of the new/existing SBPs	Update the WhatsApp group to add new members

2. Opening

The Annual Support Base Partners Forum of the Associated Programme on Flood Management (APFM) was held on October 3, 2024, as a hybrid event that allowed online participation for partners who could not join physically. 15 Support base Partners (SBP) attended the meeting in a hybrid format.

The APFM Annual meeting was officially opened by Dr Stefan Uhlenbrook, Director of Hydrology, Water and Cryosphere division of WMO and Gergana Majercakova from GWP (also member of the WMO Standing Committee for Hydrology (SC-Hyd))

Dr. Uhlenbrook, warmly welcomed the APFM partners and emphasized the urgent importance of APFM's mission. Given the escalating impacts of climate change worldwide—particularly the rise in severe flooding affecting lives and livelihoods—he highlighted the critical need for coordinated efforts.

In her opening remarks, Dr. Majercakova focused on the significant connections between flood and drought management, noting that various aspects of flood management were also explored during the recent Drought Resilience +10 conference. These overlapping challenges present valuable opportunities for APFM to work more closely with IDMP, fostering a more integrated approach to water management.

Hwirin Kim, Chief of the Hydrology and Water Resources Services sector chaired the session. She specifically highlighted the importance of APFM in the context of the UN Early Warning for All initiative, spearheaded by WMO. She emphasized that significant progress in integrated flood management has been made, thanks in large part to APFM's contributions. Despite these advances, the impacts of floods continue to increase in many countries. Integrated Flood Management, a crucial component of Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM), has proven to be an effective and efficient response to these challenges, but it must be scaled up more rapidly to address growing global needs.

Adoption of the Agenda:

The tentative agenda was proposed, and no concerns were raised. As such, the participants adopted the provisional agenda (Annex I) with no amendments.

3. Highlights of the APFM activities between August 2023-August 2024 and discussion on the progress of APFM activities including the way forward

Ramesh Tripathi (RT), a member of the APFM TSU, provided an overview of APFM activities since the meeting in August 2023 and the APFM Bi-Annual Forum in spring 2024. He shared updates on the recommendations from the previous Annual Forum, showcasing the progress made on activities implemented over the reporting period. His presentation covered various projects, the addition of new SBP members, communication efforts, and other key updates. RT expressed gratitude to all partners for their valuable contributions to the program.

Institutional Updates

RT provided an update on recent institutional developments from WMO and GWP, highlighting key milestones and strategic collaborations:

RT introduced two significant leadership appointments that mark a new phase for WMO and GWP in addressing global water and climate resilience. Celeste Saulo began her tenure as Secretary-General of WMO in January 2024, providing strategic direction for WMO's initiatives during a pivotal period. In February 2024, Alan AtKisson joined as the Executive Secretary of GWP, bringing extensive expertise to advance GWP's programs.

In April 2024, these leaders formalized collaboration through a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between WMO and GWP, aimed at enhancing efforts in flood and drought management. The MoU outlines key objectives, including improved knowledge-sharing through the Integrated Flood Management (IFM) and Integrated Drought Management (IDM) HelpDesks, the expansion of joint programs, and the development of new funding avenues. RT noted that the MoU underscores a shared commitment to strengthen flood and drought resilience within global water management practices, with an emphasis on scaling resources and expertise to address the increasing impacts of climate change.

The work programme of APFM is linked to the Hydrology Action Plan of WMO and within WMO, the TSU is part of the regular budget and activities. It is supporting the WMO long-term ambitions of hydrology, specifically the Activity 7 of the Standing Committee on Hydrological Services (SC-HYD) "No one is surprised by a flood". RT reported that in March 2024, the third session of the Services Commission (SERCOM-3) and the Standing Committee on Hydrology (SC-HYD) was held in Bali, with participation from 80 member countries. This event brought together experts to develop standards and strategic recommendations for hydrology and water resource management.

RT noted that key discussions included the approval of the WMO Strategic Plan 2024-2027 and the UN Early Warnings for All (EW4All) initiative, both of which focus on advancing early warning systems to enhance global climate resilience. As part of the outcomes, SERCOM tasked the Committee on Hydrological Services (SC-HYD) with coordinating efforts closely with the Hydrological Coordination Panel, GWP, UNECE, and UNESCO. This collaborative approach aims to establish new hydrological milestones and expand support for the Associated Programme on Flood Management (APFM) and the Integrated Drought Management Programme (IDMP).

RT reported that sustained financial backing from WMO, GWP, and additional partners has enabled APFM to continue delivering expert services to member states and institutions, including the IDB, World Bank, and USAID. Looking forward, APFM aims to secure new projects, explore cost-recovery options for expert services, and expand Letters of Engagement (LoEs) with Support Base Partners (SBPs) to enhance the program's long-term financial sustainability.

