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SUB-GROUP (MET SG/30)**

Bangkok, Thailand, 20 - 24 July 2026

Agenda Item 11: Any Other Business

DATES, VENUE AND AGENDA FOR MET SG/31

(Presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY

This paper invites the meeting to consider arrangements for the Thirty-First Meeting of the Meteorology Sub-Group (MET SG/31), including the proposed dates, venue and provisional agenda. The paper also provides information on the planned schedule of related ICAO, APAC and WMO meetings to assist the meeting in determining a suitable timeframe.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 The Terms of Reference (ToR) of the Meteorology Sub-Group (MET SG) state that the Chairperson of the MET SG, in consultation with Members and the Secretary, shall decide the date and duration of Meetings. As a rule, the MET SG should agree, at each Meeting, on the date and duration of the next Meeting and on a tentative schedule of future Meetings.

1.2 The MET SG was established by APANPIRG to assist in its planning and implementation work and serves as the parent group for contributory bodies in the field of aeronautical meteorology. The meeting schedule should therefore support the timely consideration of outcomes from the MET SG and its Working Groups and the preparation of advice and recommendations for APANPIRG.

2. DISCUSSION

2.1 To facilitate planning of MET SG/31, the Secretariat reviewed the tentative APAC programme of meetings and other relevant ICAO and WMO activities scheduled for 2027.

2.2 The following relevant APAC meetings are presently planned during 2027:

- SIPG WS/4, 5 to 9 April 2027;
- **MET/IE WG/25** (with ACSICG/14), 21 to 23 April 2027;
- **MET/R WG/16** (with ATFM & A-CDM/SG/17), 24 to 28 May 2027;
- SWIM TF/12, 7 to 11 June 2027;
- CNS/SG/31, 21 to 25 June 2027;
- AOP/SG/11, 19 to 23 July 2027; and
- **MET SG/31**, July 2027;

- ATM/SG/15, 2 to 6 August 2027; and
- APANPIRG/38 and RASG-APAC/17, November/December 2027.

2.3 Relevant WMO and ICAO meteorology meetings scheduled in 2027 include:

- **ICAO Enhanced Aeronautical Meteorology Symposium**, 20 to 21 May 2027
~~April 2027;~~
- **ICAO METP MIE/15**, 8 to 12 March 2027 ~~April 2027;~~
- WMO SC-AVI ET-ETC-4, 19 to 23 April 2027;
- **ICAO METP MRAD/7**, 26 to 30 April 2027;
- **ICAO METP MOG/WAFS and MOG/SADIS**, 3 to 5 May 2027;
- **ICAO METP MOG/IAVW and WMO SC-AVI AG-VSA-3**, ~~early July 2027~~
~~May 2027;~~
- WMO Cg-20, 31 May to 11 June 2027;
- **ICAO METP MOG/SWx**, June 2027;
- WMO EC-82, 21 to 25 June 2027;
- WMO SC-AVI-5, September (1st week) 2027; and
- **ICAO METP/7**, 8 to 12 November 2027.

2.4 To allow sufficient time for the completion of MET/IE WG/25 and MET/R WG/16, the preparation of meeting reports, and the development of any resulting proposals requiring MET SG consideration, the meeting may wish to hold MET SG/31 during July 2027. The proposed dates avoid overlap with AOP/SG/11 and ATM/SG/15 and provide sufficient time for consideration of the outcomes of MET/IE WG/25 and MET/R WG/16.

2.5 Subject to venue availability, the meeting may wish to consider:

Proposed dates:
26 to 30 July 2027
~~12 to 16 July 2027~~

Alternative dates:
5 to 9 July 2027
~~26 to 30 July 2027~~

2.6 Subject to any State expressing interest in hosting MET SG/31, the meeting may wish to note that MET SG/31 could be held at the ICAO Asia and Pacific Office, Bangkok, Thailand.

2.7 To assist planning, the following draft provisional agenda is proposed for consideration:

Agenda Item 1: Organizational Matters and Adoption of Agenda
Agenda Item 2: Review Outcomes from Previous Meetings
Agenda Item 3: Air Navigation Deficiencies
Agenda Item 4: Regional Guidance Material
Agenda Item 5: Planning and Monitoring
Agenda Item 6: Meteorological Information Exchange
Agenda Item 7: Aviation Exercises for Volcanic Ash and Meteorological Events
Agenda Item 8: Research, Development and Other Initiatives (including turbulence, environmental and climate-related initiatives and impacts)
Agenda Item 9: Review of MET SG Terms of Reference and Work Plan
Agenda Item 10: Dates, Venue and Agenda for Future Meetings
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2.8 The proposed agenda for MET SG/31 has been streamlined to better reflect the current work programme of the Sub-group and its contributory bodies. A dedicated agenda item on **Meteorological Information Exchange** is proposed to provide a clear focus for the increasing volume of work related to IWXXM implementation, SWIM, OPMET exchange, digital information services and related outcomes from the MET/IE WG. At the same time, the separate agenda items on **Turbulence Information** and **Environmental-Related Initiatives and Impacts** have been consolidated within **Agenda Item 8 – Research, Development and Other Initiatives (including turbulence, environmental and climate-related initiatives and impacts)**. This approach is intended to simplify the agenda structure while continuing to provide an opportunity for the meeting to consider turbulence, environmental and climate-related matters consistent with the MET SG ToR.

2.9 The proposed agenda reflects the standing responsibilities of the MET SG, including review of regional implementation activities, monitoring and resolution of air navigation deficiencies, development of guidance material, review of planning documents, and oversight of the MET SG work programme.

3. ACTION BY THE MEETING

3.1 The meeting is invited to:

- a) review the proposed arrangements for MET SG/31;
- b) agree on the tentative dates, duration and venue of MET SG/31;
- c) review and agree the provisional agenda for MET SG/31; and
- d) provide any additional guidance considered necessary for planning the meeting.
