

APPENDIX B: PROGRESS REPORT FOR INFORMATION NOT TO BE INCLUDED IN THE GENERAL SUMMARY

SUMMARY OF THE REPORT BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION

Introduction

1. This report covers the period from the fifteenth session of the Association to April 2014.

Members of the Association

2. The number of Members of the Association is 23 with Tuvalu becoming a Member of WMO on 22 September 2012.

Officers of the Association

3. Dr Sri Woro B. Harijono (Indonesia) and Mr 'Ofa Fa'anunu (Tonga) served as president and vice-president of the Association, respectively.

Subsidiary bodies of the Association

4. At its fifteenth session, the Association established the Management Group, the Tropical Cyclone Committee (TCC) and four Working Groups on: Infrastructure (WG-INFR); Weather Services (WG-WXS); Climate Services (WG-CLS); and Hydrological Services (WG-HYS). The Management Group, TCC and working groups worked satisfactorily.

5. The future working mechanism, including the (re-)establishment of working groups, will be discussed at the sixteenth session of the Association [*ref. RA V-16/Doc. 5.3(1)*].

Major regional events and outcomes

6. During the period of the report, a number of seminars, workshops and other events were organized or hosted by WMO and its Members. Members of the Association actively participated in these events [*ref. RA V-16/INF. 3*].

WMO Regional Office for Asia and the South-West Pacific and the WMO Office for the South-West Pacific

7. The Regional Office for Asia and the South-West Pacific, located at the WMO Headquarters in Geneva, has been providing effective support to NMHSs in their efforts to enhance their services as well as to the president, vice-president and subsidiary bodies of the Association in discharging their responsibilities.

8. The WMO Office for the South-West Pacific, located in Apia, Samoa has been facilitating implementation of WMO regional events, maintaining close contact with Members, providing support to meet requirements of Members in the Region and also to address WMO cross-cutting Programmes with relevant regional organizations and UN system agencies. [*The activities of the Regional Office and the WMO Office for the South-West Pacific are presented in RA V-16/Doc. 8.*]

Missions of the president

9. In her capacity as the president of RA V, Dr Harijono attended the Sixteenth Congress, the sessions of the Executive Council and meetings of the Financial Advisory Committee and the WMO Bureau as well as the Meetings of Presidents of Regional Associations and Joint Meetings of the Presidents of Regional Associations and Presidents of Technical Commissions.

Future work of the Association

10. Human resources and institutional capacity development would continue to be a high priority for Region V especially for developing countries, LDCs and SIDS.

11. High priority should also be given to the following activities:

- (a) Quality management, competency, and cost recovery especially in developing countries, LDCs and SIDS;
- (b) Implementation of the RA V SOP 2012-2015 and the development of the RA V Operating Plan 2016-2019, as a contribution to the WMO OP 2016-2019 [*ref. RA V-16/Doc. 5.2 and INF. 5.2*];
- (c) Execution of the Regional WIGOS Implementation Plan for RA V and the Regional WIS Implementation Plan for RA V;
- (d) Further development of SEA-HYCOS and Pacific-HYCOS projects;
- (e) Establishment of an RA V RCC network, which will contribute to the implementation of GFCS at national and regional levels.

12. Members and WMO should also give high priority to non-tropical cyclone related extreme weather events in order to be able to address the future challenges.

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13. The president of the Association would like to express her appreciation and gratitude to all those who have contributed to the work of the Association. Particular thanks are due to the vice-president, Mr 'Ofa Fa'anunu, and the Chairpersons, Leads and members of subsidiary bodies of the Association. Thanks are due to the Members of the Association who have hosted various meetings, conferences and training events during the intersessional period.

14. The president would also like to express her deep gratitude and appreciation to the Secretary-General of WMO and to the Secretariat, in particular the Regional Office for Asia and the South-West Pacific and the WMO Office for the South-West Pacific, for their valuable support and advice in the work of the Association.
