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WMO Hydrological activities



WMO OMM

World Meteorological Organization
Organisation météorologique mondiale

The WMO Hydrological Value Chain Initiatives

Reliable & accessible hydrological data



Flood Forecasting Initiative

delivers timely and more accurate flood forecasting and warning products and services



WMO HydroHub

enhances and innovates hydrological monitoring systems worldwide

World Water Data Initiative

supports countries in waterrelated policy development



WMO HydroSOS

provides global reference information on current and future status of freshwater systems

Feedback



Water Resources Management

Associated Programme on Flood Management

Integrated Drought Management Programme

Data & products to support decision making

Sustainable water management

Disaster risk reduction

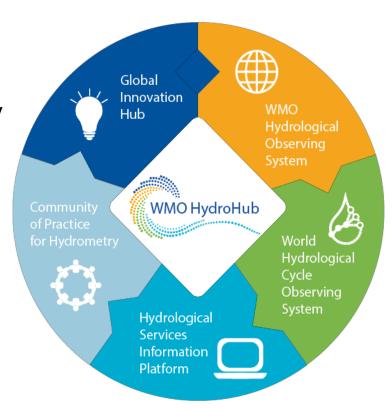
Economic development

Environmental conservation

Consistent & high-quality hydrological data & products

The WMO HydroHub: Water monitoring, from data collection to data sharing

- Building Hydrological Monitoring Capacity
- 2. Embedding **Innovation** in Hydrometry
- 3. Enabling Hydrological **Data Sharing**
- 4. Connecting the Global Water Monitoring Community
- 5. Providing a Global Focal Point for Hydrometry





WMO answer: the Global Hydrological Status and Outlook System HydroSOS

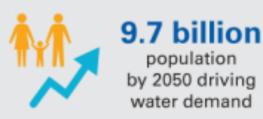
The issues we face:



20 million people at risk

from flooding





The information we need:



The current global hydrological status



An appraisal of where the current status significantly differs from normal



An assessment of whether this is likely to get better or worse



will be the first global hydrological monitoring and reporting system for assessing surface and groundwater status and warning about impending floods and droughts



What does HydroSOS provide?



The current global hydrological status including groundwater, river flow and soil moisture



An appraisal of where the current status is significantly different from 'normal,' for example indicating drought and flood situations



An assessment of whether this is likely to get better or worse over coming weeks and months

What data/models does HydroSOS use?



Local scale ground based data River flow, soil moisture

River flow, soil moisture, lake levels and water table depths



Global scale remotely sensed satellite data

Precipitation, soil moisture, groundwater and snow cover/depth



Global/regional
weather and climate
forecast models
Temperature and rainfall



Hydrological models

River flow, soil moisture, groundwater

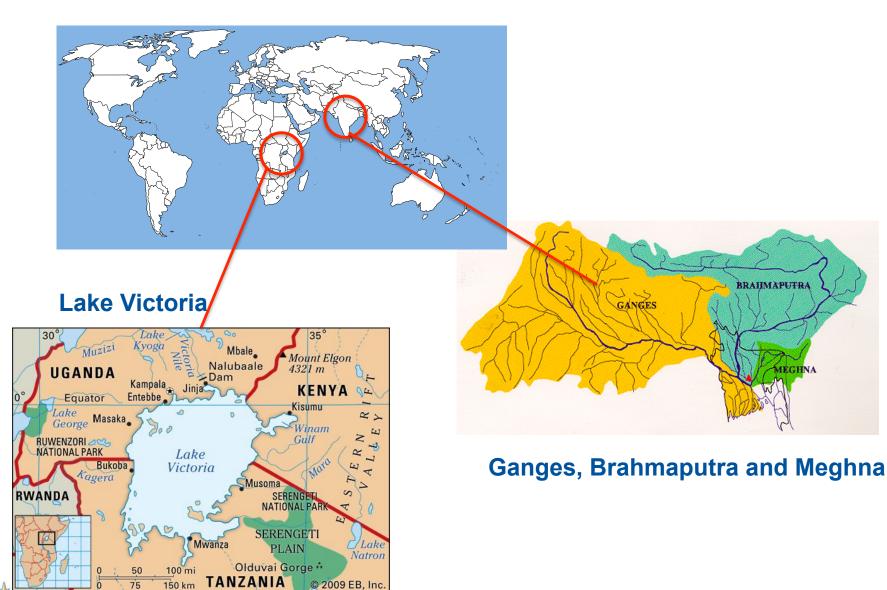
HydroSOS Key principles

- For National HydroMet Services, by HydroMet services
- Leveraging existing WMO activities
- Leveraging existing Data Platforms and Models
- Practical and tailored products and services



HydroSOS Demonstrators

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Institutions currently involved











Ministry of Water and Environment

REPUBLIC OF UGANDA



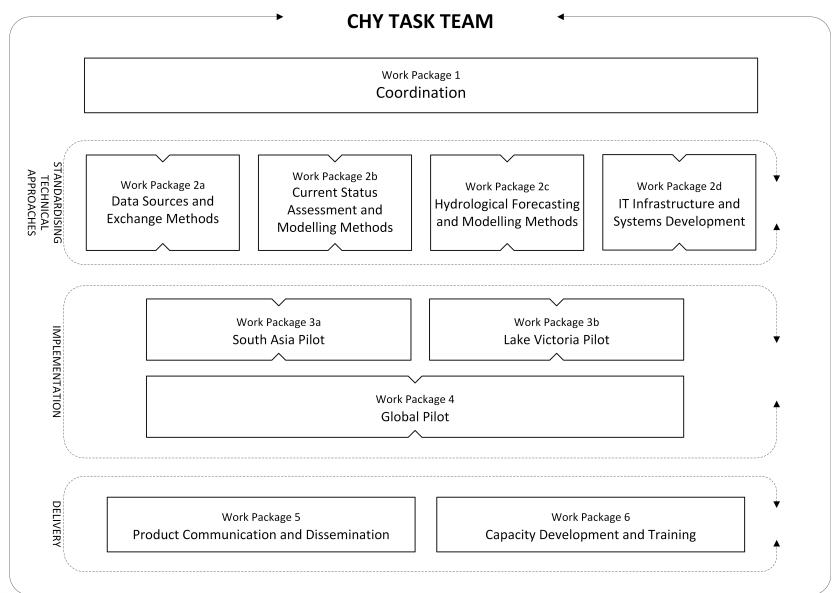








HydroSOS Working structure





HydroSOS Global pilot (UK CEH)

- Proof-of-concept of a global analysis of the hydrological status and outlook
- Quantify the uncertainty depending on different global data products (model, satellite, raingauge) available past, present, future
- Some possible activities:
 - Analyze past-climate global products
 - Analyze new GEWEX integrated satellite-derived global data product
 - Implementation of status assessment and forecasting techniques
 - IT infrastructure and systems
 - Identify key stakeholders



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