

4. Updates on capacity development activities by WMO Bodies

4.3 Updates from SERCOM

Presented by

Dr Ardhasena Sopaheluwakan



WORLD
METEOROLOGICAL
ORGANIZATION

13th Meeting of Capacity Development Panel
(EC-CDP-13)

23 and 24 September 2026

Proposed amendments to competency frameworks and additional guidance for competency assessment (SERCOM-4, Doc 4.2/1)

Draft Recommendation 4.2/1 advances two proposals:

- A new competency framework for volcanic ash forecasters, primarily at volcanic ash advisory centres.
- New guidance for service providers on managing operational personnel assessed as “not yet competent”.

Doc 4.2 SERCOM-4 draft 1 is available on the minisite, but a draft 2 will be initiated to reflect what contained in the following slides

Progress and proposed way forward

Prior review: SC-AVI-4 recommended both proposals. EC-CDP-12 found the volcanic ash framework consistent with the Guide to Competency (WMO-No. 1205).

If no changes are made at SERCOM-4, the text will NOT need another revision by CDP.

If SERCOM-4 amends the annexes: A conditional draft provision calls for CDP advice on consistency of language, layout and approach with WMO-No. 1205 (to be done prior to 17 December).

SERCOM-4: Draft Recommendation 4.2/1 now explicitly proposes endorsement of both additions and a recommendation to EC-81 for approval (in line with WMO-No.1205). EC-81 will approve based on: 1) the recommendation of the technical content by SERCOM (i.e. the text of the amendments will NOT be part of EC-81 Resolution) and 2) the assurance of compliance by CDP to the Guide to Competency (WMO-No. 1205).

EC-81: The draft resolution would approve inclusion in the relevant publications, request updated WMO-Nos. 1209 and 1205, and encourage Members' use.

Proposed action by the Panel

The Panel is invited to:

Note the advancement of the proposals to SERCOM-4 for endorsement and EC-81 for approval.

Consider if any changes are suggested to Draft Recommendation 4.2/1 (SERCOM-4)

Indicate how follow-up advice could be provided if SERCOM-4 amends the annexes, as envisaged in the conditional draft provision.

Suggested outcome: The Panel notes progress and identifies arrangements for follow-up advice.

Thank You



WORLD
METEOROLOGICAL
ORGANIZATION