



SEVENTH MEETING OF THE PACIFIC METEOROLOGICAL COUNCIL (PMC-7)

AGENDA ITEM 11.3

Embracing Business Continuity for Effective Multi-Hazard Early Warning Systems

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Purpose of the Paper

- To provide update to the Council on the WMO activities in developing the Business Continuity Guidelines for Members.
- To encourage the Council Members to embrace Business Continuity Management in their operational practices.
- To seek the Council approval and support in developing region-specific guidance and tools for Members.



Background

- An unprecedented surge in the need of a guidance for Members on how to maintain their operation and maintenance of systems overwhelmed during the **COVID-19 pandemic** and further highlighted during the eruption of **the Hunga Tonga-Hunga Ha'apai volcano**.
- National Meteorology and Hydrology Services (NMHSs) are essential in safeguarding public safety and supporting various sectors of the economy.
- Business Continuity Management (BCM) is a critical aspect of their responsibilities, involving planning for potential disruptions to their operations.
- Through effective implementation of BCM, NMHSs can uphold operational continuity, fulfill their responsibilities, and bolster national resilience.

Updates

EC-75, 2022

- Proposed Approaches to Business Continuity and Contingency Planning

EC-78, 2024

- Guidelines for Members on Business Continuity Management
- Link: [EC-78-d04-1-1\(7\)-BUSINESS-CONTINUITY-MANAGEMENT-GUIDELINES-approved_en.docx \(wmo.int\)](#)

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- Task Team on BCM established to develop training materials



Challenges

- The need to ensure greater awareness and understanding of business continuity;
- The urgency to develop a collective BCM system within the region so as to stay more resilient in the face of disruptions;
- Limited guidance and tools on BCM are accessible.



Recommendations

The Meeting is invited to:

- **Recognise** the importance of embracing business continuity;
- **Acknowledge** the existing Business Continuity Management Guidelines for WMO Members;
- **Endorse** the recommendation of developing region-specific business continuity guidance and tools for Members through Pacific funding modalities such as Weather Ready Pacific.