

Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso, 23 to 25 September 2015

PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA

1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

- 1.1 Opening statements by the host, chairperson and WMO Secretariat representative
- 1.2 Organization of the meeting

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

- 2.1 Review and adoption of the agenda

3. CLIMATE DATA AND MONITORING

- 3.1 Annual Climate Statement for Africa

WMO with ACMAD issued the first issue of this publication on the state of African climate in 2013 to demonstrate its feasibility. In light of resolution 6 (RA I-16) on launching the annual statement of the status of the climate in the African region, this item focuses on recommendation of an optimal mechanism to pursue the implementation of this resolution.

- 3.2 Climate data management

The Working Group is invited to review the status of Climate Data Management System (CDMS) development and make arrangements to provide a report on the status of implementation in the region in the coming RA I session. The Working group may wish to recommend a mechanism by which a regular update can be made on the operational status of CDMS in RA I countries.

- 3.3 Data rescue

In light of the outcomes of the first meeting of CCI-16/ET-DARE on data rescue activities the Working Group may wish to recommend a mechanism to monitor their status in the region and how Members can avail of on-going initiatives in this area.

4. REGIONAL CLIMATE CENTERS (RCC)

- 4.1 RCC designation

The Working Group plays an important role in reviewing the results of RCC demonstration phases and making recommendations to the president of RA I regarding formal designation of RCCs as WMO centers. The Group may wish to request status reports from RCCs and RCC aspirants through the RA I president.

4.2 Regional Climate Outlook Forum (RCOF) coordination and capacity development

There is a need for better coordination of RCOFs in RA I, to ensure that best practices are followed in their operations, and to promote the effective utilization of RCOF outputs in the participant countries. The conduct of National COFs (NCOFs) and National Climate Forums (NCFs) also needs to be promoted. The Working Group may also wish to consider devising a strategy for in-country training for climate services, which can also feed into NCOF/NCF development and also country contributions to RCC/RCOF operations and use of related products.

5. GLOBAL FRAMEWORK FOR CLIMATE SERVICES IMPLEMENTATION

5.1 Stocktaking of climate services capacities

It would be useful for the Working Group to document where each of the RA I members are in terms of climate services provision. The Group may wish to consider formulating recommendations on how to collect and process this information, at least on a sub-regional basis, as a basis for targeting assistance for developing climate services.

5.2 Guidance for identification of priority climate services and stakeholders

The user community in the Africa region comprises a large number of stakeholders in the informal sectors such as agriculture, fisheries as compared with, say the aviation sector. This can complicate the identification and provision of high-priority climate services. Guidance from the Working Group on engaging with key stakeholder constituencies to identify, develop and provide priority climate services with widespread benefits would assist with establishing and meeting the needs of informed and responsive users in RA I.

6. REVIEW OF ADDITIONAL RA I-16 RESOLUTIONS

7. TERMS OF REFERENCE AND INITIAL WORK PLAN

7.1 Review of generic terms of reference

7.2 Draft terms of reference

7.3 Draft initial work plan

8. DATE AND PLACE OF THE NEXT MEETING

9. CLOSURE OF THE SESSION
