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WMO Hydrological activities

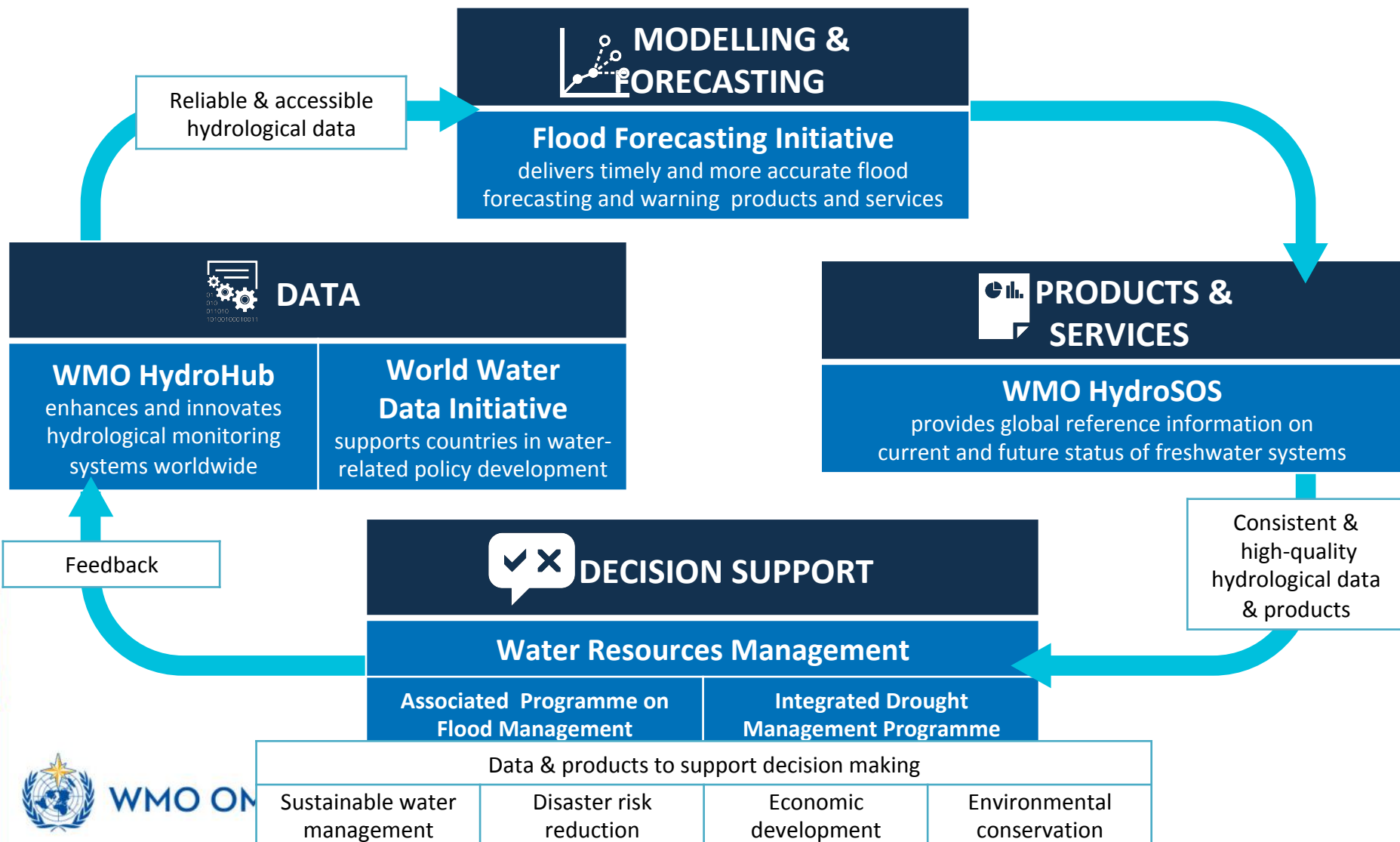
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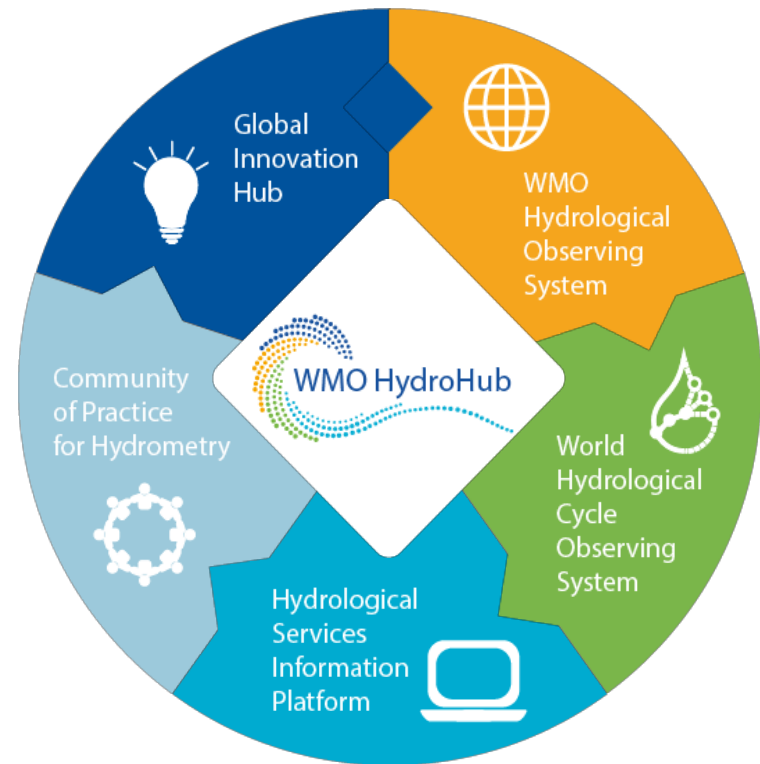
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The WMO Hydrological Value Chain Initiatives



