

REGIONAL ASSOCIATION V (SOUTH-WEST PACIFIC)

SECOND SESSION OF THE RA V MANAGEMENT GROUP

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FINAL REPORT



WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION

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1. OPENING OF THE SESSION (AGENDA ITEM 1)

1.1 The second session of the RA V Management Group (MG) was held at the WMO Headquarters on Monday, 23 June 2008 during the sixtieth session of the Executive Council (18-27 June 2008). The list of participants is attached as Annex I to this report.

1.2 The session was opened at 08:30 hours on 26 June 2008. Mr A. Ngari, president of RA V, who chaired the session, extended a warm welcome to participants and thanked the Members for accepting his invitation to attend the session. He also thanked the Secretariat for arrangements made in organizing this session. Mr R. Masters, Director, Development and Regional Activities (DRA) Department, on behalf of Mr M. Jarraud, Secretary-General of WMO, also welcomed the participants and expressed his hope to achieve successful outcomes.

1.3 The Management Group adopted the agenda of the session, which is given in Annex II to this report.

2. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE FIRST SESSION OF THE RA V MANAGEMENT GROUP (AGENDA ITEM 2)

2.1 The Group reviewed the follow-up actions arising from the first session of RA V Management Group (RA V MG-1) held in Geneva on 28 June 2006, which were addressed in detail as follows.

2.2 The Group was pleased to note that a VCP coordinated project, financially supported by USA, has been implemented since 2006 for the provision of Low Rate User Stations (LRUSs) to enable the Island Developing States in the Pacific to access timely to meteorological satellite images in Low Rate Information Transmission (LRIT) format, in view of the recent transition from WEFAX to LRIT. Under this project, 16 LRUSs (with two spares) are expected to be installed for 16 benefiting countries and territories. An international tender for the supply of LRIT receiving equipment was conducted in November 2007 and five valid bids were reviewed in March 2008 by the Technical Evaluation Committee, composed of a WMO consultant and five technical experts from the region, and the WMO Procurement and Contracts Committee in May 2008. Purchase Orders for the procurement and delivery of the LRIT receiving equipment were expected to be placed shortly after the MG-2 session in June 2008 with the selected supplier, and other relevant equipment, including antennas, PCs and peripherals and installation and training is planned in 2008.

2.3 The Group was also informed that following a consultancy mission from March to May 2006, a project proposal entitled "Preparedness to Climate Variability, Natural Hazards and Global Change in Small Island Developing States, Pacific Region (SIDS-Pacific)" had been submitted to the Government of Finland in June 2006. The project is still under negotiation with the Government of Finland.

3. REVIEW OF THE WORK OF THE RA V SUBSIDIARY BODIES (AGENDA ITEM 3)

The Group was informed of the budgeted regional events of RA V during the fourteenth financial period (2004-2007) and fifteenth financial period (2008-2011) as given in Annex III to this report. Noting that no budget has been allocated for the meetings of Working Groups on Agricultural Meteorology (WG-AGM) and on Natural Disaster Prevention

and Mitigation (WG-DPM), the Group expressed the view that the meetings of these Working Groups be held in conjunction with other Working Groups. In this regard, the Group welcomed that a half-day meeting of WG-DPM would be held during the coming session of the Tropical Cyclone Committee in Aofi, Niue from 11 to 17 July 2008. The Group felt that a meeting of WG-AGM might be held in conjunction with the next meeting of the Working Group on Climate-related Matters. The Group requested the Secretariat to finalize the plan of the meetings of the subsidiary bodies of RA V in consultation with Members which indicated their willingness to host the meetings and taking into account the possible improvement in RA V working mechanisms in accordance with the WMO Strategic Plan.

Mr C. Pearson, Regional Hydrological Adviser to the president and Chair of the Working Group on Hydrology (WGH), reported that the RA V WGH is making good progress with its work plan in line with WMO strategic directions and the expected results. In particular, the three-year Pacific-HYCOS project has reached its mid-term and procurement of observing systems is in full swing. The issue of availability of basic equipment such as vehicles to reach and maintain the installed hydrometric (surface water and ground water) stations needs to be raised with individual governments to ensure the hydrometeorological teams are fully equipped and able to carry out the monitoring. A further issue requiring attention is project sustainability after the EU funds are expended in 18 months time. The Group noted that a meeting is planned in Indonesia in 2009 to initiate the South East Asian (SEA) HYCOS project, and operation of the Hydrological Training Centre in Bandung. In this connection, the MG-2 recognized that Indonesia has invited the RA V WGH to meet in 2009.

