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Annex: 1 (available in English only)

Subject: Eighteenth session of the WMO RA V Tropical Cyclone Committee (RA V TCC-18),  
28-31 July 2020

Dear Sir/Madam,

The WMO Regional Association V (RA V) had called for biennial sessions of the RA V Tropical Cyclone Committee (RA V TCC) for the South Pacific and South-East Indian Ocean (Resolution 15, RA V-17, Nuku'alofa, Tonga 15-17 October 2018). The Government of Tonga has agreed to host the RA V TCC-18 in Tonga, from 28 to 31 July 2020.

However, due to the worldwide pandemic of COVID-19, it has been decided to conduct the RA V TCC-18 in the same week as indicated above, but in the form of videoconference with a series of three meetings:

DAY 1: Tuesday 28 July 2020, 01-03 UTC – 2 hours  
DAY 2: Wednesday 29 July 2020, 01-03 UTC – 2 hours  
DAY 3: Friday 31 July 2020, 02-03 UTC – 1 hour

One day in between Day 2 and Day 3 will allow the preparation of the draft final report to be reviewed the last day.

Since some items of the agenda for the session are related to the activities of your Organization, I am pleased to invite you to nominate an expert from your organization to attend the RA V TCC-18 session via the series of videoconferences, as an observer. Please find attached herewith the draft shortened agenda for the session (Annex II), which will focus on the key issues. The documents will be made available in due course at the session website.

For administrative purposes, I should be grateful if you could notify the WMO Secretariat **on or before 23 June 2020** of the attendance of your nominated expert.

Yours faithfully,

(E. Manaenkova)  
for the Secretary-General

To: Heads, International Organizations (limited distribution)

cc: Mr 'Ofa Fa'anunu, President of RA V, Fua'amotu, Tonga  
Mr Chris Noble, Chairperson of RA V Tropical Cyclone Committee, Wellington, New Zealand



**World Meteorological Organization**  
**RA V TROPICAL CYCLONE COMMITTEE**  
**EIGHTEENTH SESSION**

Videoconference  
28, 29, 31 July 2020

**RA V/TTC-18/Annex II**

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**ANNEX II: DRAFT SHORTENED AGENDA**

DAY 1: Tuesday 28 July 2020, 01-03 UTC – 2 hours  
DAY 2: Wednesday 29 July 2020, 01-03 UTC – 2 hours  
DAY 3: Friday 31 July 2020, 02-03 UTC – 1 hour

**DAY 1. Tuesday 28 July 2020, 01-03 UTC, 2 hours**

Item nr	Time UTC	Item	Who	Duration (min)	Comments
1	01.00 – 01.10	Welcome comments & housekeeping	President RA V (Ofa Faanunu) Chairperson (Chris Noble) WMO Secretariat	10	Brief
2	01.10-01.15	Report of the Chairperson	Chris Noble	5	
3	01.15-02.30	TC Harold – Lessons learned + Potential challenges due to COVID-19	1. TCWC Brisbane 2. RSMC Nadi 3. Solomon Islands 4. Vanuatu 5. Tonga	75 (5 x 15min: 10 min presentation + 5 min questions)	
4	02.30-03.00	Discussion on operational concerns part 1. Information gathering, position formed.  Updates from BoM - BoM transformation and implications for Australian TCWCs; - Consult on decommissioning a registered user page for TC-ACCESS model data that we have access to via SWFDDP)	All TCWC Brisbane	30	

**DAY 2. Wednesday 29 July 2020, 01-03 UTC, 2 hours**

Item nr	Time - UTC	Item	Who	Duration	Comments
5a	01.00-01.15	TCOP – summary of updates incl names proposed to be retired	David Grant/Stephen Meke	15	
5b		TCOP Ratification	ALL	5	
6	01.15-01.30	RSMC Nadi Operational Update, product/service changes, incl SSWS	RSMC Nadi (Misa Funaki/Stephen Meke)	15 (10min +5min questions)	

7	01.30-01.45	SWFDDP – update from RSMT	James Lunny	15 (10min +5min questions)	
8	01.45-01-55	Training – update from BoM on VLAB and next SH TC course 2021	Joe Courtney Anne-Claire Fontan	10	
9	01-55-02.05	WMO update on regional matters of relevance to RAV	WMO	10	Focused comments, relevant to RA V and TCC in particular
10	02.05-03.00	Discussion on operational concerns – part 2: Conclusion. General Discussion of the topics addressed	ALL	55	

On Thursday, the DRAFT final report will be provided by WMO Secretariat for review on the Friday.

**DAY 3, Friday 31 July 2020, 02-03 UTC – 1 hour**

Item nr	Time - UTC	Item	Who	Duration	Comments
11		Discussion on the dates of the F2F TCC-18 or F2F TCC-19 and whether session to be annual or to remain biannual	ALL	10	
12		Review of the DRAFT final report	ALL	40	
13		Summary of actions and conclusion	WMO Secretariat /Chris Noble	10	