World Meteorological Organization Meeting of Heads of

Regional Training Centres

Barbados, 2 November 2017

Annotated Agenda

# 09.00-09.30

# 1: Welcome and introduction-

The meeting will be opened by a representative of the host country. The WMO Assistant Secretary General, Dr W. Zhang, will be invited to make his opening remarks. Representatives of training institutions will be invited to make brief comments.

# 09.30-10.00

# 2. Update on WMO activities with emphasis on Education and Training and reports on activities of RTCs

Director, ETR Office, Dr Yinka Adebayo, will refer the meeting to the reports (already in our Moodle site, see http://etrp.wmo.int/moodle/course/view.php?id=137#section-5 ) on WMO activities and activities of the RTCs with emphasis on education and training. Participants will be invited to comment on how to improve on exchange of information and reporting.

# 10.00-10-30 Coffee/Tea Break

# 10.30-11-00

# 3. Presentation on Management Training

There will be a short presentation on management training, which is expected to attract brief comments and some recommendations.

**11.00-12.30**

**3 The evolving roles and activities of WMO RTCs**

The reports presented under Agenda Item 2 and 3, the outcomes of SYMET-XIII and a WMO document (see http://etrp.wmo.int/moodle/course/view.php?id=137#section-5), will form the basis for discussions on the following issues:

i) Management and strategic planning,

ii) Exchange of resources and relationships among RTCs, and with other training institutions in their respective regions;

iii) Programme development and relationships with WMO technical programmes and other affiliate institutions

iv) Feasibility of the WMO Global Campus, legal implications, and impacts on RTCs and the quality of training in meteorology and hydrology together with the related geosciences.

v) Use of the new “Guide to the Management and Operation of WMO Regional Training Centres and Other Training Institutions” (WMO-No. 1169)

vi) Programme development to support competencies and qualifications (WMO-No.49 Vol I, part V),

vii) Resource mobilization and support to fellowships and training,

viii) National, regional and global training responsibilities/undertakings, including interactions with Regional Associations,

ix) Maintenance of standards, performance evaluation and external review,

x) Reporting to WMO and public outreach,

xi) Challenges facing RTCs in a world faced with rapid evolutions in technology and demands for user-oriented services ,

xii) Research and development as a means for improving services and further understanding of the global climate system, and

xiii) Future directions.

# 12:30 – 14:00 Lunch Break

# 14.00-15.30

# 4. Continuation of discussions on the evolving roles and activities of WMO RTCs and training partners

# 15:30 – 16:00 Coffee/Tea Break

# 16.00-17.00

**5- Continuation of discussions on the evolving roles and activities of WMO RTCs and training partners**

# 17.00-17.30

# 5- Conclusions, Recommendations and Way forward

The discussions will focus on developing conclusions, recommendations, way forward and action plan based on the document presented for discussion.

# 6 Closing

The D/ETR and the host shall make closing remarks.