WMO Observing System Regulatory Material & GRUAN Guide

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Outline

How GRUAN should be incorporated in the below WMO Regulatory Material if implemented as part of the WMO Observing System:

- Manual on the GOS, (WMO-No. 544)
 (General purpose & guidance)
- Guide on the GOS, (WMO-No. 488)
 (More specific purposes & guidance)
- CIMO Guide, (WMO-No. 8)
 (Instrument-level guidance)

Why? Formal buy-in by all WMO Members; firm up what GRUAN really is

Manual on the GOS Volume I – Global Aspects

Part I: General principles

- Purpose of GRUAN
- Organization and Design of GRUAN
- Implementation of GRUAN

Part III: Surface-based Subsystem

General text on:

- Composition of GRUAN
- Implementation of Elements of GRUAN
- Equipment and Methods of Observation applied for GRUAN



Guide to the GOS Part III: The Surface-based subsystem

- Design of GRUAN network
- Planning of GRUAN network and stations
- Management of GRUAN network:
 - Administrative arrangements and operational tasks,
 - Staff,
 - Logistics and supplies,
 - Establishment of new station,
 - Regular inspections,
 - Procurement of instruments,
 - Instrument check, maintenance, calibration,
 - Coordination, planning and budgeting,
 - Network performance monitoring.

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CIMO Guide - Part I, Chapter 12 Measurement of upper air pressure, temperature, humidity

Insert text relevant to GRUAN into chapters:

- 12.1 General (Definitions, units, requirements, methods of measurements)
- 12.2 Radiosonde electronics
- 12.3 Temperature sensors
- 12.4 Pressure sensors
- 12.5 Relative humidity sensors
- 12.6 Ground station equipment
- 12.7 Radiosonde operations
- 12.8 Errors of radiosondes
- 12.9 Comparisons, calibration, maintenance
- 12.10 Computations and reporting procedures



CIMO Guide - Part II, Chapter 5 Special profiling techniques for the boundary layer and the troposphere

Insert text relevant to GRUAN into chapter:

- 5.2 Ground-based remote sensing techniques
 - Acoustic sounders (sodars)
 - Wind profiler radars
 - Radio-acoustic sounding systems (RASS)
 - Microwave radiometers
 - Laser radars (lidars)
 - Etc.

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