





Regional WIGOS Project in RA II

"Enhance the Availability and Quality Management Support for NMHSs in Surface, Climate and Upper-air Observations"

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WMO RA II WIGOS IMPLEMENTATION PROJECTS





WIGOS Timeline



2016 - 2019

Congress 16

Congress 17

Congress 18

WIGOS – WMO Strategic priority

WIGOS Concept

WIGOS Framework WIGOS Operational



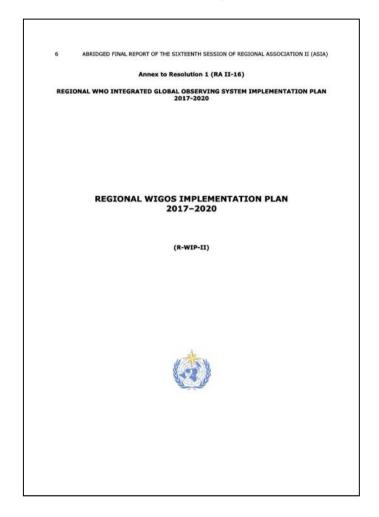
Resolution 23 (Cg-17)

PRE-OPERATIONAL PHASE OF THE WMO INTEGRATED GLOBAL OBSERVING SYSTEM

Cg-17 decides that the development of WIGOS will continue during its pre-operational phase in the seventeenth financial period with the aim of having Members benefit from a fully operational WIGOS from 2020 onward;



Regional WIGOS Implementation Plan 2017-2020 (R-WIP-II)





RA II WIGOS Implementation Projects

ANNEX II

RA II WIGOS IMPLEMENTATION PROJECTS

No.	Project title	Project Coordinator(s)				
I	Monitor and Review the Implementation of EGOS-IP in RA II	China; Hong Kong, China				
II	The web-interface for sharing status of standardization and experience and monitoring synoptic observations in RA II	Republic of Korea				
III	Capacity Building in Radar Techniques in the Southeast Asia	Japan, Thailand, Malaysia, and Indonesia (RA V)				
IV	Enhance the Availability and Quality Management Support for NMHSs in Surface, Climate and Upper-air Observations	Japan, China				
٧	Developing a Sand and Dust Storm Warning Advisory and Assessment System (SDS-WAS) in Asia Node	China				
VI	Develop Support for NMHSs in Satellite Data, Products and Training	Japan, Republic of Korea				

No. IV Enhance the Availability and Quality Management Support for NMHSs in Surface, Climate and Upper-air Observations

WORKING GROUP ON WMO INTEGRATED GLOBAL OBSERVING SYSTEM AND WMO INFORMATION SYSTEM (WG-WIGOS/WIS)

Chairperson: Mr Yongqing Chen, China

Expert Group on WIGOS (EG-WIGOS)

EG-WIGOS	Name	Member		
Coordinator	Mr Yongqing Chen	China		
Leader in Monitoring and Reviewing the Implementation of EGOS IP in RA II	Ms GUO Jianxia	China		
Leader in the web-interface for sharing status of standardization and experience and monitoring synoptic observations in RA II	Mr Chulwoon Choi	Republic of Korea		
Leader in Capacity-building in Radar Techniques in the Southeast Asia	Mr Koichiro Kakihara	Japan		
Leader in Enhancing the Availability and Quality Management Support for NMHSs in Surface, Climate and Upper-air Observations	Mr Nobuyuki Tanaka	Japan		
Leader in Developing a Sand and Dust Storm	Mr ZHOU Qingliang	China		
Warning Advisory and Assessment System (SDS-WAS) in Asia Node	Mr Hasan Aldashti	Kuwait		
Leader in Developing Support for NMHSs in	Mr Hiroshi Kunimatsu	Japan		
Satellite Data, Products and Training	Mr Dohyeong Kim	Republic of Korea		
Leader of Task Team on Regional Basic	Mr Nadeem Faisal	Pakistan		
Observing Network	Ms SHI Lijuan	China		
Leader of Task Team on Aircraft Based Observations	Mr Mohammed Babidhan	Saudi Arabia		





Key deliverables

- 1. Improvements of data quality at RBCN/RBSN (expected to be RBON) stations.
- 2. Fnhancement of RICs Services
- 3. ISO/IEC 17025 certification.
- 4. Report on status on QC/QA procedures and site management in RA II.
- 5. Reports on status on meteorological instruments, calibration and training in RA II.