4. DEVELOPMENT OF A STRATEGIC PLAN FOR RA V (AGENDA ITEM 4)

4.1 The Group recalled that RA V, at its fourteenth session in 2006, decided to develop a RA V Strategic Plan and a Task Team on the RA V Strategic Plan was established to assist the president and the Management Group in preparing the RA V Strategic Plan. The Group was pleased to note that a draft RA V Strategic Plan has been formulated by Mr G. Foley (Australia) with inputs from members of the Task Team based on the outcomes of the Regional Seminar on Enhancing Services Delivery by National Meteorological and Hydrological Services in RA V (Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, April 2007).

4.2 The Group further recalled that the WMO Strategic Plan was adopted at the Fifteenth World Meteorological Congress (Geneva, May 2007) resulting from the planning process driven by the needs and priorities identified by WMO Members. The WMO Strategic Plan has three Top-level Objectives, five Strategic Thrusts, 11 Expected Results and 211 Deliverables. WMO has built its strategic planning on the results-based management (RBM) concept, which also steers the programme definition and implementation management in the Secretariat.

4.3 The Group, in referring to the RA VI Strategic Plan for NMHSs adopted in December 2007, considered that the draft RA V Strategic Plan would still require more work to specify clear objectives and concrete and specific regional expected outcomes under each relevant WMO Strategic Plan Expected Result. The Group noted, from the experience of RA VI strategic planning, the need for considering the implementation aspect with financial resources and felt that the Working Group Chairs and rapporteures could contribute to some of the regional expected outcomes and deliverables, and the regional events, including meetings of Working Groups, Technical Conferences and Regional Seminars, could provide good opportunities for periodical review of priority areas and updates of the Plan. Mr Pearson, Chair of WGH, indicated his willingness to contribute to, on behalf of WGH, specifying particular regional expected outcomes. The Group requested the Regional Office to prepare a matrix for future regional events to facilitate the further development of the Strategic Plan.

4.4 The Group agreed to further revise the Plan for the period 2009-2011 to adjust to the WMO Strategic Plan for 2008-2011 and to the need for developing Key Performance Indicators and Targets and for a monitoring mechanism. The Group requested the Task Team to work on the revision of the draft RA V Strategic Plan in light of the above. In this regard, the Group welcomed that Mr N. Gordon (New Zealand) would assist the work of Task Team. The Group also considered the time frame and agreed that the revision of the Plan be completed preferably by the end of 2008 but at the latest in April 2009 during the Technical Conference in Malaysia for formal adoption by the president of RA V.

5. INTERNAL MATTERS OF REGIONAL ASSOCIATION V (SOUTH-WEST PACIFIC) (AGENDA ITEM 5)

RA V Technical Conference on Management of Meteorological and Hydrological Services

5.1 The Group, noting that the next RA V Technical Conference on Management of Meteorological and Hydrological Services was planned in 2009, agreed that it could be held in Malaysia in April 2009 taking into account priorities in the RA V Strategic Plan. The president requested the MG to propose possible themes and topics to the president and the Secretariat to facilitate its preparation.

Regional and Subregional Offices

5.2 The Group noted the activities and the current status of the Regional Office for Asia and the South-West Pacific and the WMO Office for South-West Pacific, and welcomed the progress on the reorganization of the DRA Department. The Group was informed that Mr Robert Masters had been designated as Director of DRA Department, which now includes the Education and Training Office.

5.3 The Group was further informed that the WMO Office for the South-West Pacific had been enhanced with the promotion of the Programme Officer but the recruitment of a secretary and secondment of a hydrologist are still under way.

6. OTHER BUSINESS (AGENDA ITEM 6)

6.1 The president informed the session of the on-going initiative to develop a Severe Weather Forecasting Demonstration Project in RA V, which would be further discussed and developed during the RA V Tropical Cyclone Committee for the South Pacific and the South-East Indian Ocean to be held in Alofi, Niue in July 2008.

