
REGIONAL ASSOCIATION II
(ASIA)

ITEM: 2.1

WORKING GROUP ON PLANNING AND
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE WWW IN REGION II

ENGLISH ONLY

FOURTH SESSION

MOSCOW, 10-13 SEPTEMBER 2003

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM RELATING TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. OPENING OF THE SESSION

At the kind invitation of the Permanent Representative of Russian Federation with WMO, the fourth session of the Working Group on Planning and Implementation of the WWW in Region II, will be held in Moscow from Wednesday, 10 September 2003 opening at 10.00 a.m. to Saturday, 13 September 2003, closing at 05.00 p.m. The exact venue will be communicated later.

2. ORGANIZATION OF THE SESSION

2.1 Adoption of the agenda

The session will be invited to consider the provisional agenda with a view to its adoption.

2.2 Working arrangements

Under this item, the working group will agree on the details concerning the organization of its work including working hours. The group will work in one committee as a whole with simultaneous English and Russian interpretation. The pre-session and in-session documentation will be in English only.

3. REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE WORKING GROUP

This report will deal with the activities of the working group since its re-establishment by the twelfth session of RA II in September 2000. Points requiring detailed study raised in the report will be discussed under relevant agenda items.

4. CONSIDERATION OF THE DECISIONS OF THE TWELFTH SESSION OF RA II, CBS EXTRA-ORDINARY SESSION (2002), FOURTEENTH CONGRESS AND EC-LV INCLUDING REQUIREMENTS FOR WWW SUPPORT TO OTHER PROGRAMMES

The session will review the decisions made and guidance given by the twelfth session of RA II, the CBS Extra-ordinary session (2002), Fourteenth Congress and EC-LV which have relevance to the work programme of the working group and not dealt with under other items. Under this agenda item, the session will also be informed on the objectives of the Sixth WMO Long-term Plan related to RA II WWW activities.

5. STATUS OF WWW IMPLEMENTATION AND OPERATION

The session will review the present status of WWW implementation and operation of key facilities including implementation of the GOS space-based sub-system in Region II. Based on information received from Members, the results of the annual global monitoring (October 2002) and monthly results of the monitoring of the availability of upper-air data from Region II (2003) provided by ECMWF. Under this agenda item, the session may also consider the development of the Global Climate Observing System (GCOS) upper-air and surface network in Region II, to which WWW had contributed substantially.

6. REGIONAL ASPECTS OF THE WWW COMPONENTS AND SUPPORT FUNCTIONS, INCLUDING REPORTS BY THE RAPPORTEURS/CO-ORDINATORS

6.1 Global Observing System (GOS)

The session will consider the report of the RA II Rapporteur on Regional Aspects of the GOS and, in particular, his proposals on the Regional Basic Synoptic Network in Region II, to be submitted to the thirteenth session of RA II.

6.2 Global Telecommunications System (GTS)

The session will consider the report of the RA II co-ordinator of the Sub-group on Regional Aspects of the GTS and the outcome of the Implementation Co-ordination Meeting on the GTS (Moscow, 8-10 September 2003). The session will review the organization of the regional meteorological telecommunication network, taking into account data exchange requirements and telecommunication techniques, in particular satellite-based telecommunication services. The session will recommend necessary actions with priorities in the short-medium term to improve the GTS operation in particular where monitoring results had revealed deficiencies and in the longer term, to achieve the RA II GTS objectives in accordance with guidance given by the twelfth session of RA II and CBS-Ext.(02).

6.3 Global Data-processing System (GDPS)

The session will consider the report of the RA II Rapporteur on Regional Aspects of the GDPS with a view to developing plans and recommending necessary actions needed to achieve the GDPS objectives in accordance with priorities and guidance given by the twelfth session of RA II and CBS-Ext.(02).

6.4 WWW Data Management (DM), including Codes

The session will consider information on Data Management activities provided by the Secretariat as well as the report of the RA II Rapporteur on Data Management. The session will develop plans and recommend necessary actions to achieve the RA II Data Management objectives in accordance with priorities and guidance given by the twelfth session of RA II and CBS-Ext. (02).

6.5 Operational Information Systems (OIS)

The session will be informed on the plans and activities to make the OIS more cost-effective and efficient. Members are invited to comment and make proposals on their future requirements related to the OIS.

6.6. Technical Cooperation activities related to WWW

The session will review and give guidance on implementation of technical cooperation activities related to the WWW. It will in particular review the priorities to VCP projects.

7. PUBLIC WEATHER SERVICES

The session may wish to give guidance and identify priorities for Public Weather Services activities (regional training programmes, expert services, etc.) required to consolidate and further improve the provision of services. It will consider implementation strategies based on experience of key NMSs.

8. INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE OF DATA AND PRODUCTS

The session will review and where appropriate, recommend practical measures on implementation aspects of Resolution 40 (Cg-XII) dealing with the WMO policy and practice for the exchange of data and products among Members, particularly as regards data and products under the WWW.

9. FUTURE WORK PROGRAMME

The working group will establish its major tasks for the remainder of the period up to the thirteenth session of RA II.

10. CLOSURE OF THE SESSION

The session is expected to be concluded on Saturday, 13 September 2003.
