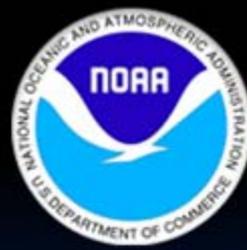




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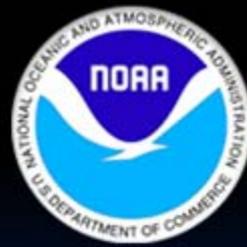


***RA-III & IV
Communications
Survey***

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Another survey? Why??



- Changes, improvements in wide range of met communication products and services
- U.S., WMO, and others want to work with countries in the two regions in designing next generation products
- We need to work from a common information base that summarizes what we have and what we need
- This survey will not duplicate, but will complement previous work, such as WMO's review of satellite requirements
- Want to increase efficiency and accuracy of forecasting and other services
- Help inform future investment decisions



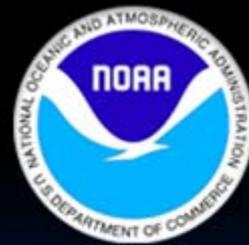
Next Steps



- A draft of the survey is available now and is being emailed to your points of contact (POC) today
- We would appreciate your comments or suggestions to improve the survey; please get those comments in to Dan Beardsley within a week—by 29th.
- We will incorporate comments, then send out the Survey by Monday, October 4.
- You will have up to 3 weeks to complete the Survey (October 25 deadline). Ted Soto or someone else from Sutron, may call your POC if we have any questions about your responses.
- (They also will call if we don't receive your response on time!)



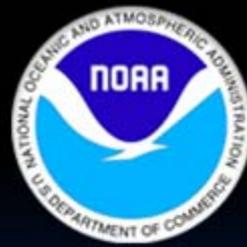
Report



- Completed surveys will be compiled into a report that summarizes responses
- I would welcome hearing your views on whether we should report the survey results by country or whether we should attempt to report by regions or sub-regions?
- We expect to send you a draft of this report by November 19.
- You will have time to comment on the report before it is published.



Conclusion



- We expect this report to be very useful for Member countries of RA III and IV and to the regional associations to have a better understanding of our communications requirements and our capacity building needs.
- We also expect it will be helpful in implementing WMO programs in our regions, such as the DRR pilot projects.
- If the information collected from this survey is complete and accurate, it will be able to be used to inform decisions not only by Members in the region but by our partners around the world.
- Thank you very much, in advance, for your participation in this survey.



Questions?

