



Our ref.: SG/DSG/P.RAs-P.TCs

GENEVA, 23 July 2012

Subject: Perspectives on improving interaction between regional associations and WMO technical commissions

Dear Sir/Madam,

As agreed during the 2012 Joint Meeting of Presidents of Regional Associations (PRAs) and Presidents of Technical Commissions (PTCs), Geneva, 28 June 2012, please provide your written perspectives on the subject of enhancing cooperation between RAs and TCs. Your input should be sent to Mr Kaliba Konaré, Director of the LDC Programme and Regional Coordination Office (kkonare@wmo.int) and be received **by 30 September 2012**. You are encouraged to consult within your Regional Association or Commission Management Group and others that you deem appropriate. Please note that the input that will be received will be submitted to the EC Working Group on Strategic and Operational Planning (EC-WG/SOP) for consideration and submission to EC-65 following its refinement at a meeting to be held on 28 October 2012 in Geneva preceding the Extraordinary WMO Congress.

Your perspectives are sought as follows:

1. Please indicate what steps, in your view, RAs and TCs should take to enhance cooperation at various levels of interaction (There is no restriction on the number of words you may choose to use).

(i) Constituent Body Level

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(ii) Management Group Level

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(iii) Working Group/Task Team

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(iv) Expert Level etc.

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To: Presidents of regional associations (P.RA-1743)  
Presidents of technical commissions (P.TC-1726)

2. Provide a case study or examples of successful PTC/PRA coordination with a clear indication of the elements that made it successful (using the working levels above)

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(iii) Working Group/Expert Level etc.

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3. What key recommendation(s) would you propose to enhance cooperation between TCs and RAs for:

- a. Planning
- b. Implementation

4. Following the adoption of Resolution 2.4/1 (EC-64), "Review of the Role and Responsibilities of Regional Associations", in which EC requested the EC Working Group on WMO Strategic and Operational Plans (EC-WG/SOP) to review the provisions relating to the functions, roles and responsibilities of RAs, kindly reflect on the Terms of Reference (ToRs), roles and responsibilities of Regional Associations and indicate what you would wish to propose to EC-WG/SOP, in this regard, for their consideration. (Note: The "WMO Convention and General Regulations" defines the current roles and responsibilities of RAs.)

TORs: \_\_\_\_\_

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Roles: \_\_\_\_\_

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Responsibilities: \_\_\_\_\_

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Yours faithfully,



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President of WMO