Summary of the Outcomes of the World Meteorological Organization Meeting

of Heads of Regional Training Centres (RTC)

Barbados, 2 November 2017

The meeting reflected on a number of issues and came up with the following recommendations/observations:

1. The Management Development Training resource material being developed by the WMO ETR Office be published as a WMO Information Note in the first quarter of 2018 and shared with RTCs and other training institutions. D/ETR agreed to respond as soon as development is concluded. He also advised that additional materials are planned for development on the topic of air quality;
2. When a review of the BIP-M and BIP-MT is undertaken, consider including learning outcomes related to management development;
3. RTCs to consider running management development courses;
4. The RTCs create a list and regularly update it of national/regional institutional specialities in all WMO priority areas. This list to contain contact addresses and advise whether the institutions are willing to share resources;
5. Strongly recommended that RTCs and other training institutions share resources and strive to develop relationships to advance training and capacity development in their respective regions and beyond where possible;
6. Concluded that RTCs must take into account the rapid changes in technology and user-orientated services whilst developing and revising their education and training programmes;
7. Strongly recommended that operationalization of the WMO Global Campus is fast tracked and that WMO consider seeking regional consultation in the development;
8. Recommended that if they have not already done so RTCs must align their programmes to support the WMO competency and qualification frameworks and provide participant documentation that could be used in their home services to show what sections of the various competency frameworks had been addressed in the training intervention;
9. Strongly recommended that RTCs actively participate in raising resources for fellowships and other education and training activities;
10. Noted that due to low bandwidth it could be difficult to use complex web and other online interfaces and thus the meeting recommended that participants use their influence to request software interfaces that included an option suitable for low bandwidth connections;
11. Encouraged RTCs to follow the rapid evolution in technology and changes in services wherever possible and where this was not possible to strategize on how to overcome capacity issues;
12. Encouraged the RTCs to collect research results of institutions cooperating with the RTCs and make them available to their students and other RTCs where appropriate. The meeting requested RTCs to encourage research institutions to develop new services and products;
13. Encouraged RTCs to share their documents/information with the ETR Office who will consider them for global circulation.

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