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APPROVAL OF THE PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA

SUMMARY

DECISIONS/ACTIONS REQUIRED:

The Association is requested to approve the attached Appendix – Provisional Annotated Agenda.

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Provisional Annotated Agenda

PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA

1. OPENING OF THE SESSION

The fourteenth session of Regional Association I (Africa) will open at 10.00 a.m. in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, on 14 February 2007. Information on material arrangements for the session will be provided later.

2. ORGANIZATION OF THE SESSION

2.1 Consideration of the report on credentials

General Regulations 20 to 23 relate to this matter. A list of the representatives attending the session will be made available in accordance with Regulation 22, as soon as possible after the opening ceremony. This list will be based on the credentials received by the Secretary-General before the session and those handed to the Secretariat representative at the session.

To enable the Secretariat to send advance documentation relating to the session directly to the representatives of Members who will attend, it is desirable that the Secretariat of the Organization should be notified as long before the opening of the session as possible of the names of the persons who will constitute the delegations. This communication may be combined with the submission of credentials by sending the latter sufficiently in advance of the session to replace the preliminary notification.

2.2 Adoption of the agenda

General Regulation 173 indicates the items, which should normally be included in the provisional agenda. The version submitted to the session for approval will include the first provisional agenda and any other items, which may be submitted in accordance with subparagraph (8) of General Regulation 173.

In accordance with General Regulation 172, additional items for the agenda may be forwarded to the Secretariat before the session, but preferably not later than thirty days in advance. Explanatory memoranda should accompany such proposals. Working papers on additional items proposed by Members should also be provided by the Member concerned as early as possible, but preferably not later than sixty days before the opening of the session.

By virtue of General Regulation 175, the agenda may be amended at any time in the course of the session.

2.3 Establishment of committees

General Regulations 22 and 24 state that each constituent body may establish, for the duration of its session, a Credentials Committee, a Nomination Committee, a Drafting Committee, a Coordination Committee and such other committees as it deems necessary. General Regulations 22 and 26 to 31 indicate the composition, as appropriate and the functions relating to these committees.

The Association will decide when dealing with item 2.1 whether or not a Credentials Committee should be established.

In order to facilitate the election of officers, it is normal practice to set up a Nomination Committee.

Though the regulations provide for the establishment of a Drafting Committee for drawing up the text of decisions to be taken by the session, experience acquired during past sessions of the regional associations shows that the most expedient method is for each committee or sub-committee to establish its own arrangements for drafting the report to the plenary. Particular attention is called for in this connection to General Regulation 27, which stipulates that the decisions of the constituent bodies shall be adopted in their final form during the session.

The technical work of the session will be carried out by the working committees set up for this purpose. The final decision regarding the number and terms of reference of the committees should be made by the session, taking into consideration the final agenda and the number of participants.

To ensure proper coordination of the activities of the session, it is usual practice to set up a Coordination Committee, the composition of which is specified by General Regulation 28.

2.4 Other organizational matters

Under this item, the Association may wish to consider any other details relating to the organization of the session, which have not been dealt with under items 2.2 and 2.3, such as working hours of the meetings. Attention is invited to the decision made by the Executive Council at its fiftieth session (Geneva, June 1998) that no minutes of plenary meetings at sessions of regional associations should be prepared unless otherwise decided for specific items.

3. REPORT BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION

The report will deal with the activities of the Association since its thirteenth session. The Association normally will have a general discussion on the report by the president during a plenary meeting and refers any points requiring detailed study or subsequent action to the appropriate committee.

4. WORLD WEATHER WATCH (WWW) PROGRAMME - REGIONAL ASPECTS

4.1 The report of the chairperson of the Working Group on Planning and Implementation of the WWW (WG/PIW) in Region I

The Association will be invited to consider the report of the chairperson of the Working Group on Planning and Implementation of the WWW in Region I and proposals for the future work programme, based on the outcome of the fifth session of the working group, Nairobi, Kenya 25-26 October 2006. The Association will examine the results of the monitoring of the WWW operations (annual global and quarterly special monitoring). The Association may wish to provide specific guidance regarding regional activities of the WWW, in particular in respect to WWW System Support Activities.

