



International Civil Aviation Organization

**EIGHTEENTH MEETING OF THE METEOROLOGY
SUB-GROUP (MET SG/18) OF APANPIRG**

ICAO Regional Sub-Office, Beijing, China
18 – 21 August 2014

Agenda Item 4: Review outcomes from ICAO APAC groups

REPORT ON MET/H TF/4

(Presented by the Secretariat on behalf of the Chairman of the MET/H TF)

SUMMARY

This paper presents a summary of the Fourth Meeting of the Meteorological Hazards Task Force, held in Beijing, China, from 19 to 21 March 2014.

1. Introduction

1.1 The Fourth Meeting of the Meteorological Hazards Task Force (MET/H TF/4) was held in Beijing, China, from 19 to 21 March 2014. Participation by thirty four (34) experts from thirteen (13) States and Administrations and the ICAO provided the group the opportunity to coordinate on initiatives to improve the quality of meteorological advisories and warnings and implementation of the international airways volcano watch (IAVW) and the tropical cyclone warning system. A conjoint session with the Twelfth Meeting of the APAC Regional Operational Meteorological (OPMET) Bulletin Exchange Working Group (ROBEX WG/12) was held on 19 March 2014 to address issues common to both groups related to the implementation of SIGMET and advisory information.

2. Discussion

2.1 The group is reminded that MET/H TF meetings have been held once every twelve months (approx.) since the first meeting (METWARN/I TF/1)¹ in March 2011. They necessarily serve as an integral part of the MET/H TF coordination and work programme where progress against tasks is facilitated, monitored and reported.

2.2 With reference to the MET/H TF/4 discussions, agenda items 1 and 2 addressed meeting organizational matters and follow-up to previous meetings; agenda item 3 principally addressed guidance material; agenda item 4 addressed contingency plans; agenda item 5 principally

¹ ASIA/PAC Meteorological Advisories and Warnings Implementation Task Force. *Note: METWARN/I TF was renamed MET/H TF at the third meeting in 2013 in accordance with CNS/MET SG/16 Decision 16/34.*

addressed warnings; agenda item 6 addressed the MET/H TF work programme; and agenda item 7 principally addressed any other business including space weather.

2.3 With reference to the conjoint session discussions, held on 19 March, agenda item 1 principally addressed volcanic ash advisory centre backup tests; and agenda item 2 addressed other SIGMET and advisory information issues including annual SIGMET tests, SIGMET monitoring, the SIGMET Guide and other advisory related issues.

2.4 A summary of the MET/H TF/4 discussions and outcomes, including agreed actions and the updated work programme, is provided in **the Attachment** to this paper.

2.5 The group is reminded that dates for the next meeting (MET/H TF/5) were tentatively agreed in the week commencing 16 March 2015, back-to-back with ROBEX WG/13, including a conjoint session with ROBEX WG/13.

3. Action by the Meeting

3.1 The meeting is invited to:

- a) note the information contained in this paper;
- b) agree to the updated work programme in the Attachment; and
- c) discuss any relevant matters as appropriate.
