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Regional Mechanisms
Sustainability
Technical/Project Assistance

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Regional Mechanisms

Central Asia Hydrometeorology Modernization Project (CAHMP)
• IPF, approved 2011, Additional Financing approved 2018
• Regional Component A: US$8.7 million + US$3.5 million
• IDA Regional Grant Pilot Program, client is the Executive Committee of the International Fund for Saving the Aral Sea (EC-IFAS)
• National components 50% from IDA Regional Window
• 2 IDA, 2 IBRD and 1 blend country
• PMU hosted by the Regional Center of Hydrology (RCH) of EC-IFAS

Challenges - Solutions
• Agreement on activities - Annual meeting of NMHS Directors
• Agreement on roles - WMO formalities
• Different capacities - regional support mechanisms
• Limitations of IDA funding in IBRD countries
• Slow Internet - cloud solution
• EC-IFAS - Series of Projects?
Regional Mechanisms (continued)

South East European Multi-Hazard Early Warning Advisory System (SEE-MHEWS-A)
- ASA, BETF, initiated 2017
- Partnership with WMO Office for Europe
- Covers from Slovakia to Jordan, but focus on Balkans

Challenges - Solutions
- Politics (Kosovo/Serbia, Turkey/Cyprus) - leave it to WMO!
- Agreement on activities - ICSEED (Informal Conference of South-East European NMHS Directors)
- Different capacities - leading countries in the region contributing expertise (Croatia, Greece, Hungary, Israel and Slovenia)
- Sustainability - ECWMF hosting platform
- ECMWF Member States verses Cooperating States - full members contributing computing allocations
- Numerical weather prediction - contributions from many countries
Sourcing Expertise
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System Integrator or/and International Consultants
- Central Asia: SI only qualified in ICT and Russian language
- One country relied on them, another preferred to work without them
- TTL needs to be able to judge qualifications: example of US expertise in Moldova

Twinning
- Moldova-Finland: IPF financed, results limited
- Austria-Albania: BETF single source
- Romania-Moldova: BETF competitive selection
- WMO facilitation

WMO Contracting Modalities
- BETF: OPCS/Corporate Procurement special process for contracting UN Agencies
- BETF: Long-Term Agreement for TA
- RE: STANDARD FORM OF AGREEMENT for Use by World Bank Borrowers Provision of Technical Assistance by WMO under Bank-Financed Projects (signed 2018)