4.2 Integrated Observing System (IOS), including Instruments and Methods of Observation Programme (IMOP) and reports of the Rapporteurs on Regional Aspects of Instruments Development, Related Training and Capacity Building and Rapporteurs on Solar Radiation

The Association will review the status of implementation of the surface-based and space-based components of the GOS in the Region, including the Regional Basic Synoptic Network (RBSN), the Regional Basic Climatological Network (RBCN) and other observing networks. The Association will be invited to consider and adopt a revised list of RBSN and RBCN stations.

The Association will also review the status of implementation of the IMOP, in particular specific aspects of the programme relevant to the Region. It will be invited to consider the report of the Co-rapporteurs on Regional Aspects of Instrument Development, Related Training and Capacity Building and the Rapporteur on Solar Radiation.

4.3 Information Systems and Services (ISS), including Telecommunications and Data Management (DM)

The Association will review the organization, implementation and future development of the Regional Meteorological Telecommunication Network (RMTN) in the Region and its components, i.e., circuits, satellite-based systems and complementary systems, including EMWIN, RANET and the Internet. The Association will consider the development of the WMO Information System (WIS), in accordance with Congress and EC decisions, and the participation of the Region.

The Association will review the status of the WWW Data Management in the Region, including regional aspects of codes and migration to table-driven codes. The Association will be informed of the current status of the Operational Information Service (OIS), providing access by Members to up-to-date information on the operation of the WWW. The Association will also consider matters related to radio frequencies for meteorological activities.

4.4 Data processing and Forecasting System (DPFS)

The Association will review the status of implementation of the DPFS in the Region, especially of RSMCs. It will, in particular, review progress in development of regional NWP Limited Area Models, the use of ensemble prediction systems, regional severe weather forecasting and implementation of environmental emergency response activities.

4.5 Tropical Cyclone Programme (TCP), including the report of the chairperson of the RA I Tropical Cyclone Committee (TCC)

The Association will be invited to consider the progress achieved and plans for implementation of the WMO TCP, in general and of the RA I Tropical Cyclone Committee's Programme for the South-West Indian Ocean, in particular. It will consider the report of the chairperson of the RA I Tropical Cyclone Committee.

5. WORLD CLIMATE PROGRAMME (WCP) - REGIONAL ASPECTS

5.1 Climate Programme Coordination and Support Activities (CPCSA) including the report of the chairman, Working Group on Climate Matters

The Association will be informed of the actions taken by the Secretariat to implement the decisions of Fourteenth Congress and the Executive Council concerning the coordination of the WCP and related international programmes and activities, the ongoing work of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP/UNFCCC) and the United Nations International Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD). Special emphasis will be given to the implementation of Regional Climate Centres (RCCs) in the Region.

The Association will be invited to consider the report of the chairperson of the Working Group on Climate Matters.

5.2 World Climate Data and Monitoring Programme (WCDMP)

The Association will be informed on the activities of the WCDMP in general and actions taken concerning capacity building in data management and data rescue with particular emphasis

on RA I. The session will also be informed on WCDMP deliverables in terms of provision of guidelines and technical documents. The session will be invited to consider decisions and recommendations aimed at enhancement of WCDMP activities in the Region.

5.3 World Climate Applications and Services Programme (WCASP), including Climate Information and Prediction Services (CLIPS)

The Association will be informed on the activities of the World Climate Applications and Services Programme (WCASP) and the CLIPS Project for RA I, including actions taken with respect to them such as training workshops, regional climate outlook forums (RCOF) and CLIPS Focal Point activities in, and any publications pertinent to, the Region. The session will be invited to consider and issue recommendations aimed at enhancement of WCASP and CLIPS activities relevant to the Region, including expansion of NMHS activities for priority socio-economic sectors, sustainability of RCOFs, cost-benefit analysis, skills in seasonal to interannual prediction, climate-related risk management, cross-cutting activities and interdisciplinary partnership building.

5.4 World Climate Research Programme (WCRP)

The Association will be informed of the progress in the implementation of the WCRP and in the developments in climate research in the Region. The Association will be invited to consider further regional and/or national actions in support of the WCRP.

