

TALLINN, 14-15 May 2014

Management Group
Terms of References (extract from Resolution 8 (RA VI-16))

REGIONAL ASSOCIATION VI (EUROPE),

Decides:

(1) To re-establish the Management Group of Regional Association VI (RA VI-MG) with the following terms of reference:

(a) To advise and assist the president of RA VI on all matters related to the work of the Association, in particular:

(i) On emerging matters requiring action during the inter-sessional period;

(ii) In prioritizing, planning, coordinating and actively managing the work of the Association and its subsidiary bodies, as well as to monitor progress in accordance with the established work programme;

(iii) In ensuring adequate internal structure, including establishment of relevant task teams on proposals by the chairs of the working groups and working methods of the Association and to make necessary adjustments as needed to achieve the desired outcomes;

(iv) In addressing emerging issues and challenges as identified by Regional Association VI at its sixteenth session, and ensuring that these issues are adequately included in the work programmes of the working groups;

(v) 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;

(vi) In maintaining and promoting partnership and collaboration with other international and regional partner organizations, such as the European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts, the European Organisation for the Exploitation of Meteorological Satellites, the Network of European Meteorological Services, the Interstate Council on Hydrometeorology of the Commonwealth of Independent State (ICH/CIS) and other organizations and research institutes contributing to different WMO Programmes;

(vii) In seeking ways of improving coordination with relevant bodies of the European Union to foster participation and representation of Members in relevant programmes and activities;

(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;

(c) To oversee, in collaboration with the Secretariat, the activities of the regional centres (Regional Specialized Meteorological Centres, Regional Climate Centres, Regional Instrument Centres, WMO Information System centres, Regional Training Centres, etc.);

(d) To coordinate the activities of the Association and its subsidiary bodies with respect to cross-cutting issues, such as the implementation of the Global Framework for Climate Services, disaster risk reduction and capacity development, taking into account the needs of Members and the existing resources and capacity-development mechanisms;

(e) To address, on a systematic basis, the need for harmonization of the capabilities for the provision of meteorological, climatological and hydrological services between different sub-regions.

Composition (extract from Resolution 8 (RA VI-16))

REGIONAL ASSOCIATION VI (EUROPE),

Decides:

(2) To invite the president to act as chair of the Management Group, which is composed of the president, the vice-president, the regional hydrological adviser to the president, the following Directors of NMHSs:

1. Mr Petteri Taalas, Finland;
2. Mr Gerhard Adrian, Germany;
3. Ms Henia Berkovich, Israel;
4. Mr Alexander Frolov, Russian Federation;
5. Mr Ismail Günes, Turkey;
6. Mr Jorge Miguel De Miranda (Portugal),
7. the co-chair of the Working Group on Climate and Hydrology,
8. the chair of the Working Group on Service Delivery and Partnership, and
9. the chair of the Working Group on Technology Development and Implementation;

(3) The president may also invite, as appropriate, other Directors of NMHSs, the Chair of ICH/CIS or other experts to participate in the meetings of the RA VI Management Group, as necessary;

Authorizes the president to take needed decisions on urgent matters on behalf of the Association after consultation with the Management Group;

Requests the president:

(1) To observe a balanced geographical and gender approach in the work of the Management Group;

(2) To ensure that, subject to available resources, the Management Group meets annually or as needed, preferably in conjunction with other meetings and events, using electronic means to the extent possible;

(3) To report to the Association during the inter-sessional period as needed and at its next regular session on the activities of the Management Group and relevant decisions taken on behalf of the Association;