Integrated Flood Management HelpDesks

RT provided an update on the IFM and IDM HelpDesk services, noting that between August 2023 and August 2024, APFM's IFM HelpDesk responded to 58 requests, delivering both completed and ongoing support on technical issues related to flood management. Plans are currently underway to broaden the scope of the IFM HelpDesk to encompass topics in Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM), with the aim of reaching a wider audience and promoting sustainable water resource management practices.

Updates on the Projects implemented or supported by the APFM and SBPs

Volta Basin Flood and Drought Project:

RT briefly noted the completion of the Volta Basin Flood and Drought Project in June 2024, highlighting its success in enhancing flood and drought management across six West African countries; a dedicated session would follow to discuss this project in more detail.

CREWS Cambodia and Lao PDR:

APFM led the implementation of risk mapping, hydrological modeling, and Impact-Based Forecasting (IBF) under the CREWS initiative in Cambodia and Lao PDR. Ongoing efforts include preparing the CREWS CL 2.0 and ECR-Mekong project proposals for the Adaptation Fund, with the goal of extending these practices to additional Mekong countries.

HydroSOS Bangladesh and Nepal Project:

The HydroSOS project in Bangladesh and Nepal progressed with the approval of both a pre-concept and concept note. Designed as a four-year project, it aims to build hydrological and climate resilience through early warning systems, risk mapping, and community-based activities.

Resource Mobilization and Outreach

Funding and Partnerships:

RT provided updates on APFM's resource mobilization efforts, noting active pursuit of funding from the Adaptation Fund, Horizon Europe, CREWS, and other sources, with a focus on strengthening early warning systems (EWS) and flood management projects. Despite ongoing challenges in securing resources, APFM is exploring innovative approaches, such as in-kind contributions and expanding cost-recovery services, to support its activities.

Additionally, Valentin Aich (VA) informed the group about APFM's recent efforts to secure funding from private foundations. Although initial attempts were not successful due to internal ethical guidelines at some foundations, the efforts showed promise and will be further pursued, especially as access to public funding becomes increasingly difficult.

Outreach and Youth Engagement:

RT emphasized APFM's outreach initiatives, particularly its collaboration with the Water Youth Network (WYN) to support youth-led projects in flood and drought management. Notable projects include:

- Collaborative Mapping for Flood Resilience in Colombia, led by Yessica De Los Rios Olarte.
- Water from a Rock in South Africa, led by Martha Djan.

The contribution of the Water Youth Network (WYN) was explicitly acknowledged, with RT expressing gratitude for their voluntary support of APFM's initiatives. In addition, WYN was tasked with tracking social media engagement and monitoring the uptake of APFM's communication materials to enhance visibility and outreach. To further engage stakeholders, APFM organized a virtual exchange for World Environment Day 2024 and participated in global forums, promoting its resources and identifying new partnership opportunities.

Another important update was on the 2nd edition of the joint APFM and IDMP Youth competition, now the official Youth component of the Water Changemaker. Over 35 proposals have been submitted and the partners have shortlisted 14 candidates and ask to submit the full proposal.

Strategic Planning:

RT provided an overview of APFM's strategic alignment with WMO and GWP objectives as outlined in its 2024-2027 Implementation Plan, which emphasizes a stronger role for APFM in achieving WMO's strategic goals. Key priorities include expanding the Integrated Flood Management (IFM) HelpDesk and actively supporting the UN Early Warnings for All (EW4All) initiative.

This programmatic approach enables APFM to clarify its contributions within the broader WMO Environmental Services Programme, with a focused commitment to integrated flood and drought management. Through these efforts, APFM aims to enhance its impact on climate resilience and water resource management in alignment with WMO and GWP's mission.

UN Early Warnings for All (EW4All) Initiative:

RT highlighted APFM's contributions to the UN Early Warnings for All (EW4All) initiative, which included mapping Support Base Partner (SBP) expertise on early warning systems and conducting workshops in over 30 countries to strengthen local capacities.

In support of these efforts, implementation plans are currently being prepared, backed by financial support from CREWS and additional government funding sources. APFM is also targeting donor agencies such as the Green Climate Fund (GCF), Adaptation Fund (AF), and various Ministries of Foreign Affairs (MoFA) to secure further financial support for expanding early warning initiatives.

APFM TSU requested SBPs to fill in the survey (available [here](#)) sharing their expertise and interest to contribute to the UN Early Warning for All (UNEWS4All) initiative.

