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Typhoon Committee
Forty-second Session
25-29 January 2010
Singapore

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Opening of the session

The Forty-second session of the Typhoon Committee will be held at Parkroyal on Beach Road, Singapore and the opening ceremony will take place at 9:00 a.m. on 25 January 2010.

2. Election of officers

The Committee shall elect among its representatives a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson for the Forty-second session. Rule 6 of the rules of procedure of the Typhoon Committee states: "The Committee shall, at its meeting of the year, elect among its representatives a Chairman and Vice-Chairman who shall hold office until their successors are elected. They shall be eligible for re-election."

3. Adoption of the Agenda

The provisional agenda (WRD/TC.42/L.1) has been prepared by the Typhoon Committee Secretariat (TCS) in close consultation with ESCAP and WMO. Representatives of participating Governments may propose additions or changes to the agenda if they so desire.

4. Parallel working sessions of Meteorological, Hydrological and Disaster Prevention and Preparedness Working Groups

The Committee, at its forty-first session, decided to re-establish three Working Groups on Meteorological, Hydrological and Disaster Prevention and Preparedness Components and to convene three separate working sessions of the three Working Groups in parallel aiming at (a) enhancing the level of advancement and capacity of various National Meteorological and Hydrological Services (NMHSs) as stipulated in the corresponding goals of the Typhoon Committee Strategic Plan (TCSP), (b) sharing the experiences among the Members, and (c) promoting better linkages with requirements and activities of other TC Working Groups and training and research.

5. The Committee's activities during 2009

There will be a review of the activities of the Committee since the forty-first session under this item. The review will cover each of the three components of the programme (Member Reports), Training and Research Coordinating Group, Advisory Working Group, Resources Mobilization Group and Typhoon Committee Secretariat:

- 5.1 Meteorological component;
- 5.2 Hydrological component;
- 5.3 Disaster prevention and preparedness component;
- 5.4 Other activities related to training and research;
- 5.5 Activities of the Advisory Working Group;
- 5.6 Activities of the Resource Mobilization Group.
- 5.7 Activities of Typhoon Committee Secretariat

Under the meteorological component (5.1), the Committee is invited to:

- (i) Review the report of the Working Group on Meteorology (WGM) on the implementation of the meteorological component activities, including the relevant findings and recommendations of the Integrated Workshop "Building sustainability and resilience in high risk areas of the typhoon committee: assessment and action", which was held in Cebu, Philippines (September 2008) as well as requests to address issues on the level of advancement and capacity of NMHSs as stipulated in the Strategic Plan, and provision of assistance to LDC Members for strengthening of their NMHSs.
- (ii) Examine "Amendments to the Typhoon Operational Manual" (WRD/TC42/5.1 Add.1) to be provided by the Rapporteur, and
- (iii) Review "Activities of the RSMC Tokyo-Typhoon Center" (WRD/TC.42/5.1 Add.2) to be provided by the Japan Meteorological Agency.
- (iv) Discuss the assessment report on the change of frequency and intensity of tropical cyclones to be submitted by the expert team formed following decision of the 41st Session (WRD/TC.42/5.1 Add.3)

Under the hydrological component (5.2), the Committee is invited to discuss the report of the Working Group on Hydrology (WGH) on the implementation of its activities including the relevant findings and recommendations of the Integrated Workshop "Building sustainability and resilience in high risk areas of the typhoon committee: assessment and action".

Under the DPP component (5.3), the Committee is invited to discuss the report of the Working Group on DPP on the implementation of its activities, including progress of work on its top priority projects and the relevant findings and recommendations of the Integrated Workshop "Building sustainability and resilience in high risk areas of the typhoon committee: assessment and action".

Under item 5.4, the Committee is invited to review the implementation of the TRCG fellowship scheme and the contents of the future Roving Seminars.

Under item 5.5, the Committee is invited to discuss the report of the Advisory Working Group on its activities aiming at enhancing efficiency and effectiveness of cooperation among the Committee Members and its findings and recommendations.

Under item 5.6, the Committee is invited to discuss the report of the Working Group on Resource Mobilization and its recommendations.

Under item 5.7 the Committee is invited to take note of the activities of the Secretariat.

