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Preparations for the 60th Anniversary of Typhoon Committee in 2028

(Submitted by TCS)

ACTION REQUIRED:

The Committee is invited:

- a) To take note on the preliminary preparations for TC60 in 2028
- b) To consider the activities and budget proposal

APPENDIXES:

- 1) DRAFT TEXT FOR INCLUSION AT SESSION REPORT
- 2) Proposed activities and budget framework

APPENDIX A: DRAFT TEXT FOR INCLUSION IN THE SESSION REPORT

14 - Preparations for the 60th Anniversary of Typhoon Committee in 2028 (agenda item 14)

- 1.** The Committee took note of the information provided by the Typhoon Committee Secretariat (TCS) on the preparatory arrangements for the 60th Anniversary of the Typhoon Committee in 2028.
- 2.** The Committee considered the proposed activities and agreed that the related activities and budget proposal would be further followed up and submitted for approval as part of the 2027/2028 budget.

(Additional text to be added in the light of discussion on this item)

APPENDIX B:

Proposed Activities and Budget Framework

60th Anniversary of the ESCAP/WMO Typhoon Committee (TC60)

1. Background and Rationale

The year 2028 marks the 60th Anniversary of the ESCAP/WMO Typhoon Committee (TC), commemorating six decades of sustained regional cooperation in tropical cyclone monitoring, forecasting, disaster risk reduction, and capacity development across the Asia-Pacific region.

TC60 provides a timely opportunity to acknowledge this collective legacy while reaffirming the Committee's forward-looking commitment to strengthening regional resilience, particularly in support of the **Early Warnings for All (EW4All)** initiative.

2. Purpose and Objectives

The proposed TC60 commemoration aims to:

- Recognise and commemorate 60 years of regional cooperation under the Typhoon Committee framework;
 - Reinforce a shared sense of identity, ownership, and partnership among Members;
 - Highlight the Committee's continuing contribution to Early Warnings for All and regional resilience;
 - Ensure cost-effectiveness, simplicity, and practicality in the design and implementation of anniversary activities.
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3. Proposed Organisational Approach and Rundown

3.1 Establishment of TC60 Task Team

To ensure coordinated and efficient implementation, it is proposed to establish **time-bound TC60 Task Team**, using the experience of the TC50 anniversary.

TC60 Session Task Team (led by AWG Chair, with team members from TCS, ESCAP and WMO Secretariats, host Country of TC60, and others as nominated by Members, if any)

To oversee, plan and coordinate the preparation and organization of the TC60 Session and associated celebration activities, including the high-level thematic forum on Day 1 of TC60 Session.

3.2 TC60 Anniversary Identity

To mark the anniversary, it is proposed to develop a **TC60 Anniversary logo**, building on the experience of TC50 while adopting a lighter and more efficient approach.

Indicative elements include:

- Development of a TC60 anniversary logo, with Members engagement through adaptations or inputs;
- Endorsement of the final TC60 logo at TC59 in Singapore;
- Use of the TC60 identity across relevant meetings, publications, and communication materials during the one-year anniversary period;
- Adoption of a short anniversary tagline (e.g. “60 Years of International Cooperation and Regional Resilience”).



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3.3 TC60 Practical Souvenirs and Legacy Items

In line with the operational spirit of TC60, the following modest and practical items may be considered:

(a) TC60 “Early Warning Kit” [TBD]

A small, practical preparedness-themed item aligned with EW4All, for example:

- TC60-branded waterproof phone pouch or compact emergency item;
- Simple packaging highlighting TC60 and EW4All messaging.

(b) TC60 Legacy Photobook

- Slim photo book covering the past 10 years (building on TC50 experience);
- Key milestones presented in 10-year intervals;
- EW4All commitment page;
- Closing page: “Looking Ahead to TC70”.

(c) TC60 Commemorative Token

- UN-style metal challenge coin;
- Front: TC60 logo;
- Back: “ESCAP/WMO Typhoon Committee – 60 Years”.



(sample)

(d) TC60 Notebook and Pen

- Premium notebook for Member use during meetings;
- Minimal design with embossed TC60 logo and EW4All reference.



(sample)

3.4 TC60 Digital Time Capsule

To encourage Members participation with minimal administrative burden, a **TC60 Digital Time Capsule** may be established, with a particular focus on high-level perspectives.