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

1. 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



\$8 billion
in losses
due to drought



9.7 billion
population
by 2050 driving
water demand

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

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WMO HydroSOS

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



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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, 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

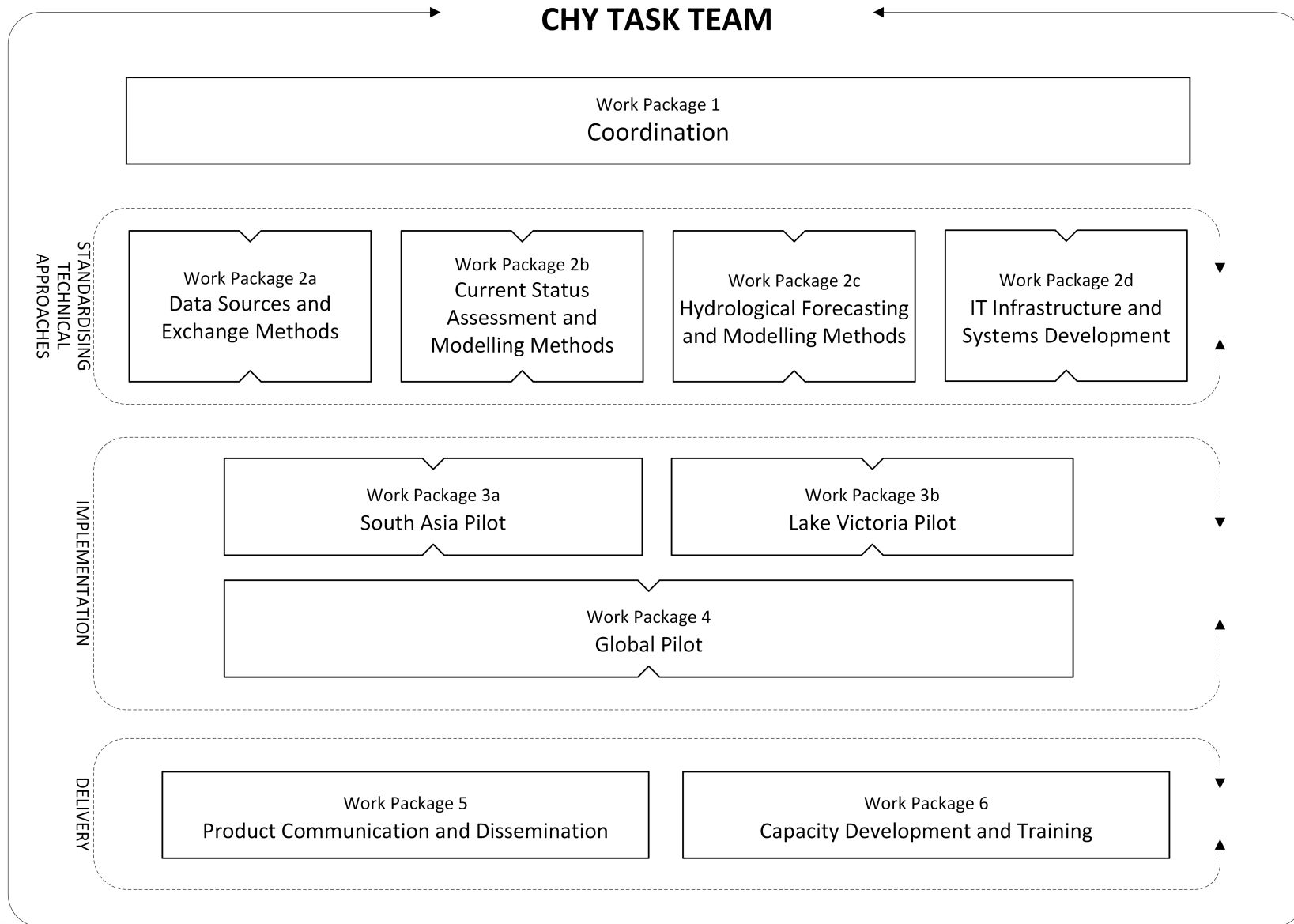


Hydrological models
River flow, soil moisture, groundwater

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 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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