The Committee is also invited to assess the progress made since the forty-first session, comment on the activities undertaken in 2009, including those actions made on some pertinent decisions and recommendations of the 41st session of the Committee, and offer suggestions for accelerating those not completed. The Members may also wish to report on accomplishments made in their Member Reports in 2009 and any relevant activities.

6. Review of the 2009 typhoon season/TC publications

The Committee will review the previous typhoon season (WRD/TC.42/6). This review will cover the period from 1 January 2009 to 31 December 2009. It is requested that a paper (Member Report) be prepared by each Member containing information on typhoons and associated floods and their corresponding damage in accordance with the new format based on the TC's Strategic Plan's Key Results Areas, Strategic Goals and Associated Activities and also the goals contained in the Annual Operating Plan. The Members are also requested to provide, in addition to the Member Reports, a summary of the activities under the three components in order to include in the TC Session Report.

As agreed upon, Members should e-mail their Member Reports, and the respective summaries, to TCS, by December 2009 for consolidation and distribution to all Members.

It is requested that the Member Reports, of 50 copies each, be brought to the session.

It is also expected that a summary of the 2009 tropical cyclone season will be provided by the Regional Specialized Meteorological Center (RSMC) Tokyo Typhoon Center (WRD/TC.42/6 Add.1).

The Typhoon Committee Annual Review (TCAR) for 2008 will be published in CD-ROM format, through the concerted efforts of the chief-editor from TCS and the national editors of Members of TC.

The Typhoon Committee Newsletter 2009 will be published by TCS in CDs and in TC website. CDs of the Newsletter will be sent to Members and distributed at the session of TC.

The Committee may wish to make comments or suggestions on the 2008 issue of the TCAR, 2009 issue of the Newsletter and other TC publications, as well as on the reports to be submitted by the Members.

7. Coordination with other activities of the WMO Tropical Cyclone Programme

Developments under the WMO Tropical Cyclone Programme (TCP) will be reported to the Committee under this heading. A status report on the implementation of TCP is issued each year and the report (1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009) will form the basis for the document to be submitted to the Committee at its Forty-second session (WRD/TC.42/7), providing information on the general and regional activities and the exchange of information thereon.

The Committee may be informed of the TCP activities since the forty-first session.

8. Programme for 2010 and beyond

The Committee is expected to consider the Strategic Plan and Annual Operating Plan, specific action/measures to meet the objectives of the Strategic Plan, as submitted by the Advisory Working Group.

The Committee may also discuss the organization of an integrated workshop for the Working Groups in 2010.

The Committee will review priority areas of the Strategic Plan and their inclusion in the Annual Operating Plan in respect of latest developments in the key areas of cooperation of the Committee, namely climate change and overall policy making (AWG), meteorological component, hydrological component, DPP component, TRCG, and resource mobilization (Working Group on Resource Mobilization).

The Committee will also discuss the new TC names as replacement for retired TC names as well as the process of addressing the naming of tropical depressions.

The Committee will discuss further efforts on improving the TC website.

9. Support required for the Committee's Programme

Document WRD/TC.42/9.1 will review the arrangements made for TCS and advises on its future arrangements.

The session will review the resources currently available to support the Committee's Annual Operating Programme, including contributions made by Members themselves, and external support from various sources, such as WMO/Voluntary Cooperation Programme, ESCAP/ extra budgetary funding, Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries (TCDC), bilateral assistance and other potential donors.

The Committee is invited to consider the use of the TCTF for the specific purpose of providing support to facilitate implementation of the Strategic Plan of the Committee until the forty-third session (WRD/TC.42/9.2 – TCTF Budget proposal for 2010). In line with this, the Committee may wish to review the financial matter of enlarging the TCTF contributors.

On the basis of its projected needs and the available resources, the Committee may express its views on how these needs could be addressed.

10. Date and place of the forty-third session

Rule 1 of the Committee's rules of procedure states: "The Committee shall hold at least one session annually. The venues and dates of its session shall be decided by the Committee". The Members may wish to make an offer to host the forty-third session of TC or to hold a joint-session with the Panel on Tropical Cyclones as previously conducted.

11. Scientific lectures

Scientific lectures at the session will be on any topic/subject related to the programs under the components of the TC.

12. Adoption of the report

The Committee's report on its Forty-second session will be adopted on the final day of the session.