
SECOND MEETING OF THE
RA VI MANAGEMENT GROUP
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Task Team on the Regional Operating Plan Report on Progress

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 had its first meeting in January 2014 and the main aim of the meeting was to :
 - a. Agree on steps towards the Operating Plan 2016 – 2019 and how to align the plan with the new SP.
 - b. How to proceed (together with the WG Chairs?) and agree on a timetable for the work of the TT
 - c. Based upon the RECO outcomes and RAVI report to decide on suggestions for new or modified KOs and KPIs for the the Draft SP Dec 2013
 - d. Agree on how to proceed with a possible new questionnaire for monitoring.
4. How to align the OP with the SP 2016 - 2019
 - a. The TT went through the actions required by the RA VI Session in Helsinki to ensure that all the actions would be incorporated in the OP of RA VI through the work programmes of the RA VI WGs. The actions required by the RA VI session were also considered while the TT discussed and formulated the regional priorities to be incorporated in the SP 2016 – 2019 (e.g. through the EC WG on SOP.)
 - b. The regional priorities formulated by the TT based on the outcome of the RA VI Session are in Annex 3.2(1).
 - c. The TT proposed a way forward as regards to the preparation of the work plans of the WGs that probably was used by the WGs.
5. The following steps:
 - a. The TT, taking into account the needs expressed by RA VI, made suggestions for changes to the KOs included in the December draft of the WMO SP 2016 -2019.
 - b. The suggested priorities together with the suggested changes to the KOs were forwarded to the vice-president of RA VI, who is responsible for coordinating the strategy in RA VI, and they were then forwarded by the RA VI president to WMO.

c. At the EC WG on SOP it was stated that there still was a possibility to include regional changes to the KOs and KPIs and a TT was formed under that WG to work out suggestions for Monitoring and Evaluation procedures for the SP.

6. As soon as the work programmes of the RA VI WGs are ready, the existing RA VI OP will be reviewed what concerns the years 2014 – 2015 taking into account the new WG programmes.
7. As a following step, the initial planning for the new OP 2016 – 2019 will also start. The TT suggests that the main emphases for RA VI for the new OP will be on 2016 – 2017.
8. The TT is planning to have a short meeting in connection with the EC in June 2014
9. The Draft OP is planned to be ready and approved by the MG by December 2014
10. After the OP is ready, it has to be decided how to proceed with the monitoring of the OP.