Coordinating Group

Coordinator

Mr. Yoshiaki Hirano (Japan)

Participating Member countries (26 countries)

Bahrain	Bangladesh	Bhutan	Cambodia	China
Hong Kong, China	India	Iran, Islamic Republic of	Japan	Kazakhstan
Kuwait	Kyrgyzstan	Lao People's Democratic Republic	Macao, China	Maldives
Mongolia	Myanmar	Oman	Pakistan	Republic of Korea
Russian Federation Viet Nam	Sri Lanka	Thailand	United Arab Emirates	Uzbekistan





Activities

Task#	Referen e	Task	Key Deliverable	Activity	2017	2018	2019	2020	Responsible
WIGOS- 04	16/Doc. 4.3(1),	•	of data quality	To provide technical support for instrument maintenance and calibration to RA II members by experts from RICs;	x	x	x	x	MrYoshiaki HIRANO (Project Coodinator in Enhancing the Availability
	R-WIP- II-PJ- iv,		RBCN/RBSN	To hold a WIGOS workshop for RA II Members;		х			and Quality Management Support for NMHSs in
	ToR a-ii, vi, vii	NMHSs in Surface, Climate and		To develop training materials (to be prepared for publication as an WMO IMOP technical document);			х		Surface, Climate and Upper-air bservations)
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			Report on status on	5.Seek, and promotion of, package-type cooperation (including calibration of standards, lectures and practices, and technical support) if funds are available.	x	х	х	x	
			status on		x	x	x		
				7.Investigation on migration error in code forms of observation data;	х	х	х		
				8.To develop portal website to share outcomes of this project.	х	х	х	х	
				To submit a progress report to the coordinator of the EG by the end of every year and as requested by the coordinator when necessary.	x	x	х	x	





HISTORY





Overview of project No. IV

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Calibration of Instruments



Implementation of activities

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Survey on:

- Current Status of operation and capability of Members in RA II;
- Requirements of MNHSs;
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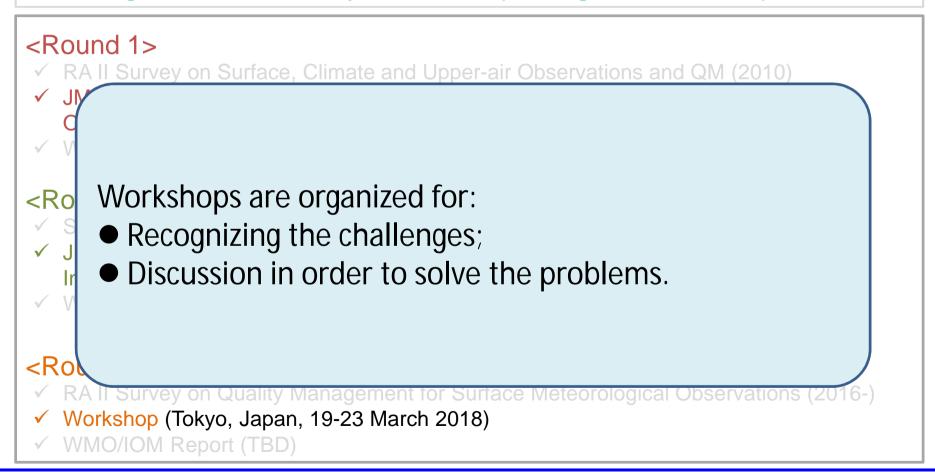
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Implementation of activities (2)

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http://www.wmo.int/pages/prog/www/IMOP/publications-IOM-series.html





Results of Survey and WS (Round 1)

The major conclusions drawn by the survey and workshop are:

- Problems with surface observations are due to the lack of appropriately calibrated instruments and maintenance support
- Problems with observational reports are due to the insufficient data quality and missing and irregular reports
- Improvement of QC methods are needed at different levels from maintenance and calibration of instrument to data availability
- Several NMHSs don't have any operational systems for QC
- Metadata are not updated with enough frequency





Round 2 (Instrument Calibration)

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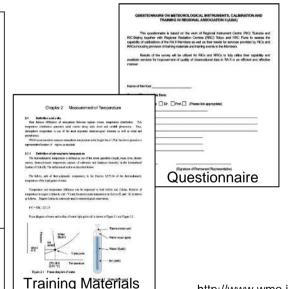
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Round 3 (QM on surface observation)

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Questionnaire



Achievements of the project

- Coordinating Group of the project had been established, so that lively discussion among Members are facilitated.
- Publication of IOM reports:
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http://www.wmo.int/pages/prog/www/IMOP/publications/IOM-111_Survey_RA-II/IOM-111_Survey_RA-II.pdf

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RIC Tsukuba Website (now under renewal!) http://www.jma.go.jp/jma/jma-eng/jma-center/ric/RIC_HP.html





Intercomparison between RIC Tsukuba (RA II) and RIC Manila (RA V) (March 2017)



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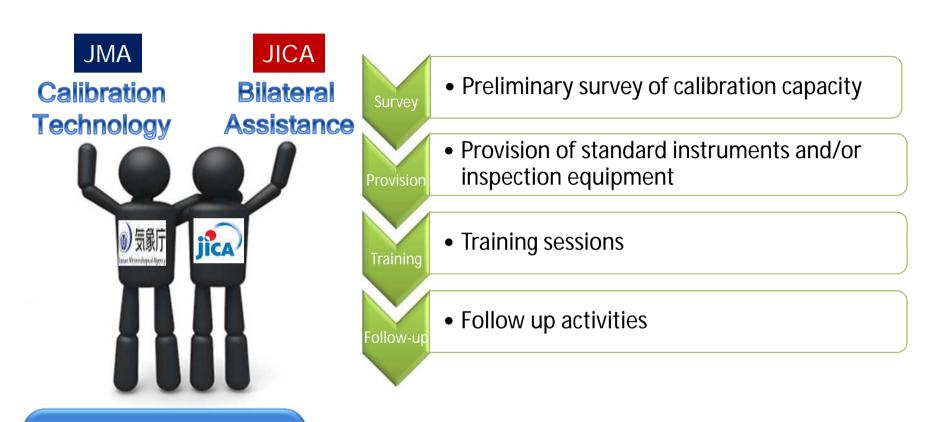
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RIC Tsukuba Package



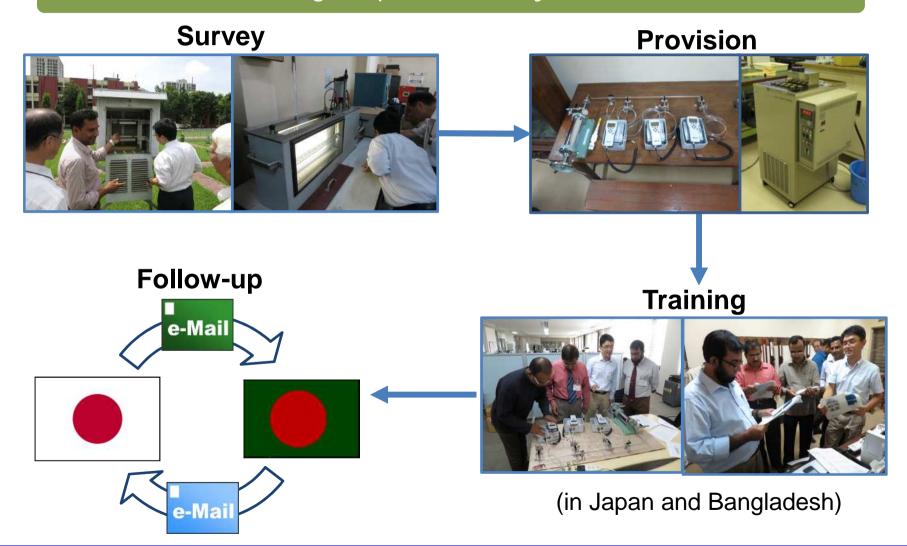
Improvement of technical capacity of NMHS

- To ensure traceability of meteorological instruments.
- To improve quality of surface observation.



