WOVO – the case for support

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WOVO - background

• Commission of IAVCEI
• Members are volcano observatories
• Three co-leaders
• Organisation for, and of, volcano observatories
• Aims to:
  ➢ Assist VOs to communicate hazard more effectively
  ➢ Provide advice and support to VOs
  ➢ Advocate for VOs in the global community
Key activities

• Presence on aviation/ash committees (Chris Newhall, Peter)
• WOVODat – database of volcanic unrest (Chris)
• Contacts for volcano observatories needing advice on hazards monitoring and advice
The needs

• All three co-chairs (and Chris) operate on a voluntary basis with no funding

• Progress towards better representation is not as effective as it could (or should) be

➢ To move WOVO forward faster, dedicated personnel are needed
Suggested funding

• Funds for co-chairs (travel, time) to dedicate time to liaising with VOs in their region and to liaise with other global organisations such as ICAO
• Funds for part-time communications officer to develop links with and between VOs
• Exchanges of scientists and technicians between VOS to build collaborations and expose personnel to alternative hazard mitigation situations
• Develop more VOBPs to address specific topics
  ➢ Cost: ca. US$800k
WOVOdat

• Currently based at NTU, Singapore under leadership of Chris Newhall
• Objective is to have a database of past volcano monitoring data available for comparison to current crises
• Operating costs ca. US$240k pa
• NTU support current to March 2014, but then a need for funding to continue database development and maintenance