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President's Review

Council delegates will be invited to review the follow-up, in relation to actions decided at the 2018 Council meeting.

Agenda item	Council Action	Follow-up
ICES Strategic Plan	Council adopted the Strategic Plan, endorsing the top-level component, and agreed to the principle of working through the different levels of the plan including the four-year goals and objectives, and annual work plan.	Progress on implementation to be reported under agenda item 2. and from the ICES pillars under agenda items 4. and 5.
Finance	<p>Council requested Finance Committee to present their report with main messages summarized when submitted for consideration at the Council meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Council approved the final accounts 2017, including Audit Book;- Council approved the proposed budget for 2019, noting that the national contributions have already been decided;- Council deferred the vote on the 2020 national contributions, adjusted with the Danish inflation rate (1.5%) to an electronic vote in January 2019 allowing some countries additional time to secure a specific mandate to vote on the proposal; The Secretariat will work with member countries to develop tailored letters to help countries be prepared for an electronic vote in January 2019. Council delegates are asked to provide information on what would be specifically relevant	<p>A new reporting format has been developed and will be presented under agenda item 3.</p> <p>Council approved an increase of 1.5% of national contributions for 2020 by electronic voting.</p>

	to include to the letter by 1 November.	
Project participation	<p>Council stressed the need for ensuring project work is relevant for the community, resource allocation/prioritization, and more widely the ability of the organization to influence the funding agencies in their programming.</p> <p>This will be further discussed at the February Bureau meeting.</p>	An update on project participation will be provided under agenda item 2.3
CSIMTC	Action: Council Delegates supported the continuation of the Council Strategic Initiative on Maritime Trans-Atlantic Cooperation (CSIMTC) under the Chairmanship of William (Bill) Karp (US), Nuno Lourenco (PT), and Alain Vezina (CA). The Terms of Reference will be revised by the Co-Chairs and circulated. All delegates interested in contributing to the work of the initiative are encouraged to contact the Chairs.	An update will be provided under agenda item 7.
CWGCODE	Action: The Council adopted the Code of Conduct for a three-year trial period. The Code of Conduct will be included to the Guidelines for ICES Expert Groups and dissemination to the community will be by presentation at the WGCHAIRS meeting in January 2019. Council will review the process annually.	The Code of Conduct is now included in the Guidelines for ICES groups .
Science	<p>Action: Council supported the Science Plan, with a suggestion to review the text to ensure the ecosystem approach to fisheries was sufficiently prominent.</p> <p>The General Secretary and the SCICOM Chair will coordinate to ensure the ICES Strategic Plan and Science Plan are released at the same time.</p>	The ICES Strategic Plan and Science Plan were successfully launched in January 2019.

Arctic	Council tasked Bureau, with support from the Coordination group, to make a relevant proposal for an ICES role in the Meeting of Scientific Experts on Fish Stocks in the Central Arctic Ocean (FISCAO) process once the ToRs for the FISCAO meeting are available. The aim will be to secure intersessional support from Council for a specific action to support the FISCAO process.	Progress will be reported under agenda item 2.2.
ASC	Belgium was requested to provide an indication by the end of 2018, if they can confirm their possibility to host the ASC in 2020.	Belgium will host the 2022 Annual Science Conference. The 2020 ASC will be organised in Copenhagen, and a report on status of preparation given under agenda item 9.2.
Advice	Council supported the ACOM proposed ICES dialogue meeting in 2019/2020 on a Framework for ecosystem advice. Given the work planned within the CSI (see section 8.2), on mapping the objectives of the member countries, for which they will be willing/able to allocate resources, 2020 seems to be the most appropriate time. A host will be needed. Brussels could be a good venue, as it would facilitate the participation of stakeholders/clients.	
Capacity and workload issues in the advisory services	<p>Establish a Council Strategic Initiative, chaired by Fritz W Köster: Resources to support member countries contributions to ICES advice and science, as well as education/training.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mapping the science and advice priorities, Tammo Bult and Per Sandberg 2. Resourcing of the advisory process, Gerd Kraus and Carl O'Brien 	An update will be provided under agenda item 6

	<p>3. Strengthen science and education/training, Bill Karp, Gerd Kraus, and Pierre Petitgas</p> <p>Council agreed to conclude the work of the Council Strategic initiative on the Marine Strategy Framework Directive and Ecosystem Approach (CSIMSFDEA), with reference to the above ToRs.</p> <p>While the co-chairs will further elaborate the ToRs, Council delegates are invited to: - Nominate members for each of the sub-ToRs, noting that these can also be found out-side Council, with reference to the issues discussed (i.e. national DCF correspondents)</p>	
Data	Bureau will consider the need for strengthened data governance, including the potential for national representation and will report to Council at the 2019 meeting.	An update will be provided under agenda item 11.
Secretariat	Council endorsed the updated data privacy policy/statements. Council also agreed the nominations of national experts for ICES work will be entered via the Resource Coordination Tool within the Delegates Dashboard as soon as it goes live in November/December 2018.	Use of the Delegates Dashboard for nominations has been discontinued. An update will be provided under agenda item 12.
Rules of Procedure	Council accepted the proposed changes to the Rules of Procedure, on the condition that Bureau review the language of the new Rule 18. iv.	The language was amended and updated. The Rules of Procedure are available online.
Request from Russia on the benchmark of cod and haddock	The ACOM Chair and Head of Advisory Support will enquire if the experts are available to conduct the work in 2019.	Progress will be addressed under agenda item 10.