4. Update on the Volta Basin Flood and Drought Project activities and roles of SBPs and the way forward

RT presented an in-depth update on the Volta Basin Flood and Drought Project, which concluded in June 2024 after five years of implementation. This project successfully enhanced flood and drought management across six West African countries: Benin, Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, Mali, and Togo. Key achievements included the development of operational flood and drought monitoring systems, improved data management, and extensive training for regional stakeholders. Thanks to the collaborative efforts of APFM, IDMP, and partners like CIMA, K&I, IUCN, UNITAR/UNOSAT, HKV, and Cap-Net, the project has bolstered local resilience and capacity.

The project's outputs are now actively in use, with tools such as the Volta Alarm Early Warning System (EWS) powered by the cloud-based myDewetra platform, which CIMA manages. National and regional stakeholders were trained on these systems in sessions held from 2021 through mid-2024 to support ongoing monitoring and decision-making in their day-to-day operations. Operational flood Impact-Based Forecasting (IBF) and drought monitoring systems are now fully functional, offering essential insights to mitigate the impacts of extreme weather in the region.

A second phase of the Volta Basin project is being explored, pending funding, with potential expansion into additional countries. This phase would prioritize further strengthening data collection, implementing HydroSOS, and developing policies and guidelines to support effective early warning systems. Moving forward, APFM will work closely with the Volta Basin Authority and regional stakeholders to ensure sustained operation and application of the project's outputs, even post-completion.

RT noted the project faced challenges such as civil security issues in Burkina Faso, Mali, and northern Benin, delays in data sharing from some stakeholders, and government restructuring that affected focal points. The project was granted a one-year no-cost extension, supported by Adaptation Fund allocations, to address these complexities. The importance of data sharing, both within and across countries, was emphasized as a critical recommendation for future flood and drought management initiatives.

The final technical evaluation and audit are underway, with a completion report due by December 2024. The comprehensive insights and lessons learned from this project are expected to guide APFM's ongoing and future initiatives, with a strong emphasis on fostering regional cooperation and improving water data systems in West Africa.

5. APFM implementation plan for the next 3 years

VA led a **World Café**-style session to gather structured input for APFM's upcoming three-year workplan. This collaborative format divided participants into three groups, each focusing on one of the following key areas: **Implement and Catalyze Change, Knowledge Management, and Strengthening Partnerships**. Each group rotated through the three

focus areas, providing insights and recommendations at each station. The session concluded with a presentation of each group's input, all of which is documented in **Annex 3**.

Implement and Catalyze Change:

Participants emphasized the importance of using the Volta Basin Flood and Drought Project as a model to develop standardized protocols or frameworks for Integrated Flood Management (IFM), which could be expanded to other basins. Suggestions included initiating similar approaches regionally, potentially with seed funding from APFM's core resources. Participants also recommended developing training materials for project preparation, preparing for a second phase of the Volta Project, and continuing support for Lake Chad.

The group highlighted the importance of building a pipeline of new projects through consortia, with APFM serving as a quality assurance entity. They suggested a stronger focus on sustainability, governance, and policy in IFM projects, encouraging synergies between APFM and WMO initiatives. Improving communication channels between APFM partners, organizing workshops, exploring funding opportunities, and linking flood management with related issues like migration, energy, and health were also key recommendations.

Strengthening Partnerships

Suggestions included increasing targeted interaction with partners, mapping competencies, and analyzing stakeholder networks to identify gaps and opportunities. Participants proposed better alignment between regional bodies and APFM, promoting partner expertise on social media, exploring working groups on emerging topics, and enhancing advocacy through joint statements. Additionally, participants suggested creating standard APFM slides for partner use to ensure consistent messaging.

Knowledge Generation and Management:

The group recommended developing specific knowledge products on future risks and climate adaptation, aligned with initiatives like UNFCCC, and using these products to support broader resilience efforts. Participants also suggested using webinars and materials from SBP partners for capacity building and updating tools as needed. A proposal to improve knowledge exchange among SBP partners and catalog existing KM resources was emphasized, along with increasing visibility of capacity-building materials.

A prominent role was highlighted for the **Community of Practice (CoP)** as a hub for **knowledge exchange**, including webinars and workshops centered on topics selected by SB partners. The CoP would also facilitate better awareness and collaboration among SBP partners, help capitalize on materials developed within APFM projects, and provide a designated focal point for ongoing engagement. It was suggested that the CoP could contribute to a **catalogue of knowledge management products** to increase access and utilization of resources.

A more detailed list of recommendations is provided in **Annex 3** for further consideration and integration into APFM's strategic planning.

