



## **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE FIFTH SESSION**

### **SUMMARY**

#### **ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL IMPLICATION:**

None

#### **ISSUES TO BE DISCUSSED:**

The progress of the matters arising from the fifth session of the RA II Management Group (Geneva, 29 and 30 June 2012), among others:

- Development of RA II WIGOS Implementation Plan; and
- Nomination of Principal Global Information System Centres (GISCs) in RA II.

#### **DECISIONS/ACTIONS REQUIRED:**

Review and consider the matters arising from the fifth session of the RA II Management Group

#### **REFERENCE:**

1. [Final Report of the fifth session of the RA II Management Group \(Geneva, 29 and 30 June 2012\)](#)

#### **CONTENT OF DOCUMENT:**

##### **Appendix A for inclusion in the Final Report:**

Appendix A - Draft text for inclusion in the General Summary of the Report of the RA II MG-6

##### **Appendix B for Information:**

Appendix B - Background Information

- Annex I - Draft RA II Regional WIGOS Implementation Plan
- Annex II - List of Principal GISCs nominated by PRs of Members in RA II
- Annex III - Proposed Structure of Regional WIS Implementation Plan for RA II

## **DRAFT TEXT FOR INCLUSION IN THE GENERAL SUMMARY OF THE RA II MG-6**

### **2. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE FIFTH SESSION** (*agenda item 2*)

2.1 The MG-6 recalled that, further to its fourth session (MG-4: Doha, Qatar, 29 February – 2 March 2012), the fifth session of the RA II Management Group (MG-5: Geneva, 29 and 30 June 2012) focused mainly on: the development of the RA II Strategic Operating Plan for 2012-2015; and the preparation for the fifteenth session of Regional Association II (RA II-15) and the RA II Regional Seminar.

2.2 The Group agreed that the further development of the Strategic Operating Plan 2012-2015; and the preparation for the fifteenth session of RA II are the main issues for the MG-6 session, which should be discussed under relevant agenda items 3 and 4. The Group further agreed that two matters arising from the MG-5 session on (a) the development of RA II WIGOS Implementation Plan and (b) nomination of Principal Global Information System Centres (GISCs) in RA II should be discussed under agenda item 2.

#### *Development of RA II WIGOS Implementation Plan*

2.3 The MG-6 recalled that the MG-5, taking into account the suggestions by China, Japan and the Chair of the Task Team on Regional WIGOS Implementation Plan, provided advice to the Task Team for streamlining the proposed projects/tasks to be implemented under the RA II Regional WIGOS Implementation Plan (R-WIP RA II).

2.4 The Group was pleased to note the progress on the further development and finalization of the R-WIP RA II by the Task Team. A meeting of the RA II Task Team was held in Jakarta, Indonesia from 11 to 13 September 2012 during the fifteenth session of the Commission for Basic Systems (CBS-15) with the participation of its five members, one observer and two WMO Secretariat staff to revise the draft R-WIP RA II using a new R-WIP template prepared by the WIGOS Project Office of the WMO Secretariat in July 2012.

2.5 The MG-6 welcomed that the Task Team developed a new set of seven projects [*as given in ANNEX 2 to the draft R-WIP RA II (see Annex I)*]. The Task Team suggested that the current two RA II Pilot Projects: (a) to enhance the availability and quality management support for NMHSs in surface, climate and upper-air observations; and (b) to develop support for NMHSs in satellite data, products and training, be implemented within the framework of the R-WIP RA II. The proposed seven projects are being reviewed by key players of the projects.

2.6 The Group commended the work of the Task Team for the development and improvement of R-WIP RA II and requested the Task Team to finalize the draft R-WIP to be submitted to the RA II-15 session for consideration and adoption.

#### *Nomination of Principal Global Information System Centres (GISCs) in RA II*

2.7 The Group was pleased to note that the RA II survey for the nomination of principal GISCs was carried out in September-October 2012 aiming at facilitating the discussions for formal agreement at the RA II-15 session in December 2012. The survey questionnaire was prepared taking into consideration the possibilities of further designation of other potential GISCs in RA II in the near future and of nomination of principal GISCs outside of RA II (e.g., Moscow, Offenbach, etc.). The MG-6 was informed of the tentative list of principal GISCs nominated by RA II Members [*as given in Annex II*] through the above survey.

2.8 In this connection, the Group recalled that the development of the RA II Regional WIS Implementation Plan (R2-WIS-IP) had been initiated by dedicated experts of CMA and KMA as

Local Secondments under the supervision of the Coordinator of the Sub-Group on WIS. The Group was pleased to note that an ad hoc Expert Meeting on Development of a Regional WIS Implementation Plan for RA II was held in Beijing, China from 17 to 19 October 2012.

2.9 The Group was informed that the expert meeting reviewed the initial draft taking into consideration the comments of RA II Members and agreed on the revised structure of the R2-WIS-IP. In view of the necessary work required for finalization of the R2-WIS-IP, the Group agreed on the timeline towards the adoption of R2-WIS-IP as follows:

- 2<sup>nd</sup> draft R2-WIS-IP based on the recomposed structure : 15 November 2012
- 2<sup>nd</sup> user review and comment analysis : 30 November 2012
- Tentative final draft of R2-WIS-IP without some Appendices : 3 December 2012
- Final draft of R2-WIS-IP with all Appendices : 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2013
- Approval by the president of RA II in consultation with the MG : 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2013

2.10 The MG-6 also commended the work of the experts in the meeting for the development of R2-WIS-IP and encouraged them to continue to work for finalizing the draft R2-WIS-IP along with the above timeline.

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**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

**Annex I**

**REGIONAL WIGOS IMPLEMENTATION PLAN**

**WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION**

**WMO INTEGRATED  
GLOBAL OBSERVING SYSTEM  
(WIGOS)**

**REGION II  
(R-WIP RA II)  
Version 0.1**



(The draft RA II Regional WIGOS Implementation Plan will be presented separately.)

**List of Principal Global Information System Centres (GISCs) in RA II**

(The list of Principal GISCs nominated by PRs of Members in RA II will be presented separately.)

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**Structure of Regional WIS Implementation Plan for in RA II (Asia)**

(The proposed structure of R2-WIS-IP will be presented separately.)

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