Proposed approach:

- **Each Member's Permanent Representative (PR) or Head of Delegation** is invited to submit one short high-level contribution reflecting on the value, impact, or future direction of the Typhoon Committee;
 - Contributions may take the form of a brief written message, a short statement, or a single photo or visual element, in line with agreed guidance;
 - Each submission to be clearly marked: *"TC60 Digital Time Capsule – To be opened at TC70"*;
 - All materials to be compiled and securely archived digitally by the Typhoon Committee Secretariat (TCS) as part of the TC60 legacy record.
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4. During TC60 Anniversary Sessions and Forums

4.1. TRCG Forum

It is proposed to organise a **TRCG Forum in conjunction with the TC60 anniversary**, as previous on the TC50, and aiming to provide a forward-looking platform that complements the commemorative activities.

Indicative focus:

- Translating TC's 60-year legacy into future-oriented research, operational collaboration, and innovation;
- Strengthening linkages between research, operations, and policy under EW4All;
- Highlighting the role of younger scientists and next-generation experts in sustaining TC's mission.

4.2. TC60 Commemorative Segment

A dedicated **60-minute TC60 Commemorative Moment** may be integrated into the Session programme:

- 6-10 speakers (experts and former key contributors to Typhoon Committee activities), with 10 minutes per speaker, each representing one decade (1966–2026);
 - Brief reflections highlighting key lessons learned, institutional continuity, and future directions of the Typhoon Committee;
 - **A concluding group photograph, symbolising a collective commitment to the *Early Warnings for All* initiative.**
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5. Indicative Budget Framework

Consistent with the approach adopted for **TC50 (a total special budget of 80,000USD)**, it is proposed to apply a similar overall budget envelope for TC60 activities.

5.1 TRCG Forum Budget

- **USD 30,000**

To support:

- Organisation of the TRCG Forum in conjunction with TC60;
- Limited logistical, documentation, and coordination costs;
- Participation support in line with established TC practices (inviting experts)

5.2 TC60 Coordination and Activities Budget (TCS)

- **USD 50,000**

To support:

- Overall coordination and organisation of TC60 activities by TCS;
 - Development of TC60 identity and communication materials;
 - Production of souvenirs and legacy items;
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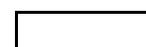
6. Indicative Timeframe for TC60 Activities

Phase	Period	Key Activities
Pre-Phase: Conceptual Preparation Phase	2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Initial internal reflections and ideas by TCS on the scope, scale, and guiding principles of TC60;• Review of experiences and lessons learned from TC50 and other milestone anniversaries;• Preliminary identification of possible activities,

Phase	Period	Key Activities
		legacy elements, and linkages with EW4All;• Informal consultations with selected Members, Working Group Chairs, and TRCG on feasible options
Phase 0: Endorsement Phase	TC59 Session (February 2027)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submission of the TC60 proposed activities and budget framework to TC59 for consideration and approval; • Endorsement of the overall TC60 commemoration framework, including Task Teams, TRCG Forum, and indicative budget envelopes; • Guidance from Members on scope, priorities, and implementation approach.
Phase 1: Preparatory Phase	Post-TC59 – Q3 2027	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishment of TC60 Task Teams following TC59 approval and confirmation of scope and deliverables; • Initial concept development for TC60 identity, souvenirs, legacy items, and digital time capsule; • Preliminary coordination with TRCG on the organisation of the TRCG Forum in conjunction with TC60.
Phase 2: Design and Coordination Phase	Q4 2027 – Q1 2028	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development and finalisation of the TC60 anniversary logo and tagline; • Preparation of TC60 communication and visibility materials; • Issuance of invitations and guidance to Permanent Representatives (PRs) for high-level contributions to the TC60 Digital Time Capsule; • Substantive planning and agenda development for the TRCG Forum, TRCG experts invitations; Roll-out of TC60 identity across meetings, publications, and official communications;
Phase 3: Implementation Phase	Q1 2028 (TC60 Year; TC Session in February 2028)	TC60 SESSION/TRCG FORUM
Phase 4: Consolidation and Legacy Phase	Post-Session 2028	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finalisation and secure archiving of TC60 legacy materials by TCS; • Documentation of TC60 activities and outcomes for institutional record; • Preparation of selected materials for preservation and future opening at TC70.

7. Budget estimate

Consistent with the approach adopted for **TC50 (a total special budget of 50,000USD)**, for TC60 only.



Item	Description	DSA for 5 days in Thailand	No. of Days	TOTAL per person	Estimated No. of Lecturers	Sub-Total in USD	Grand Total in USD
	Per diem for 6-10 lecturers of TC60	180	5	900	10	9,000	
	Air Ticket for 6-10 lecturers of TC60				10	17,000	
1	Total Lecturers cost for TC50						26,000
2	Rental of Venue (USD3000 per day)		4			12,000	
3	Rental of Projector (USD550 per day)		4			2,200	
4	Gifts					9,800	24,000
Total Estimation							50,000