5.5 Global Climate Observing System (GCOS)

The Association will be informed of the development by GCOS of the *Second Report on the Adequacy of Global Observing Systems for Climate in support of the UNFCCC* and the subsequent *Implementation Plan for the Global Observing System for Climate in Support of the UNFCCC* in response to requests from the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). It will also be informed of the latest status of the GCOS Regional Workshop Programme and the GCOS Cooperation Mechanism, as well as progress in improvement of the GSN and GUAN networks in the Region with the support of the GCOS Technical Support Projects.

6. ATMOSPHERIC RESEARCH AND ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME (AREP) - REGIONAL ASPECTS

6.1 Global Atmosphere Watch (GAW), including support to ozone and other environment-oriented conventions

A document will be presented outlining the perspective of GAW relevant to RA I. The Association will be provided with information on support to ozone and other environment-oriented conventions and in particular, the GAW Ozone, aerosol and gas monitoring and assessment.

6.2 World Weather Research Programme (WWRP), including THORPEX, Tropical Meteorology Research (TRM) and Weather Modification (WM)

The Association will be advised of the implementation of the WWRP, including THORPEX, TRM and WM.

6.3 Programmes on Physics and Chemistry of Clouds and Weather Modification Research (PCCWMR)

Information will be provided concerning the contributions of Members to ongoing PCCWMR activities as well as information of a global nature of interest to the Association.

7. APPLICATIONS OF METEOROLOGY PROGRAMME (AMP) - REGIONAL ASPECTS

7.1 Public Weather Services Programme (PWSP)

The Association will be invited to review the activities carried out under the PWSP since its last session and to provide guidance on the proposed actions contained in the document and in particular on the areas of high priority as identified by the Region.

7.2 Agricultural Meteorology Programme (AgMP), including the report of the chairperson, Working Group on Agricultural Meteorology

The Association will be informed on the activities of the AgMP in general and actions taken concerning the strengthening of operational agrometeorological services, training and capacity building with particular emphasis to the Region. The session will consider the report of the Chairperson, Working Group on Agricultural Meteorology. The session will be invited to consider decisions, and recommendations aimed at enhancement of AgMP activities in the Region.

7.3 Aeronautical Meteorology Programme (AeMP), including the report of the Rapporteur on Regional Aspects of the Aeronautical Meteorology Programme in RA I

The Association will be informed about activities carried out and those being planned under the AeMP with highlights on training, the implementation of the World Area Forecast System (WAFS) and the WMO AMDAR Programme in the Region. The session will also consider the report of the Rapporteur on Regional Aspects of the Aeronautical Meteorology Programme in RA I.

7.4 Marine Meteorology and Oceanography Programme (MMOP)

The Association will review progress in the implementation of the MMOP in the Region, based in part on the report and recommendations of the Co-rapporteurs on Regional Marine Meteorological Services. Results of the second session of JCOMM (Halifax, September 2005) of particular interest to RA I will also be presented to the Association, which will be expected to advise on future interactions with the Commission. Also outcomes from the fifty-eighth session of the WMO Executive Council, in particular concerning RA I, will be presented to the Association and will be discussed in detail. The session will consider the report of the Co-rapporteurs on Regional Marine Meteorological and Oceanographic Services in the RA I.

8. HYDROLOGY AND WATER RESOURCES PROGRAMME (HWRP) - REGIONAL ASPECTS INCLUDING THE REPORT OF THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE RA I WORKING GROUP ON HYDROLOGY (WGH)

The Association will be invited to review the status of implementation of the HWRP as it relates to the Region and to consider the report of the chairman of the RA I Working Group on Hydrology, including the reports of experts. The Association will also be informed of the outcomes of the last session of the Commission for Hydrology (2004), and will be called upon to comment on the implementation in the Region of the WMO Flood Forecasting Initiative and on the priority areas for the implementation of WMO Strategy on Education and Training in Hydrology.

9. EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAMME (ETRP) - REGIONAL ASPECTS, INCLUDING THE REPORT OF THE RAPPORTEURS ON EDUCATION AND TRAINING MATTERS

The Association will be invited to discuss the various education and training activities since the last session, in particular: surveying Members training needs and providing guidance;

training events organized/co-sponsored by WMO; sharing training resources and promoting distance learning; awarding and implementing fellowships. It will also be invited to consider the report of the Rapporteurs on Education and Training Matters and designate the Rapporteur for the next period.

10. TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROGRAMME (TCOP) - REGIONAL ASPECTS

The Association will review the technical cooperation activities funded with different schemes, including the WMO Voluntary Cooperation Programme (VCP) and related activities implemented during the reporting period in the Region, and provide guidance on future activities, particularly on the development and implementation of partnerships with funding institutions, development partners and national governments.

11. WMO PROGRAMME FOR THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES (LDCs)

The Association will be informed of the WMO's Programme for the Least Developed Countries (LDCs). The Association will be invited to provide input and guidance on ways of strengthening the NMHSs in the LDCs with indications of priority programmes.

12. NATURAL DISASTER PREVENTION AND MITIGATION (DPM) PROGRAMME - REGIONAL ASPECTS

The Association will be informed of the activities on natural disaster risk reduction developed since the last Congress. The Association will also be informed on the decisions of EC-LVII related to the approval of the DPM Implementation Plan and activities underway for the implementation, which will be developed at regional level in collaboration with the Members. In this context, the Association will also be invited to consider the establishment of a Regional Working Group on Natural Disaster Prevention and Mitigation.

13. WMO SPACE PROGRAMME - REGIONAL ASPECTS

The Association will be invited to review activities within the WMO Space Programme including relevant results from the fifty-sixth, fifty-seventh and fifty-eighth sessions of the Executive Council, the fourth, fifth and sixth sessions of the WMO Consultative Meetings on High-level Policy on Satellite Matters, and the thirteenth session of the Commission for Basic Systems.

14. INFORMATION AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS (IPA) PROGRAMME - REGIONAL ASPECTS

The Association will be invited to consider ways and means of enhancing and supporting the activities of the Information and Public Affairs (IPA) Programme both nationally and regionally. The Association may wish to designate a regional IPA Focal Point. The Focal Point would be the team leader of a core group of IPA Focal Points of NMHSs, which would assist the Secretariat in promoting the image of WMO and NMHSs at regional level. Enhanced outreach activities will increase the visibility of NMHSs. They will foster public awareness about the crucial role meteorology and operational hydrology play in the protection of the environment, socio-economic development, natural disaster prevention and mitigation. The Association will be informed about activities implemented under the WMO Global Communication Strategy with the goal of building support for the activities of NMHSs.

15. LONG-TERM PLANNING (LTP) - REGIONAL ASPECTS

The Association will be informed on developments relating to the implementation of the Sixth WMO Long-term Plan (6LTP) and the preparation of the WMO Strategic Plan 2008-2011. It

will be invited to provide its views relating to the long-term planning process, particularly the contribution of RA I in the process.

16. EMERGING ISSUES AND SPECIFIC CHALLENGES

16.1 Brainstorming with emphasis on special concerns of the Region

The Association will identify and discuss the special concerns of the Region, in particular, the ways for enhancement of regional cooperation in order to contribute to better services provided by NMHSs throughout the Region and to optimize the use of their resources. The discussions will serve as input to the implementation of the Strategic Action Plan for the Development of Meteorology in the African Region 2000-2009.

16.2 Group on Earth Observation (GEO) Process

The Association will be informed of the status of WMO activities resulting from the first Earth Summit convened in the United States of America, July 2003, as well as those related to the new intergovernmental Group on Earth Observations (GEO) established at the third Earth Observation Summit (EOS III) held in Brussels on 16 February 2005. Included will be a summary of the process made towards the implementation of the new Global Earth Observing System of Systems (GEOSS) as endorsed at the EOS III and described in the GEOSS 10- Year Implementation Plan as associated Reference Plan.

