

Agenda Item 13.2: Progress on the establishment of the WMO RA-V Pacific Islands Regional Climate Centre



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Pacific Meteorological Council Meeting

14-18 August 2017. Honiara, Solomon Islands

Progress on the establishment of the WMO RA-V Pacific Islands Regional Climate Centre

- Planning meeting
- Formulation of Implementation Plan
- Process for Establishment
- Recommendations



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Planning meeting

- RA-V WG CLS meeting, Honolulu, Hawaii, USA, 21-23 November 2016
 - Attended by representatives from WMO, NOAA/NWS, NIWA, BoM, CSIRO, SPREP, UPNG, UH and PNGNMS
 - Reviewed existing draft node/consortia proposal from PICS Panel (presented at PMC-3)
 - Mapped existing services in Pacific Islands region to RCC mandatory and highly recommended functions
 - Produced a skeleton IP (i.e. a table of functions and services)

Formulation of Implementation Plan

- A draft IP was fleshed out, using the Southeast Asian RCC Network IP as a template and incorporating the skeleton IP
- The draft IP was distributed to planning meeting attendees and others for review by their organisations
- A final IP was produced (PMC-4 WP13.2 Att1), with the following node/consortia structure:



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Node on Long-Range Forecasting: NIWA & BoM (co-leads)
METEO FRANCE, NOAA, UH, SPC & SPREP
(consortium members)

Node on Climate Monitoring: NOAA & UH (co-leads)
BoM, SPC, SPREP & NIWA (consortium
members)

Node on Operational Data Services: BoM (lead)
NOAA, UH, SPC & NIWA (consortium members)

Training Function: SPREP (lead)
NOAA, UPNG, BoM, NIWA, SPC & CSIRO
(consortium members)

Climate Projections Function: CSIRO (lead)
USGCRP, BoM & SPREP (consortium members)



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Process for Establishment (of Demonstration Phase)

- A letter was sent from the WMO PR of NZ (on behalf of the RCC implementation team) to PRs of countries of all the node/consortia institutions requesting institutional commitment for the 2-year demonstration phase
- Responses have now been received by all institutions
- PMC endorsement of establishment of the demonstration phase is to be requested at PMC-4, August 2017
- The chair of the WMO RA-V WG CLS will submit a request to the President of WMO RA-V for the 2-year demonstration period to begin as soon as possible

Recommendation

The Meeting is invited to:

- Note that the PICS Panel and the WMO RA-V WG CLS are working together to establish the PI RCC;
- Further note that considerable progress has been made on the development of and institutional commitment to the Implementation Plan; and
- Endorse the WMO RA-V Pacific Islands RCC Network Implementation Plan (document PMC-4 WP 13.2 Att 1) with a recommendation to the President of RA-V that the PI RCC 2-year demonstration phase begins as soon as possible.



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