RIC Tsukuba Package for Bangladesh in 2013

RIC Tsukuba Package Improves Quality of Surface Observation





Some achievement of RIC Tsukuba Packages

Month/year	Country/region		Standard instruments calibrated	Training
Oct 2013		Bangladesh	Barometer, thermometer, hygrometer	Barometer, thermometer, hygrometer
Nov 2013*		Bangladesh		Barometer, thermometer
Jun 2015		Fiji	Barometer, thermometer, hygrometer	Barometer, thermometer
Nov 2015*		Fiji		Barometer, thermometer, hygrometer, rain gauge
Dec 2015		Mozambique	Barometer, thermometer	Barometer, thermometer, hygrometer
Feb 2016		Sri Lanka	Barometer	Barometer, thermometer, hygrometer
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Jan 2017*		Sri Lanka		Barometer, thermometer
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Note: Red characters show the ISO/IEC 17025 (General requirements for the competence of testing and calibration laboratories) calibration. *: dispatch experts from RIC Tsukuba





AIMS AND ACTIVITIES OF THIS **PROJECT**



Aim and Benefits

Project Title

Enhance the Availability and Quality Management Support for NMHSs in Surface, Climate and Upper-air Observations

Timescale

2017-2020

Aim

This project aims at improvement of data quality at RBCN/RBSN (RBON) stations and enhancement of services of RA II RICs.

Benefits

RA II Members, especially those with technical issues on data quality of observations, will potentially benefit from this project.



Plan/Activities of project No. IV

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- (d) Promotion of intercomparison between RICs (including other RAs).

Calibration of Instruments

- (e) Update of training materials on calibration and maintenance of instruments and sharing through RIC's website.
- (f) Development of database of RIC's calibration results and sharing through RIC's website.
- 3. Investigation on migration error in code forms of observation data.

The coordinator, with collaboration with EG-WIS, conducts a survey on a status on data migration from observation signals into Table Driven Code Forms (TDCF) in RA II and share the results with Members.

TDCF migration

Tokyo, Japan, 19-23 March 2018



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- (d) Promotion of intercomparison between RICs (including other RAs).
- (e) Update of training materials on calibration and maintenance of instruments and sharing through RIC's website.
- (f) Development of database of RIC's calibration results and sharing through RIC's website.
- 3. Investigation on migration error in code forms of observation data.

The coordinator, with collaboration with EG-WIS, conducts a survey on a status on data migration from observation signals into Table Driven Code Forms (TDCF) in RA II and share the results with Members.



Questionnaire





OBJECTIVE OF THIS WORKSHOP



Objectives of the workshop

- Following the aims of the regional WIGOS project, the objectives of the workshop are:
 - 1) To facilitate implementation of WIGOS in RA II and improvement of data quality at RBCN/RBSN (expected to be RBON) stations under the framework of WDQMS (WIGOS Data Quality Monitoring System);
 - 2) To improve data quality at surface observation in RA II through studying and sharing the best practices on QA/QC procedures, especially in rainfall (based on results of questionnaire conducted in 2016); and,
 - 3) To enhance in-situ check and calibration of instruments at observation stations, as well as instrument maintenance management and field environment in RA II.





SUMMARY



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- The three pronged approach has been taken by coordinating group to implement activities of this project.
 - ➤ Identifying current status and gap analysis by Survey
 - ➤ Discussions and training by Workshop
 - ➤ Sharing the results of survey and workshop through WMO/IOM Report
 - Round one (Observations and QM)
 - Round two (Instrument Calibration)
 - Round three (QM on surface observation)





Thank you for your attention.

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