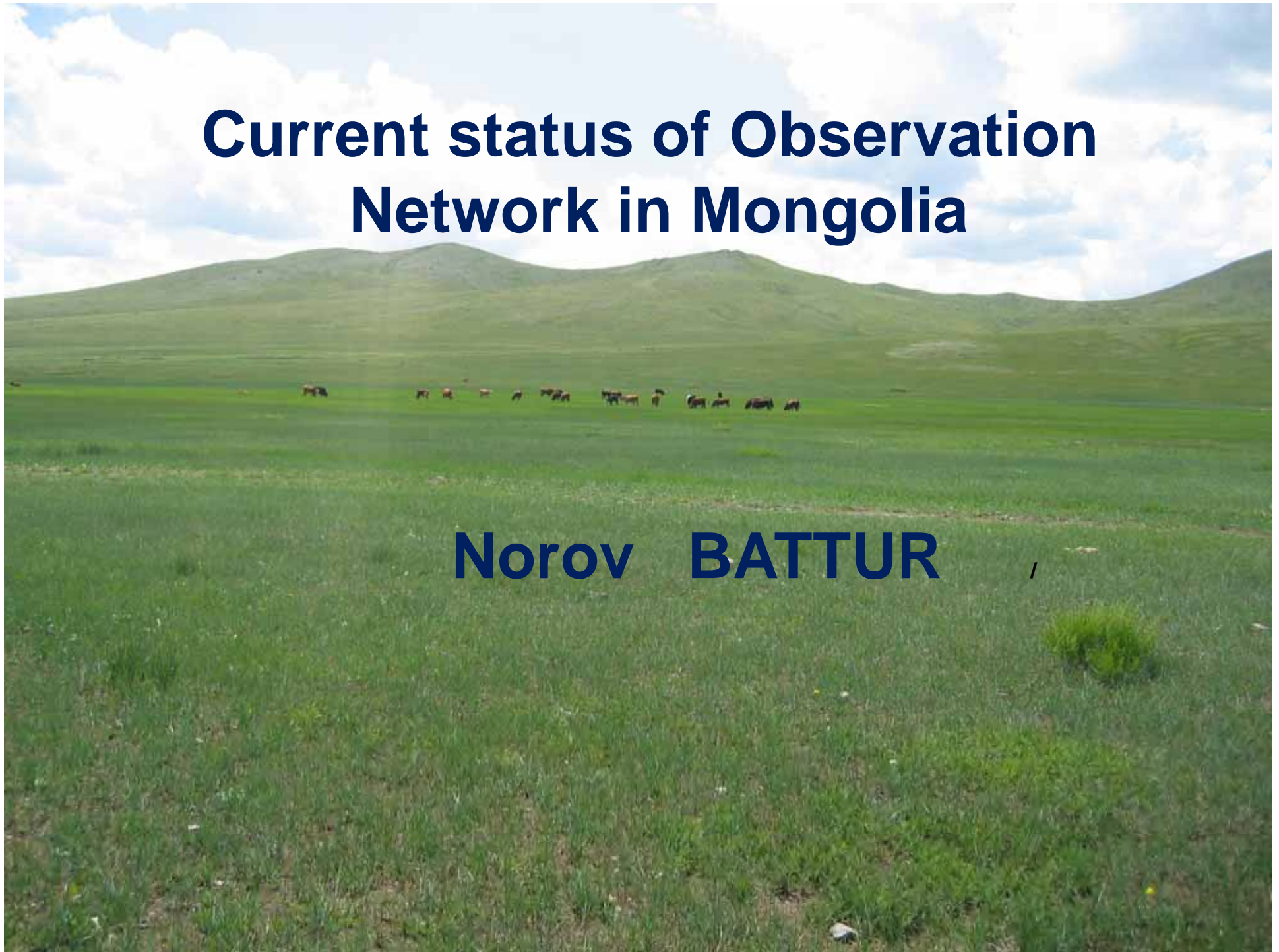


Current status of Observation Network in Mongolia

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Short History

Meteorological and Hydrological Services of Mongolia are functioning officially since 1936 when the first meteorological observation stations were established in the country.

But several meteorological observation stations operated since 1986 in capital city in Ulaanbaatar, and some other administrative centers of Mongolia.

Mongolia has joined to the World Meteorological Organization in 1963.

The National Agency for Meteorology and Environment Monitoring /NAMEM/, is the government's implementing agency. The agency provides information of weather forecasting, hydro-meteorology and environmental condition to governmental and private organizations, coordinates all hydro-meteorological observation networks of Mongolia.

