

## COORDINATION MECHANISM AND COOPERATION WITH TECHNICAL COMMISSIONS

### SUMMARY

#### ISSUES TO BE DISCUSSED:

Ways and means to improve cooperation and coordination between Regional Associations and Technical Commissions

#### DECISIONS/ ACTIONS REQUIRED:

Suggestions and recommendations for further improvement of the overall cooperation between RAs and TCs, and for addressing specific and emerging issues.

#### REFERENCES:

1. Cg-XV (WMO-No. 1026)
2. EC-LX (WMO-No. 1032)
3. EC-LXI (WMO-No. 1042)
4. Report 2009 PRA Meeting
5. Report 2009 Joint PRA-PTC Meeting
6. Report 2010 PTC Meeting

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##### Appendix for inclusion in the final report:

Draft text for inclusion in the Report of 2010 PRA Meeting

##### Appendix for information:

Progress/ Activity Report

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**7. COORDINATION MECHANISM AND COOPERATION WITH TECHNICAL COMMISSIONS**

7.1 The Meeting recalled that the Executive Council approved the formalization of the Joint Meeting of Presidents of RAs and Presidents of TCs through Resolution 2 (EC-LX) in order to enhance a closer cooperation and a stronger coordination mechanism between regional associations and technical commissions for a more responsive and proactive implementation of WMO Programmes, in particular at regional level.

7.2 The Meeting recognized that it was very beneficial for the presidents of regional associations to attend the PTC meeting and recommended that this should be continued.

7.3 Considering various aspects of cooperation and coordination with TCs, the Meeting reviewed the various means and mechanisms which have been established to strengthen communication and collaboration between RAs and TCs and reiterated its recommendation for the extension of best practices, including e-forum discussions

7.4 The Meeting noted the concern expressed by the Presidents of TCs about the diversification of RAs structures, as the new structures, which are not programme based, may have an impact on the functional relationships between RAs and TCs, including the difficulty to identify focal points for TCs activities. In this regard, the Meeting considered the recommendation made by PTC for the establishment of relevant long term standing structures which can facilitate proactive interaction between RAs and TCs.

*One example is the establishment of Aviation Task Teams or equivalent structures in a number of RAs for effective coordination with CAeM.*

7.5 The Meeting further agreed with PTC on the need to improve the coordination between RAs, TCs and the relevant Secretariat Departments through the following:

- Definition of regional requirements and implementation priorities by RAs
- Organization of activities by TCs to meet the regional requirements
- Identification of joint activity areas by TCs and RAs
- Definition and implementation of the process and corresponding means on a case by case basis.

7.6 The Meeting further ...

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**PROGRESS/ ACTIVITY REPORT**

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## **PROGRESS/ ACTIVITY REPORT**

### **COOPERATION AND COORDINATION WITH TECHNICAL COMMISSIONS**

1. The following cooperation and coordination mechanisms were established or enhanced by TCs, RAs and Secretariat departments to improve the implementation of more responsive programmes at regional level:
  - Annual circular letters by PRESIDENTS OF Technical Commissions;
  - Side meetings to regional events, including Tropical Cyclone/Hurricane Committees meetings ;
  - Implementation of pilot and demonstration projects on development of new products in severe weather forecasting for disaster risk reduction, for heat wave, flash flood forecasting and cross-cutting projects on drought;
  - Regional representatives participation in TCs Management Groups and Implementation Coordination Teams;
  - Exchange of lists of WGs and Rapporteurs and harmonization of the names of experts in the respective bodies;
  - Designation of regional focal points for DRR, PWS, CLIPS and CPA;
  - Participation of chairpersons of regional Working Groups or rapporteurs in the sessions of relevant TCs;
  - Participation of some Presidents of TCs in RAs sessions.
2. EC-LX adopted Resolution 2 (EC-LX) as attached.
3. EC-LXI requested the Secretary-General and Members to give high priority to the modernization of the GTS and the implementation of the WMO Information System (WIS) in the Regions to ensure operational exchange of forecasts, warnings and other information on a real-time basis, especially for establishing multi-hazard early warning systems, as appropriate. It further recognized the continuing need to improve the capabilities of NMHSs to access advanced products in the preparation and dissemination of adequate weather services and timely warning for severe weather and climate extremes.
4. Considering the importance of RCCs, EC-LXI urged RAs, in coordination with CBS and CCI, to speed up the establishment of RCCs in their respective Regions.
5. EC-LXI recalled the Council request to assist regional associations to maximize the potential benefits of WCC-3 at national and regional levels.
6. Considering WMO engagements to contribute to the efforts towards the attainment of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), especially with respect to food security, poverty reduction, human health and energy, EC-LXI requested RAs and TCs, in particular CCI, to ensure that appropriate skills are in place among Members to apply climate information and services for socio-economic development.
7. The 2009 Joint Meeting of the Presidents of RAs and TCs suggested the creation of a forum within WMO where Members would be invited to discuss issues on how to improve coordination between RAs and TCs
8. Three Presidents of RAs (RA I, RA V and RA VI) attended the 2010 Meeting of Presidents of Technical Commissions (PTC) in Geneva in January 2010. The cooperation between TCs and RAs was discussed under a dedicated Agenda Item.

## **Res. 2 (EC-LX) – COORDINATION BETWEEN REGIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND TECHNICAL COMMISSIONS**

### **THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL,**

#### **Noting:**

- 1) That there is a need to enhance a closer cooperation and a stronger coordination mechanism between regional associations (RAs) and technical commissions (TCs) for a more responsive and proactive implementation of WMO Programmes, in particular at regional level,
- 2) That the short joint Meetings of the Presidents of Regional Associations and the Presidents of Technical Commissions which were organized on an informal basis in conjunction with Congress and Executive Council sessions under the chairmanship of the President of WMO proved to be useful in improving overall coordination between RAs and TCs particularly in relation to cross-cutting programmes and activities such as strategic planning and volunteerism.

**Recognizing** that the Secretariat should play a key role in this collaboration between RAs and TCs as a link for the consistent implementation of relevant coordination mechanisms,

#### **Decides:**

- (1) That regular Meetings of the Presidents of the Regional Associations and the Presidents of Technical Commissions should be organized:
  - To establish various coordination mechanisms for strengthening the linkages and collaboration between RAs and TCs in order to improve the implementation of WMO Programmes in the framework of the Result-based Management of the Organization;
  - To exchange information and experience on best coordination practices between RAs and TCs;
  - To address issues of common concern in order to ensure continuity and success in the implementation of WMO Programmes at the global and regional level, particularly in relation to specific areas and emerging issues (strategic planning, climate change adaptation, disaster risk reduction, resource mobilization) and provide advice to Congress, the Executive Council and other WMO constituent bodies, as appropriate;
  - To perform any other functions that might be referred to these meetings by Congress, the Executive Council and other WMO constituent bodies;
- (2) That these meetings should be chaired by the President of WMO;
- (3) That these meetings should be held on an annual basis during of the sessions of Congress and Executive Council;