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**Task Team on the Regional Operating Plan
Progress Report**

1. The Task team on the Regional Operating Plan (ROP), renamed at the first meeting, was established immediately after the RAVI Session in Helsinki in September 2014. The composition of the TT was decided to be: Maria Hurtola (FMI, Finland), Leader of TT, Jane Wardle (MetOffice, UK), Axel Thomalla (DWD, Germany), Justinas Kilpys (LHMS, Lithuania), Carmen Rus (AEMET, Spain), Bernard Strauss (Meteo France) and Filipiak Janusz, (IMGW, Poland).
2. The TT on ROP is supporting the MG in the following areas
 - a. *In ensuring continuity of the strategic planning process and developing coordinated regional inputs for the future WMO Strategic Plan and related Operating Plan, including regional priorities and key outcomes;*
 - b. *To coordinate and monitor the implementation of the RA VI Operating Plan and other regional implementation plans approved by the president; to assess and evaluate the performance of Regional Association VI as per the WMO Strategic Plan;*
3. The TT has met once since the last MG meeting, namely during EC in June 2014, and only with the members participating in EC, otherwise the work has mainly been done through email.
4. The main task since the last MG meeting has been to use the new draft WMO SP (2016 – 2019) and the adopted programmes of the RAVI WGs to produce the new RAVI OP (2016 – 2019) with the main focus on the years 2016 – 2017,
5. As the new draft WMO SP 2016 – 2019 (Congress doc 10.2) has not changed much in comparison to the current WMO SP 2012 – 2015, the Expected Results are in fact the same, the TT decided to keep the existing RAVI OP 2012 – 2015 as a base. The main task was to upgrade it using the activities of the RAVI WG programmes and check the Key Outcomes, KOs and Key Performance Indicators, KPIs against the ERs of the new WMO SP and against the priorities determined by the RAVI session in Helsinki in 2013.
6. The new WMO SP 2016 – 2019 does not include any KOs or KPIs, but it is up to the regions themselves to decide on them. That is why we used the priorities determined by the RAVI session in Helsinki and checked that they will be covered in the new RAVI OP. This has led to some amendments for some of the KOs and KPIs in comparison to the current. Most of the old KOs and KPIs could be kept as they already cover the needs very well and also well guide the activities of the RAVI WG programmes.
7. For the ER 6 (Capacity Development) we did not suggest any KOs or KPIs or activities as Capacity Development is a cross-cutting issue for RAVI and is included in every WG programme and so also in the activities of the OP.
8. Should the MG decide to have a separate plan for Capacity Development in the region, a rapporteur or coordinator would be needed.
9. The draft OP is planned to be ready before Congress, and adopted by the MG at Congress or through correspondence before that if the MG so decides.
10. After the OP is ready, it has to be decided how to proceed with the monitoring of the OP. This could be done eg by using the results of the WMO questionnaire for the implementation of the WMO SP 2016 – 2019 or it could be done through an own regions specific questionnaire.
11. The work of the TT will continue mainly through correspondence, but at Congress a short meeting can take place and perhaps there will be a need for another one during autumn should the MG decide to task the TT with a region specific questionnaire to be designed.
12. The main challenge with producing the RAVI OP is the different phase (timing) of Congress and the RAVI sessions. Which plan is guiding the other? The priorities of the RAVI session in 2013 were communicated to the WMO President by the President of RAVI to be taken into consideration in the planning of the new WMO SP

2016 – 2019. The new WMO SP will now form the base for the new OPs to be produced for all the regions. The challenge for RAVI is now, in the middle of our own operating phase, to use the new WMO SP for the production (upgrading) of the RAVI OP (2016 – 2019) and to decide on how to use it after the next RAVI session in 2017.

Recommendations for the MG to consider:

1. *The TT/ROP proceeds as suggested and gather comments to the draft RAVI OP 2016 – 2019 from the MG to be able to get it adopted by the MG before or at Congress in June 2015.*
2. *The Capacity Development issues are based on the decisions of RAVI XVI and covered in the work programmes of the WGs and is handled as a cross- cutting issue in RAVI. The MG is continuously informed about the WGs deliverables. Therefore TT/ROP is of the opinion that no specific coordinator or rapporteur for Capacity Development issues would be needed.*
3. *The monitoring procedure of the RAVI/ROP will have to be agreed upon. There are two options. The MG decides on one of the options:*
 - a. *The TT/ROP makes use of the WMO questionnaire and analyses that and no specific separate RAVI questionnaire would then be needed.*
 - b. *The Region specific challenges determined have to be monitored and a dedicated questionnaire could be necessary, maybe for the preparation of the next RAVI session.*