Meteorological Organizational structure

**National Agency for Meteorology and
Environmental Monitoring**

**Institute of Meteorology and
Hydrology**

Information and Computer Center

Province centers

**Central laboratory for
Instruments and Environmental
Monitoring**

Aviation Meteorological Center

Weather Modification Center

Structure of the NAMEM

Director-General

Administration
Division

Strategy and
Planning
Division

International
Cooperation
Division

Division of State
Archive and
Database Center

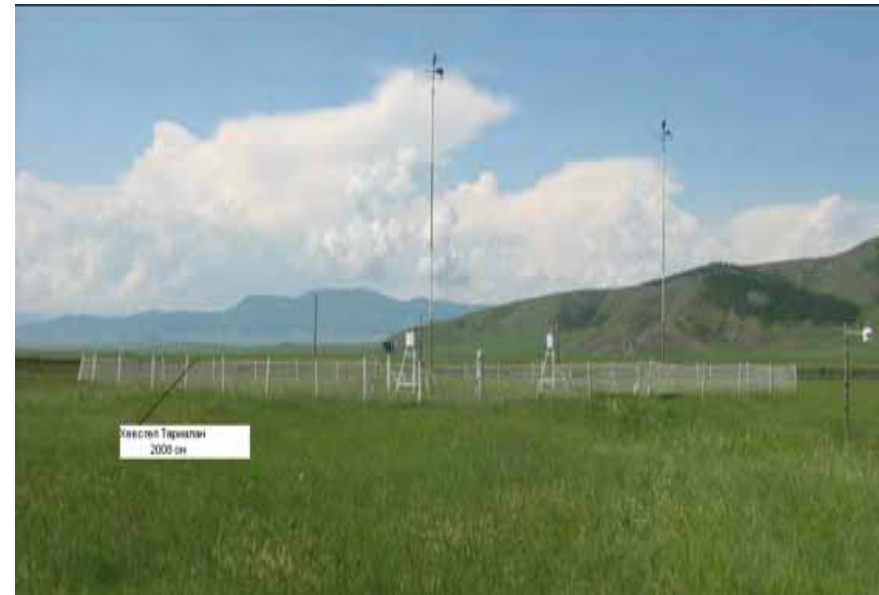
Division of
Finance and
Economy

Observation Network

Currently there are 130 meteorological stations, 186 meteorological posts, 3 upper-air stations in observation network of NAMEM.



Location of meteorological stations



Meteorological observation field

The observed variables in all meteorological stations:

Air temperature, surface soil temperature, atmospheric pressure, humidity, wind velocity and direction, precipitation /amount and intensity/, cloud amount and type, visibility, weather /present and past/, snow depth and density.

In addition to these variables mentioned above, some meteorological stations observe solar radiation, sunshine duration, deep soil temperature, soil moisture, evaporation.

There are 70 manned stations in meteorological observation network. We supply instruments to all observation stations and purchase mostly observation instruments from Russian and China.

Our Agency is intending to install automatic meteorological station at all observation stations, but we have difficulty is financial problems. Therefore, this plan greatly depends on Mongolian economics and finance.

Present, about 60 automatic meteorological stations operated since 2000 in our meteorological observation network, 30 of the stations have been set up in 2008.

Types of automatic meteorological stations in our observation network: MAWS301, SK4100, CAMS630, QLI50.

Location of automatic meteorological stations



Table 1. number of stations

	RBSN	RBCN	GSN	Manned stations	AWS
1	130	130	-	70	60

All meteorological stations are making synoptic and climate observations 8 times per day. Local meteorologists and technicians use mobile, internet, VSAT to transfer observation data.

National Meteorological Telecommunication Network has two GTS lines with WMO Regional Meteorological Centers in Novosibirsk, Russia and Beijing, China and twenty local lines with local centers through VSAT.

Above given, there are a lot of manned station in meteorological observation network since it's necessary to check observation data. Therefore, Local meteorologists check first observation data in province meteorological center.

Climate section in the Institute of the Hydrology and Meteorology make last control of observation data along specific instruction and transfer checked data to center of data base.

It's different series of observation data in ever station and have over 70 years observation data in the oldest stations . All observation data are stored in database center of NAMEM.

About training

NAMEM is responsible for training activities for meteorologists and technicians of observation network. We organize special trainings for different fields such as meteorology, agro-meteorology, hydrology and environmental monitoring. The used types of training: lecture, discussion, practice, e-learning.



Lecture rooms of the Training center.

Some observers of the observation network are not graduated from special college for this observation. So every year we organize short training / 1 month/ course for them and they obtained a certificate. Also last few years we have installed several types of automatic weather stations. So we need specialized technicians and engineers.

There is a need to improve meteorological observation networks of the country.

Our main goal is:

- improve skills of meteorologists and technicians
- Improve quality of observational data.
- Improve quality technologies and techniques.

Thank you for your attention