

**RA-3-4-SDR Teleconference (15th)
22 Oct 2015, 13.00-15.00 UTC**

Attendees:

Diana Rodriguez (Argentina)
Glendell de Souza (BCT)
Paul Seymour (NOAA)
Diego Souza (INPE Brazil)
Stephan Bojinski (WMO)
Angelica Gutierrez (NOAA)
Bryan Thomas (Trinidad and Tobago)
Dayne Taitt (Trinidad and Tobago)

Apologies:

Raul Rodas (Paraguay)
Luiz Machado (INPE Brazil)
David Bradley (Environment Canada)
Dwayne Scott (Belize)
Sally Wannop (EUMETSAT)
Estela Collini (Argentina)

1. Progress on developing a Regional data distribution roadmap (Task Team 1)

Glendell de Souza briefed on status. Implications of a delay in the launch of GOES-R is beneficial in terms of user readiness, including possible purchase of new receiving equipment. The draft is available and should be commented on by the entire Group. Service should make use of the document to influence the national planning process (even if facts in the document continue to evolve). Important facts such as costs and technical capabilities should be in the document. No living document is needed; updates should be made on regular intervals.

Paul Seymour informed that the March 2016 launch date for GOES-R was no longer valid. A new official launch date is not yet available (probably sometime later in 2016).

Bryan Thomas reported on briefing nationally and concerns about costs. He wondered about possibilities to approach industry to negotiate a package deal. Glendell de Souza informed about possibilities for Region-based solutions, e.g., in RA III, based on a client-server solution (one country receives, others exploit, and joint funding). He pointed out that RA IV is very diverse.

The draft Roadmap is available here

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1xsV2ron8CcrMBbMUIZOAG3ioiKO7bplJM_h4cX-f5Lo/edit

for comments by the Group.

Action 2.1: Group to provide comments on the draft Roadmap for Regional Satellite Data Distribution in Region III and IV; By 30 Nov 2015

2. Open Actions

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

Feedback from Raul Rodas (Paraguay). Group decided to await feedback received through the Survey which asks for priority requirements (deadline: 15 Nov 2015). Diego agreed to iterate with respondents if they have not filled in the xls spreadsheet. Some issues in completing xls spreadsheet due to its size.

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.

CLOSED. Paraguay nominated focal point. No progress with Costa Rica, Honduras, Panama, Uruguay. Participants to use their contacts with these (and other missing countries) to nominate focal points.

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

CLOSED. Catalogue in good shape, has been validated by NOAA and EUMETSAT.

3. The Regional User Survey

Developed by Task Team 2, and distributed by WMO by email (Ms Anu Baidya, Secretary of WMO Space Programme office) on 15 October, with response deadline 15 November.

Participants are encouraged to distribute the Survey among their peers (PRs in RA III, RA IV etc.).

4. AOB

a) RA-3-4-SDR Group Meeting in Curaçao (tentatively: March 2016)

Such a face-to-face meeting was considered valuable provided:

- The Roadmap is sufficiently mature to serve as guidance and discussion basis for Members
- An update on GOES-R launch schedule can be provided
- The results from the 2015 Regional Survey are available and sufficiently mature
- The SDR Co-Chairs and other volunteers take the lead in drafting the agenda and preparing the meeting, draft invitation letters, solicit support
- The hosts and other volunteers take the lead in organizing local arrangements
- Resource constraints could be addressed by:
 - Members at least partially funding their participation themselves
 - WMO securing travel support; this requires a solid justification for the meeting (0.5-1 pager)
 - Potential NOAA support equally requires early notification and solid justification (ask Int'l Affairs Offices of NWS and NESDIS)
 - The WMO RA III office can provide support (Julian Baez to check)

Participants felt that, given the early state of preparations, and the likely delay of the GOES-R launch date, the March 2016 date for the meeting was somewhat premature. Postponing the meeting to May or a later date would be better. This would require coordination with the PR of Curaçao.

b) Visualization tools for SDR data – commonalities?

Luiz Machado raised whether more standardized processing and visualization tools were available for the products to be disseminated in the Region (in response to the SDR requirements)? Should a Task Team be formed around this topic?

Next call: **10 Dec 2015, 13.00 UTC**