

## Resolution 16 (RA VI-17)

### REGIONAL ASSOCIATION VI MANAGEMENT GROUP

REGIONAL ASSOCIATION VI (EUROPE),

**Noting** the [WMO Strategic Plan 2016–2019](#) and the [RA VI Regional Operating Plan 2016–2019](#),

**Considering:**

- (1) The effective work done by the RA VI Management Group during the period 2013–2017,
- (2) The growing need to plan and coordinate Association activities in order to achieve the expected results and key outcomes of the WMO Strategic Plan, WMO Operating Plan and RA VI Regional Operating Plan,
- (3) The need to establish an effective and efficient structure of subsidiary bodies and to guide and coordinate their activities during the intersessional period, including making necessary adjustments to the working structure to address emerging issues,
- (4) The need to constantly keep abreast of Members' needs and issues and communicate their requirements through appropriate technical commissions and the Secretariat,
- (5) That a mechanism is needed to address issues not handled by other working groups or task teams, in particular activities related to Expected Results 6, 7 and 8 of the WMO Strategic Plan 2016–2019,

**Decides:**

- (1) To re-establish the Management Group of Regional Association VI;
- (2) To endorse the terms of reference of the Management Group as follows:
  - (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 intersessional period;
    - (ii) In prioritizing, planning, coordinating and actively managing the work of the Association and its subsidiary bodies, as well as in monitoring progress in accordance with the RA VI Regional Operating Plan;
  - (6) In ensuring adequate working mechanisms for the Association, including the establishment of relevant task teams based on proposals by the chairpersons of the working groups, and making necessary adjustments as needed to achieve desired outcomes;
  - (7) In addressing emerging issues and challenges as identified by Regional Association VI, and ensuring that these issues are adequately included in the workplans of the working groups;
  - (8) 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;
  - (9) In maintaining and promoting partnership and collaboration with international and regional partner organizations, and other organizations and research institutes contributing to the implementation of the WMO Strategic Plan;
  - (10) In seeking ways of improving coordination with relevant bodies of the European Union to foster participation and representation of Members in relevant projects and activities;

- (3) To coordinate and monitor the implementation of the RA VI Regional Operating Plan and other regional implementation plans approved by the president;
- (4) To assess and evaluate the performance of Regional Association VI as per the WMO Strategic Plan;
- (5) To oversee, in collaboration with the Secretariat, the activities of the regional centres;
- (6) 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, and to coordinate the activities of the Association and its subsidiary bodies to complement and support activities of technical commissions, taking into account the needs of Members and the existing resources and capacity development mechanisms;
- (7) To address, on a systematic basis, the need for harmonization of capabilities for the provision of meteorological, climatological and hydrological services between different subregions;

**Designates** Ms Cristina Alionte Eklund (Sweden) as the Regional Hydrological Adviser to the RA VI president, with the terms of reference as stipulated in Annex IV of the General Regulations of WMO (Regulation 168);

**Requests** the president to form the Management Group, which will include the president acting as Chairperson, the vice-president, the Regional Hydrological Adviser to the president, and selected directors of National Meteorological and Hydrological Services in such a way as to ensure appropriate geographical representation and improve gender balance;

**Requests** the president and the Management Group to establish the working structure of the Association as soon as possible, and to readjust the structure when needed, ensuring the continuation of activities envisaged and planned in accordance with the RA VI Regional Operating Plan, taking into account the recommendation of the RA VI Regional Conference (*Regional Association VI (Europe): Abridged Final Report of the Seventeenth Session* (WMO-1210, annex to Decision RA VI-17/2);

**Authorizes** the president:

- (11) To invite, as appropriate, other directors of National Meteorological and Hydrological Services and other experts to participate in the meetings of the RA VI Management Group, as necessary;
- (12) To take needed decisions on urgent matters on behalf of the Association after consultation with the Management Group, and submit these, as necessary, to other WMO constituent and subsidiary bodies;

**Further requests** the president:

- (8) To ensure that, subject to availability of resources, the Management Group meets annually or as needed, preferably in conjunction with other meetings and events, using electronic means to the extent possible;
- (9) To report regularly to the Association during the intersessional period and at its next regular session on the activities of the Management Group and relevant decisions taken on behalf of the Association, and to establish a platform for interactive discussion of documents before the next session of RA VI;

**Requests** the Secretary-General to take into account the work of the Management Group in the provision of support to Regional Association VI, especially through the Regional Office for Europe.

Note: This resolution replaces Resolution 8 (RA VI-16), which is no longer in force.