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Status report of the RA-V Task Team on Satellite Utilization

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Summary and Purpose of Document

To provide an update on the activities of the RA-V Task Team on Satellite Utilization.

ACTION PROPOSED

The session is invited to note the information provided.

DISCUSSION

1. The WMO RA-V Task Team on Satellite User Requirements (as it was previously named) held two workshops during the 4th Asia Oceania Meteorological Satellite Users Conference (AOMSUC) in 2013. The purpose of the workshops was to determine the requirements and priorities for access and exchange of satellite data and products by users in RA V, to identify practical solutions to addressing these requirements, and to identify points of contact to continue the dialogue with WMO members in the area.
 2. The workshops identified a need for improved communication across the Region, and as a result, the Melbourne VLab Centre of Excellence has run monthly online Regional Focus Group meetings since early 2014. These meetings are a forum for news and information exchange on topics such as data access and training, and are regularly attended by approximately 20 people from across RA-V.
 3. Based on feedback collected at the workshops, and advice from satellite experts in the VLab Centre of Excellence, the TT-SUR has compiled a set of prioritised requirements for satellite observations for the region.
 4. With the commencement of the new term of the RA-V Task Team for Satellite Utilization in late 2014, planning for the team's activities is underway. In order to better capture satellite requirements and access issues in the Region, the Task Team will be seeking new team members from within RA-V. Invitations have been sent to "satellite champions" in RA-V, seeking their participation in the Task Team.
 5. The Task Team's workplan for 2015 will be to:
 - a) increase Regional representation on the team
 - b) revise the Terms of Reference of the Task Team
 - c) create a dedicated website for the RA-V TT-SU
 - d) review and finalise the compiled set of prioritised requirements for satellite observations (using the template recommended by ET-SUP)
 - e) identify any barriers that impede the effective use of important data streams such as Himawari, and
 - f) develop a report with recommendations that address issues related to access and utilisation of satellite data in RA-V.
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