General Introduction



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Background

The Regional Seminar is one of the series of such organized by WMO for Directors and senior officials of National Meteorological and Hydrological Services (NMHSs).

- Second WMO Regional Seminar on Cost Recovery and Administration in RA II:
 4-6 December 2004, Hong Kong, China
- Fourth Technical Conference on Management of Meteorological and Hydrological Services in RA II (Asia):
 - 5-9 February 2007, Islamabad, Pakistan





WMO Regional Seminar on Strategic Capacity Development of Meteorological and Hydrological Services in Regional Association II (Asia)

3-4 December 2008, Tashkent, Uzbekistan

Theme: "Opportunities and Challenges in the 21st Century"



Purpose

To provide a forum to exchange views and experiences on strategic planning for developing capacity and capability of NMHSs, as well as challenges and opportunities in RA II, including disaster risk reduction and socioeconomic issues



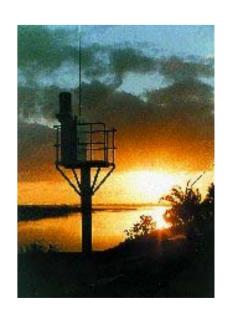


Approach

- The Directors or senior officials from NMHSs and invited experts will share experience and know-how through presentations of lectures and case studies and discussions under each topic.

 Conclusions and recommendations will be drawn up and discussed at the end of the Seminar.
- > To be conducted in English

Each participant is invited:
(1) to actively participate in the discussions at the Seminar;
(2) to provide a short summary to Dr Rabadi for Report



Topics of the Seminar

- 1. National Strategic Plans and Challenges of NMHSs in RA II (including <u>Regional Strategic</u> <u>Plan</u> and Quality Management System);
- 2. Emerging Technologies in Meteorology;
- 3. Disaster Risk Reduction;
- 4. Socio-economic benefits of weather, water and climate services;







Programme Summary

Wednesday, 3 December 2008

Registration Opening

Topic 1 - National Strategic Plans and Challenges of NMHSs in RA II (including Regional Strategic Plan and Quality Management System)

Chair: Dr A. Tyagi

Rapporteur: Mr N. Hasegawa

Secretary: Mr R. Masters

Topic 2 - Emerging Technologies in Meteorology

Chair: Mr G.H.P. Dharmaratna

Rapporteur: Dr J.C Nam Secretary: Dr J. Rabadi



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Thursday, 4 December 2008

Topic 3 - Disaster Risk Reduction

Chair: Dr Q. Chaudhry

Rapporteur: Dr Chen Zhenlin

Secretary: Mr K. Shida

Topic 4 - Socio-economic benefits of weather, water and climate services

Chair: Dr S. Bukhari

Rapporteur: Dr M. Rahimi

Secretary: Dr T. Toya

General Discussion

Chair: Dr A.M.H. Isa

Secretary: Mr R. Masters



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