6.2 The Group welcomed the new establishment of a network of international advisers in RA V (INTAD-V) in April 2008, with Dr V. Tsui (Australia) and Mr T.S. Kang (Malaysia) as Chair and Vice-Chair, respectively. The Group agreed to take action to invite those PRs of Members who had not designated his/her Adviser of External Relations and International Cooperation to designate his/her Adviser(s) and join the INTAD-V.

7. CLOSURE OF THE SESSION (AGENDA ITEM 7)

7.1 The second session of the RA V Management Group was closed at 09:30 hours on 23 June 2008.

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LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

1. Members of RA V Management Group and Representatives of Members of RA V

Mr A. Ngari President of RA V Chairperson	Cook Islands
Mr C. Pearson Regional Hydrological Adviser to the president of RA V	New Zealand
Mr B. Stewart President of CHy	Australia
Dr V. Tsui Alternate to Dr G.B. Love	Australia
Ms A. Farrell Adviser to Dr G.B. Love	Australia
Mr C. Blondin Alternate to Mr P.-E. Bisch	France
Ms Sri Woro B. Harijono Member	Indonesia
Mr Edvin Aldrian Alternate to Ms Harijono	Indonesia
Mr Dodo Gunawan Adviser to Ms Harijono	Indonesia
Dr Yap Kok-Seng Member	Malaysia
Mr R. Stainer Member	New Zealand
Mr N. Gordon Adviser to Mr Stainer	New Zealand
Mr I. Lisk Adviser to J. Hirst	United Kingdom

2. WMO Secretariat

Mr R. Masters, Director, Development and Regional Activities (DRA) Department

Dr T. Toya, Regional Director for Asia and the South-West Pacific, DRA Department

Mr K. Shida, Programme Manager, Regional Office for Asia and the South-West Pacific, DRA Department

Dr B-C. Choi, Seconded Expert, Regional Office for Asia and the South-West Pacific, DRA Department

Ms M. Power, Director, Resource Mobilization Office, DRA Department

Mr D. Schiessl, Director, Strategic Planning Office

Dr R. de Guzman, Director, Special Adviser to the Secretary-General

Mr K. Kuroiwa, Chief, Tropical Cyclone Programme Division, Weather and Disaster Risk Reduction Services (WDS) Department

Dr T. Peng, Scientific Officer, Tropical Cyclone Programme Division, WDS Department

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AGENDA

1. Opening of the Session
2. Matters arising from the first session of the RA V Management Group
3. Review of the work of the RA V subsidiary bodies
4. Development of a Strategic Plan for RA V
5. Internal matters of Regional Association V (South-West Pacific)
6. Other business
7. Closure of the Session



REGIONAL ASSOCIATION V (SOUTH-WEST PACIFIC)
BUDGETED REGIONAL EVENTS
DURING THE FOURTEENTH FINANCIAL PERIOD (2004-2007)

Regional Events \ Years	2004	2005	2006	2007
Fourteenth Session of the Association			9-16.V.2006 Adelaide, Australia	
Meeting of the Management Group				28.VI.2007 Geneva, Switzerland
Session of WG on WWW		30.XI-4.XII.2005 Apia, Samoa		
Session of WG on Climate Matters			7-10.II.2006 Singapore	
Session of WG on Hydrology		17-21.X.2005 Nadi, Fiji		
Session of the Tropical Cyclone Committee for the South Pacific and the South-East Indian Ocean	10-15.VII.2004 Brisbane, Australia		4-8.V.2006 Adelaide, Australia	
Technical Conference on Management of Meteorological and Hydrological Services		5-9.XII.2005 Apia, Samoa		
Regional Seminar on Alternative Services and Delivery and NMHSs Administration				2-6.IV.2008 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

BUDGETED REGIONAL EVENTS
DURING THE FIFTEENTH FINANCIAL PERIOD (2008-2011)

Regional Events \ Years	2008	2009	2010	2011
Fifteenth Session of the Association			X in Indonesia	
Meeting of the Management Group		X		
Session of WG on WWW		X		
Session of WG on Climate Matters			X	
Session of WG on Hydrology		X in Indonesia		
Session of the Tropical Cyclone Committee for the South Pacific and the South-East Indian Ocean	11-17.VII.2008 Alofi, Niue		X in Indonesia	
Technical Conference on Management of Meteorological and Hydrological Services		IV.2009 in Malaysia		
Regional Seminar on Alternative Services and Delivery and NMHSs Administration				X