16.3 Evaluation of socio-economic benefits

The association will be briefed about the activities of WMO as regards social and economic benefits of NMHSs. In particular, an update will be given on the process leading to the WMO International Conference "SECURE AND SUSTAINABLE LIVING: Social and Economic Benefits of Weather, Climate and Water Services", which is planned to take place in Madrid, Spain from 19 to 23 March 2007. The Association will be invited to give views on potential contributions from the Region to the international event.

16.4 International exchange of data and products

The Association will be informed of recent developments relating to the international exchange of meteorological and related data and products; it may wish to provide advice and comments in this connection.

16.5 WMO Quality Management Framework (QMF)

The Association will be informed of the status of activities and plans relating to the development of the WMO QMF, in accordance with Congress and EC decisions, and will be invited to consider any QMF issues specific to the Members in the Region.

16.6 Evolution of WMO and NMHSs – Regional Aspects

The Association will be updated about issues relating to the work of the EC Working Group on the Evolution of NMHSs and WMO, especially in connection with revision of statements on the role and operation of NMSs, administration of questionnaire of NMHSs, advisory service to NMHSs on interaction with users, WMO structure and proposed changes to the Convention, among others. The Association will be invited to provide comments on these issues, particularly on the role of regional associations.

16.7 Millennium Development Goals (MDG)

The Association will be informed on the activities undertaken to enhance WMO's and NMHS's contribution to the relevant MDGs and related targets. The Association may provide guidance on policy and operational activities to further develop and promote weather-, climate- and water-related services in support of the MDGs in a more visible way.

17. OTHER REGIONAL ACTIVITIES

17.1 Strategic Plan for the Development of NMS in RA I (Africa)

The Association will be invited to provide input into the development of the Strategic Action Plan for the Development of Meteorology in the Africa region 2000-2009.

17.2 Cooperation with regional and international organizations

The session will be invited to review aspects of cooperation between the Association and regional and international organizations not covered under other agenda items, and suggest ways to further enhance this cooperation.

17.3 Seventh Technical Conference in Management of Meteorological Services in RA I.

The Association will be informed of the outcomes of the Seventh Technical Conference on Management of Meteorological Services in Regional Association I (Brazzaville, December 2004) and may wish to provide guidance on the topics to be discussed at the Eighth Technical Conference on Management of Meteorological Services in Regional Association I.

17.4 Preparation for the Fifteenth WMO Congress

The Association will review the preparations for the Fifteenth WMO Congress due to be held in 2007, in particular, to provide views on issues on regional aspects.

17.5 Internal Matters of the Association

The Association will be invited to discuss internal issues concerning the activities of the Association, including review of the work of its subsidiary bodies and to consider further improvement of their performance.

18. WMO REGIONAL AND SUBREGIONAL OFFICES FOR AFRICA

The Association will be informed on the activities of the Regional Office including the Subregional Offices in RA I. The Association is invited to give its views, in particular on the role of the Regional Office.

19. SCIENTIFIC LECTURES AND DISCUSSIONS

Arrangements will be made for organizing scientific lectures during the session. Further information will be made available in due course.

20. REVIEW OF PREVIOUS RESOLUTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ASSOCIATION AND OF RELEVANT EXECUTIVE COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS

The Association will be invited to review the resolutions and recommendations adopted before its fourteenth session and the relevant resolutions of the Executive Council, with a view to

deciding which of them should be kept in force and which should be considered out of date. A document on this subject will be presented by the Secretariat as a basis for discussions.

21. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Association should elect a president and a vice-president to hold office until the end of the next session of the Association. Details regarding eligibility and procedures for election are given in Regulations 11, 26, 79 to 82, 84, 86, 89, and 167(a) of the General Regulations as well as the relevant provisions of Resolution 37 (Cg-XI) concerning the eligibility of candidates for these offices.

22. DATES AND PLACE OF THE FIFTEENTH SESSION

Regulations 168, 169(a) and 170 of the General Regulations are relevant to this item. It would be advantageous if Members of the Association attending the session could present an invitation from their governments for hosting the fifteenth session, taking into consideration the provisions of Regulation 17 of the General Regulations. The Association may wish to record any such invitations or suggestions in the report of the session.

23. CLOSURE OF THE SESSION

The fourteenth session of Regional Association I (Africa) is scheduled to close on 23 February 2007.
