

**RA-3-4-SDR Teleconference (18th)
19 Jan 2016, 13.00-14.00 UTC**

Attendees:

Luiz Machado (INPE)
Diego Souza (INPE)
Bryan Thomas (Trinidad and Tobago)
Shem Willie (Saint Lucia)
Angelica Gutierrez (NOAA)
Estela Collini (SMN Argentina)
Venantius Descartes (Saint Lucia)
Andre Joyeux (Saint Lucia)
David Bradley (Canada)
Jorge Chira (Peru)

Apologies:

Sally Wannop (EUMETSAT)
Dwayne Scott (Belize)
Paul Seymour (NOAA)
Diana Rodriguez (SMN Argentina)

1. Action status
2. Update on Regional survey
3. Possible Group meeting: Justification (attached) and status of plans
4. AOB

1. Review of Actions

NEW ACTION 3.1: Glendell de Souza to make available to the Group, and include in the roadmap as appropriate, a map showing location-specific antenna configurations needed to receive GOES-R re-broadcast (assuming a known location of GOES-R). By 15 January 2016. CLOSED

NEW ACTION 3.2: Group (Estela, Jorge, Luiz) to work with Glendell de Souza on an Annex to the roadmap, which would be more specific about typical receiving system configurations and terms of reference, and thus provide guidance to countries in developing their system specifications. By 15 January 2016.

Remains OPEN; Group to provide more details by the end of February 2016.

Jorge Chira noted that data storage is a challenge given the increase in data volumes from the new systems; NMSs do not necessarily have the infrastructure for data storage. He also wondered how DCP data reception (for AWSs) will continue using the new equipment. Can both points be addressed in the roadmap.

NEW ACTION: Task Team on Data Distribution to include guidance on continuity of DCP reception in the roadmap.

Estela Collini asked whether “Big Data” was addressed by the roadmap.

A URL of the Roadmap will be made available once the agreed modifications have been made.

NEW ACTION 3.3: Luiz to develop a draft justification document (0.5-1 page) for a face-to-face RA-3-4-SDR meeting in 2016, and circulate with the organizing committee. By 15 Jan 2016.

CLOSED ACTION.

NEW ACTION 3.4: Paul Seymour to inform the Group about status of the GOES-15 satellite. By: 15 January 2016.

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2. Status of Regional Survey

Diego reported on 31 responses from 23 countries, with continuing efforts in reaching out to countries. Initial results show that the Region has a large need for capacity building regarding the new-generation satellites GOES-R and JPSS. The first draft of the Survey report will be ready for the WMO IPET-SUP meeting, and the final report should be ready one month after.

3. Potential RA-3-4-SDR Group Meeting in 2016

A justification has been prepared, requesting that a face-to-face meeting be held to “enable knowledge sharing, collaboration and minimize the duplication of efforts” with regard to preparing Members in the Region for GOES-R and to invest in infrastructure and building of capacity. Expected outcomes of the meeting would be:

- a) Country having all background information to have a decision about GOES-R data reception, processing and product generations, be trained about GOES-R new data and products, learn about products available and how to access it and how to specify a station based in their own needs and data dissemination strategies from the different possible data sources. The Group has developed a roadmap to assist countries in this decision.
- b) Defined and validated the table of data requirements and the definition of the procedures for update and new requisitions.
- c) Defined the training need on the region and the possible strategies to have it.
- d) Definition of the next SDR actions.
- e) Be trained to use GNC-A and GOES-R.

To exploit synergy with the VLab Management Group meeting (VLMG-8) held in Barbados 9-13 May 2016, the Group suggested that the meeting could also be held in Barbados in the week before (4-7 May 2016). In addition, the PR of Curaçao has informally offered to host the meeting.

The following members agreed to be in the organizing committee for a meeting: Jorge Chira, Luiz Machado, Estela Collini, Diana Rodriguez, David Bradley.

WMO Secretariat agreed to contact P/RA III and IV regarding a potential face-to-face meeting. SDR Chairs agreed to also contact the P/RA III and IV, and to investigate with Barbados the possibility to have the meeting there during the week.

4. AOB

David Bradley noted that some Members in the Region would have an interest in 1-minute rapid scan imagery from GOES-R, and whether the Group could be used as a potential mechanism to request such data from NOAA. The Group welcomed this idea and was in favour of starting the discussion with NOAA on how to treat such requests in the future.

Next call: TBD