

**RA-3-4-SDR Teleconference
23 June 2015, 13.00-15.00 UTC**

Attendees:

Alaor Moacyr Dall'Antonia (INMET Brazil)
Bryan Thomas (Trinidad and Tobago)
David Bradley (Canada)
Estela Collini (Argentina)
Glendell de Souza (BCT)
James Peronto (NOAA NWS)
Jorge Chira (Peru)
Luiz Machado (INPE Brazil)
Diego Souza (INPE Brazil)
Marck Oduber (The Netherlands – Aruba)
Venantius Descartes (Dominica)
Dwayne Scott (Belize)
Sally Wannop (EUMETSAT, joining later)
Stephan Bojinski (WMO)

Apologies:

Paul Seymour (NOAA NESDIS)

1. Progress with the Actions and Recommendations agreed at the first meeting

ACTION 1.1: Identify the list of current GNC-A content and document this in the SDR requirements list. Who: Co-Chairs; By: 15 May 2015. - CLOSED

Diego Sousa addressed this action and prepared the following document on current GNC-A content:

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/zy8narj4tmbavyu/GEONETCast-Americas%20Product%20Catalog%20-%20V20150622.pdf?raw=1>

and the Action can be closed. Reference are made to entries in the RA-3-4-SDR Requirements list, therefore it is now possible to map Group requirements against content on GNC-A.

Follow-up is needed:

- RA-3-4-SDR Group to provide feedback
- WMO Secretariat to provide guidance on product metadata
- Providers (NOAA, EUMETSAT) to validate entries

ACTION 1.5: Group to provide feedback to the GNC-A product catalogue, and providers (NOAA, EUMETSAT) to validate entries. By 15 Aug 2015.

ACTION 1.6: WMO to provide guidance on product metadata to Group (Diego Souza). By 15 Aug 2015.

ACTION 1.2: Group to identify priority requirements in the SDR requirements list. Who: All Group Members; By: 1 Nov 2015 - OPEN

Diego Souza addressed this Action:

An updated version of the requirements list with the GNC-A products highlighted in green.

<https://www.dropbox.com/s/mya62ez65emwcpq/RA-III-IV-Requirements-v20150622.xls?raw=1>

In the table, the columns “User Requirements”: “Priority”, “Timeliness” and “Bandwidth” contain outdated content and should be replaced by “Required (“High Priority”, “Medium Priority”, “Low Priority”)” and “Timeliness” (free text).

The Group recommended that the updated Requirements table be sent to all Members of the RA-3-4-SDR Group, and the countries present at the Greenbelt meeting, along with the Survey once finalized. A revised draft satellite user survey has been established to identifying the priority requirements in the SDR requirements list and to help the Group on Tasks 1 (Ensuring and coordinating satellite data access and availability) and 2 (Identifying and ensuring training and education for satellite applications).

The draft survey is available:

In English: https://www.dropbox.com/s/p2hh9cgbx60goew/RA-3-4-Survey_20150622_en.doc?raw=1

In Spanish:

https://www.dropbox.com/s/h3jjwwqo3vtmcy3/RA-3-4-Survey_20150622_sp.doc?raw=1

In Portuguese:

https://www.dropbox.com/s/oqusftc6xq0x3ky/RA-3-4-Survey_20150622_pt.doc?raw=1

ACTION 1.7: Group to review draft Survey and send feedback to Diego Sousa and Luiz Machado. By 10 July 2015.

ACTION 1.3: For participants on the Group to be confirmed by the WMO PR where this is not yet the case. By: 1 Sep 2015. - OPEN

WMO Secretariat to contact Costa Rica, Panama, and Honduras to follow up, in addition to Uruguay and Paraguay.

ACTION 1.4: The Group at its next teleconference to discuss the possibility of a meeting in South America in 2016. By: 23 Jun 2015. - CLOSED

Group discussed this item and noted that Curaçao may be willing to host meeting, but this needs confirmation through the co-chairs. WMO support to meeting is contingent on the development of a mature region-based satellite data distribution plan/roadmap that should be discussed and formally endorsed at such a meeting. The Group noted that the meeting should not be held during the Olympic Games 2016, and in the SH summer months.

RECOMMENDATION 1.1: NOAA to clarify whether GNC-A can be used by the Region as an operationally supported data distribution system for a priority set of meteorological data/products (for primary official duty or back-up purposes).

NOAA informed about GNC-A at CGMS-43 and as a response to an action to the 2013 NOAA Satellite Conference.

RECOMMENDATION 1.2: NOAA to make available some pre-operational GOES-R data available on GNC-A, to assist the Region in preparing for its use.

NOAA confirmed at CGMS-43 and as a response to an action to the 2013 NOAA Satellite Conference that GOES-R data will be made available on GNC-A equivalent to the current GOES data on GNC-A, provided that GOES-R will be in the East position.

2. Draft Roadmap for Regional Satellite Data Distribution in RA III and IV

The Group welcomed the first draft of a roadmap distributed by the Secretariat. Inclusion of termination of service of existing GOES when GOES-R/S goes into operations is needed. Further details on the overlap period upon transitioning from GOES to GOES-R is required.

For further developing the plan/roadmap, an Action was agreed:

ACTION 1.8: WMO Secretariat to establish Task team 1 email list and send it to Glendell de Souza and Diego Souza to lead this Task; Secretariat to provide revised roadmap to Glendell de Souza, for further elaboration by the Task team.

3. Discussion, Follow-Up

Sally Wannop took interest in the revised Requirements Table, for use by RAIDEG.

Sally Wannop informed that EUMETSAT Council meets 23-24 June 2015 and decides on whether EUMETCast-Americas will be terminated by the end of 2015, or end of 2016. EUMETSAT will in any case engage with NOAA and the Group to transition a priority list of data and products to GNC-A.

Secretariat informed about discussions at 17th World Meteorological Congress on satellite data provision in the Americas.

The Group agreed on **Thursday 27 Aug 2015, 13.00 UTC** as the date for the next teleconference.