

Second Meeting of the Pacific Meteorological Council (PMC-2)

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Nadi

Fiji Islands

Agenda Item 3: WMO Policies on Weather, Climate and Water From Global to Regional Context

Purpose

1. To note the WMO Strategic Plan 2012-2015 approved at Cg-16 including the eight Expected Results within five Strategic Thrusts under three Global Societal Needs and the five strategic priority areas, and the core of the RA V Strategic Plan which takes into account the framework of the WMO Strategic Plan.
2. To encourage the PMC Members to understand the emerging issues in the Pacific region and organize the activities in the context of the WMO Strategic Policies.

Background

3. The strategic planning of WMO has the results-based management (RBM) concept. The four building blocks of WMO RBM Framework are WMO Strategic Plan (SP), WMO Operating Plan (OP), WMO Results-based Budget (RBB) and WMO Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) System.
4. WMO SP provides a high-level statement of the future direction and priorities of the Organization and guides the decisions of the Secretariat and Constituent bodies during a financial period. WMO OP translates the strategic thrusts, expected results and key outcomes into time-bound specific programme activities and projects. WMO RBB identifies regular resources that are needed to implement the Operating Plan, as well as voluntary resources for project initiatives that enhance the achievement of strategic key outcomes in priority areas. M&E are tools to measure the performance of the Organization in the timely

implementation of its Strategic Plan.

5. Sixteenth World Meteorological Congress (Geneva, 2011) approved the WMO Strategic Plan 2012-2015 (WMO-No. 1069), that will guide decision-making by the Organization and its constituent bodies during the period 2012-2015.
6. The WMO Operating Plan 2012–2015 provides details on key outcomes, deliverables and activities to achieve results defined in the WMO Strategic Plan and the WMO Compendium identifies activities to be funded through voluntary contribution.
7. The WMO Strategic Plan 2012-2015 focuses its strategic direction for the period 2012–2015 on five strategic thrusts (STs) that address three global societal needs (GSNs) to achieve eight expected results.
8. The three GSNs underscore the improved protection of life and property, poverty alleviation and economic growth, and sustainable use of natural resources and improved environmental quality. The five Organization-wide strategic thrusts include the importance of improving service quality and service delivery by advancing scientific research and application; strengthening capacity-building; building and enhancing partnerships and cooperation; and strengthening good governance.
9. Within the five Strategic Thrusts and eight Expected Results, WMO identified the following five priority areas that have significant contribution to the achievement of the expected results:
 - Global Framework for Climate Services (GFCS);
 - Aviation meteorological services;
 - CapacityBuilding for the developing and least developed countries;
 - Implementation of the WMO Integrated Global Observing System (WIGOS) and WMO Information System (WIS); and
 - Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR).
10. During the EC-65 (Geneva 2013), the presidents of regional associations (PRAs) made suggestions and conclusions regarding key priority areas including: Efforts to clarify the different ways contributions to the GFCS; Additional support for QMS and competency standards; DRR-related strategic planning; Sustainability in the implementation of DRR-related projects; Separate consideration of meteorological, hydrological and climate services; The Country Profile Database (CPDB); Capacity development and “Culture of Compliance”. PRAs also agreed to provide support on the Inter-governmental Board for Climate Services

including the designation of members of the Board, and the development/implementation of Regional WIGOS/WIS Implementation Plans.

11. At the fifteenth session of RA V, the Region agreed on the following five priority areas:
- Better climate services;
 - Sustainable aviation services;
 - Capacity building;
 - Improved infrastructure (data and information services) for weather, climate and water; and
 - Improved end-to-end Multi-Hazard Early Warning Systems (MHEWS).

Recommendations

The meeting is invited to:

1. Request the PMC members to understand the WMO Policies, Strategic Planning process, WMO SOP 2012-2015, and the Strategic Priority areas for more active participation in the related programmes and activities.
2. Advocate PMC members to contribute to the detailed activities to support the Regional Key Outcomes through approved work plans for the individual RA V subsidiary bodies as well as through the activities of the Scientific and Technical Programmes, Technical Commissions, and other WMO working groups.