6. IFM and IDM Helpdesk Expansion:

The session on the expansion of the HelpDesk was shortened due to time limitations, but key points were discussed:

The HelpDesk will be expanded to include Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) alongside its current focus on Flood and Drought Management. The expansion will be carried out in three phases:

Inception Phase (ongoing): Mapping existing resources to ensure complementarity and add value, with input from SC-HYD, SC-AGR, and other partners.

Development Phase: Developing and testing the HelpDesk, connecting resources, and engaging experts from WMO and major partners.

Operational Phase: Addressing over 60 requests per year, providing capacity development and technical guidance, and possibly implementing extrabudgetary projects.

The goal is to enhance the HelpDesk's capacity to serve a broader range of water management issues globally, increasing its visibility and impact through a strategic communication approach.

7. Marketplace: Updates from SBPs on new products, projects, or future opportunities

The Annual APFM forum provided opportunities for SBPs to share some of their work and possible opportunities for collaboration. The Vortex focal point presented their on-going work on Autonomous flying UAV for Hydrology mainly to collect information on Water surface elevation, Map of flooded area, Water surface velocity etc and on the WHYLD Project in France and Croatia where real time hydrological database is provided through Software as a service (SAAS).

- Knowledge and Innovation:
K&I shared their ongoing Horizon Europe project in Dakar, Senegal, aimed at improving flood resilience through community-based flood management (CBFM) and invited partners to collaborate on scaling the CBFM model for urban areas
- HKV:
The representative from HKV presented their work on improving urban flood management through real-time rainfall data, fast flood models, and effective warning systems, focusing on the last-mile communication and user needs in flood-prone urban areas across countries such as Ghana, Togo, and Ethiopia.
- EOTEC-DevNet:
Martyna Stelmaszczuk-Górska from EOTEC DevNet discussed their collaborative approach to enhancing Earth Observation (EO) capacity for disaster risk reduction and climate adaptation, presenting their flood tools tracker and emphasizing the need for coordinated EO capacity building to support informed decision-making in flood management.
- ADPC:
The representative of ADPC presented several project ideas focused on strengthening national and community flood management systems in Asia and invited partners to join the consortium or collaborate on further projects.
- Deltares:

The representative from Deltares showcased their 20 years of experience in hydrological modeling and flood forecasting, offering partnerships in early warning system development and community engagement for flood risk management

- GWP-SEA:
GWP-SEA presented their Integrated Water Security Open Program, designed to accelerate collaboration in achieving water security through integrated water resource management (IWRM) and governance, and invited partners to join their regional initiative for water security.
- Antea-Group
- IHE-Delft
- SMHI
- PIN
- WMO

The presentation from the above SBPs are available here: [Market place presentation](#)

8. Closing of the meeting

The chair wrapped up the session by explaining that there was still an opportunity to comment on the annual report until the end of October. Regarding the next bi-annual SBPs virtual forum, participants tentatively agreed on holding it in spring 2025. While the location of the next meeting was not yet clear, it was highly likely to be held in conjunction with IDMP. The chair strongly encouraged members to actively join the Community of Practice to foster collaboration and knowledge sharing on the latest tools and strategies for integrated flood and drought management.

The chair then thanked the participants for attending, noting that the session had recorded the highest number of attendees in recent years. The chair expressed great appreciation for their engagement and commitment to APFM. Safe travels were wished to all.

ANNEX I - List of Participants

	Name	Organization
1	Abeyou W. Worqlul	ICARDA
2	Anna Mapelli (online)	CIMA Research Foundation
3	Ateeq Ur Rehman Sardar (online)	Antea Group
4	Biswa Bhattacharya	IHE Delft
5	Bode Gbobaniyi	SMHI
6	Cristo Facundo Perez Ceron	Water Youth Network / University of Toronto
7	Djibrilla Mohamadou (online)	GWP Central Africa
8	Dorien Lugt	HKV
9	Sisira Madurapperuma	Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (ADPC)
10	Erkin Isaev	WMO
11	Fatih Kaya	WMO
12	Gabriele M. Quinti	K&I
13	George Sanga (online)	GWP East Africa
14	Giriraj Amarnath	International Water Management Institute (IWMI)
15	Harriette Adhiambo Okal	Water Youth Network / Stockholm Environment Institute - Africa
16	Hwirin Kim	WMO
17	Jaehyang So (online)	GWP
18	Jos Timmerman (online)	Waterframes
19	Julian Burgos	People in Need
20	Lauro Rossi	CIMA Research Foundation

