

Sustaining National Meteorological Services – Strengthening WMO Regional and Global Centres

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PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

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Tuesday, 18th June 2013			
DAY 1			
Opening remarks			
0900-0930	On behalf of NOAA National Weather Service	Louis Uccellini, NOAA/NWS Director	30 mins
	On behalf of World Meteorological Organization	Jerry Lengoasa, WMO Deputy Secretary-General	
	On behalf of World Bank	Zoubida Allaoua, World Bank, Director of Urban and Disaster Risk Management Department	
Introduction to Workshop			
0930-1000	Overview of the WMO's Global Data-processing and Forecasting System (GDPFS) and how it contributes to WMO's High Priorities; Objectives of workshop, expected outcomes, highlights of the agenda, participants, etc.	Jerry Lengoasa, WMO/DSG, chairperson of the Steering Committee	30 mins
1000-1030	GROUP PHOTO; COFFEE / TEA BREAK		30 minutes
Overview of global system and impact of advances in NWP on NMHSs' operations			
1030-1100	Conference Paper 1 – Anticipated advances in NWP, and the growing technology gap in weather forecasting	Ken Mylne, CBS/DPFS chairperson	30 mins
1100-1130	Leverage the scientific developments in NWP on what can result in significant impacts on safety (life, livelihoods and properties), health, environment and economy	William Lapenta, NOAA/EMC Director, representing WGNE	30 mins
1130-1200	Needs and requirements by NMHSs in developing countries in fulfilling their mandate of providing weather forecasts, warnings and other information for public welfare, and for the protection of life and property; and their interactions with regional centres	Fiji rep	30 mins
1200-1230	Panel Discussion 1 – aim is to understand how the GDPFS could better mitigate the growing technology gap in weather forecasting; how do we bridge the gap between those who have the capacity and knowledge and those who don't?	Geoff Love, facilitator <u>Panellists:</u> Jerry Lengoasa (WMO), Ken Mylne (CBS/DPFS), William Lapenta (WGNE), and Fiji rep (NMHS)	30 mins
1230-1400	LUNCH BREAK		90 minutes

Strengthening and sustaining WMO operational centres			
1400-1500	Conference Paper 2 – SWFDP and its future directions towards strengthening/sustaining WMO's operational centres	Alice Soares, WMO	60 mins
1500-1530	Panel Discussion 2, followed by General Discussion – this will focus on some of the challenges facing global and regional centres, and will allow short presentations from panellists on specific aspects related to SWFDP implementation (<i>session could end at 1730</i>)	Geoff Love, facilitator <u>Panellists:</u> Alice Soares (WMO), Rob Varley (UK global centre), Mark Majodina (RSMC Pretoria), Peter Lennox (RSMC Wellington)	30 mins
1530-1600	COFFEE / TEA BREAK		30 minutes
1600-1700	Panel Discussion, followed by General Discussion (Cont.)	Geoff Love, facilitator <u>Panellists:</u> Alice Soares (WMO), Rob Varley (UK global centre), Mark Majodina (RSMC Pretoria), Peter Lennox (RSMC Wellington)	60 mins
1700	END OF DAY 1		
1800-2100	Reception (“Networking and Informal Discussions”)		
Wednesday, 19 June 2013			
DAY 2			
What NMHSs need from regional and global centres to serve better their national needs			
0900-1000	Invited presentations from developing countries' NMHSs on needs (representing: SIDS, coastal country, land-lock country) (<i>other presentations may be considered, time permitting</i>)	Reps from Sri Lanka, Mozambique, Uganda	60 mins
1000-1030	COFFEE / TEA BREAK		30 minutes
1030-1100	Panel Discussion 3 – This will focus on some of the issues presented in the previous sessions from developing countries NMHSs perspective. This will touch on the some of the broader issues of modernization needs, training and national financing of operations.	Geoff Love, facilitator <u>Panellists:</u> Joseph Mukabana (RSMC Nairobi), Reps from Sri Lanka, Mozambique, Uganda	30 mins
1100-1230	VISIT TO NOAA/NCEP		90 minutes
1230-1400	LUNCH BREAK		90 minutes
What NMHSs need from regional and global centers to serve better their national needs - continued			
1400-1430	Conference Paper 3 - SWFDP regional frameworks and their impact in Developing and Least Developed Countries	Eugene Poolman (RSMC Pretoria)	30 mins

1430-1530	Panel Discussion 4 – Presentations and discussion from RSMCs of challenges and opportunities	Geoff Love, facilitator <u>Panellists:</u> Eugene Poolman (RSMC Pretoria), Joseph Mukabana (RSMC Nairobi), Peter Lennox (RSMC Wellington), YEA Raj (RSMC New Delhi), Pham Van Tan (RFSC Ha Noi)	60 mins
1530-1600	COFFEE / TEA BREAK		30 minutes
1600-1700	Continuation of Panel Discussion	Geoff Love, facilitator	60 mins
1700	END OF DAY 2		
Thursday, 20 June 2013			
DAY 3			
Financing NMHSs and RSMCs			
0900-0930	Conference Paper 4 – Financial implications and investment options to support regional frameworks	WB	30 mins
0930-1000	General Discussion	Geoff Love, facilitator	30 mins
1000-1030	COFFEE / TEA BREAK		30 minutes
Towards a plan of action (“Declaration”)			
1030-1200	Panel Discussion 5 – on way forward. Panel should discuss from different perspectives and from the current realities of RSMCs and support for developing countries, including actual costs	Geoff Love, facilitator <u>Panellists:</u> World Bank, WMO/RMO, any other donors (if represented)	90 mins
1200-1230	Wrap-up session (report back to conference participants on next steps)	WMO, with support from Geoff Love (facilitator)	30 mins
1230-1400	LUNCH BREAK and End of Formal Workshop		90 minutes
Drafting group			
1400-1530	Writing assignments	Steering committee	90 mins
1530-1600	COFFEE / TEA BREAK		30 minutes
1600-1700	As required by steering committee	Steering committee	60 mins
1700	END OF DAY 3		