21	Louise Desrainy Maryonoputri	Global Water Partnership Southeast Asia (GWP-SEA)
22	Marcelo Uriburu Quirno (online)	CONAE, Argentina/SC HYD (WMO)
23	Martyna Stelmaszczuk-Górska	Earth Observation Training, Education, and Capacity Development Network (EOTEC DevNet)
24	Najeebullah Saraj	WMO
25	Nicolas Franke	WMO
26	Nilay Dogulu	WMO
27	Priyanka Das Rajkakati (online)	Vortex-IO
28	Roger C Stone	University of Southern Queensland, Australia
29	Ramesh Tripathi	WMO
30	Sabina Bokal	Global Water Partnership CEE
31	Sebastian Grey	WMO
32	Senaka Basnayake	Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (ADPC)
33	Sima-A Bernardine	WMO
34	Sinafekesh Girma Wolde	Water Youth Network
35	Theophilus Wellington	WMO
36	Valentin Aich	GWP

ANNEX II - Agenda

Agenda for the Annual APFM SBPs Hybrid Forum 2024

Time	Activities
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09:00-09:30 (0:30h)	Opening remarks Introduction of participants and adoption of the agenda Group photo
09:30– 10:00 (0:30 h)	1) Highlights of the APFM activities between August 2023-August 2024 and discussion on the progress of APFM activities including the way forward
10:00 – 10:15 (0:15h)	Question and Answers
10:15– 10:45 (0:30 h)	2) Update on the Volta Basin Flood and Drought Project activities and roles of SBPs and the way forward Q&A session
10:45– 12:00 (1:15 h)	3) APFM implementation/work plan for the next 3 years
12:00-13:30 (01:30 h) - Lunch	
13:30 – 14:30 (01:00 h)	4) Joint APFM and IDMP HelpDesk expansion to cover IWRM topics and support and contribution to the UN EW4All
14:30-15:30 (01:00 h)	5) Marketplace - updates from SBPs on new products, projects, or future opportunities 5 minutes presentations
15:30-15:45 (00:15 h)	AoB
15:45 – 16:00 (0:15 h)	Summary and concluding remarks and discussion on the date for the next SBPs forum
16:00 onwards	Informal get-together of APFM and IDMP partners

ANNEX III – Recommendations for 3-year APFM workplan 2025-2027

Implement and Catalyze Change

- Use Volta project to develop protocol/framework
- Based on this, initiate the approach to other basins, potentially provide seed funding through core funds
- Consider developing training material around project preparation
- Prepare Volta Phase 2 and continue Lake Chad
- Build up project pipeline, perhaps through consortium (APFM as quality check?)
- Promote community-approach stronger
- Initiate regional programmes similar to IDMP
- Strong focus on sustainability of projects, develop framework?
- Focus stronger on governance/policy aspects of IFM
- Use more synergies amongst APFM/WMO projects
- Provide better communication channels for projects between APFM partners, potential partner workshop for projects?
- Explore preparing flood guidelines for different climate funds: GCF, AF, etc
- Share/guide finance opportunities
- Connect flood better with other issues including migration, energy, health, ...
- Focus more on institutional coordination within country
- M&E: monitor impacts

Strengthen Partnerships

- Targeted interaction with partners
- Stakeholder networking analysis through mapping to identify gaps (for relevant stakeholders)
- Mapping existing competencies amongst partners (status, profile e.g. gender, community-based, anti-corruption)
- Project partner awareness (regions, fields, ...)
- Identify gaps & new partners to fill them
- Prepare & update on possible funding opportunities
- Promote partners' expertise in social media
- Explore working groups on different & new topics
- Advocacy: prepare joint statements, be voice for community
- Prepare 2 slides on APFM for all to use
- Regional bodies N/W of N/W (?)

Knowledge Generation and Management

- Specific KM products (produced by partners) on future risks & CC adaptation that will support engaging initiatives of UNFCCC & other conventions (more long-term, not just EWS)
- Webinars on products & projects of SBP partners
- Materials (already developed) to be used by SB partners for capacity building
- Some tools need to be updated with help of SB partners

- SB partners do not know each other well – more info needed & knowledge exchange (request to be sent)
- Youth projects are now for 1 year, would be good to connect them with SB who can maybe support them with SB partners who can support them further
- More exchange among all interested & engaged SB partners
- CoP:
 - Knowledge exchange (webinar/workshop) focused on a topic selected by SB partners
 - Capitalize on materials developed within projects
 - To include a focal point for SB partners
 - Q&A in Helpdesk
- To build a catalogue of the KM products that already exist
- Materials from capacity building be made available via APFM
- Branding & comms: create stronger ownership for SB partners
- Add new and more innovative tools, including AI
- Make an assessment of what is outdated
- Compare table with criteria for the different models available, maybe a webinar to present
- WMO to send an official request to use some of the materials produced within projects (which are not open source)