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Subject: White Paper on the Contribution of the GFCS to "Transforming our World: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (Agenda 2030)"

Dear Sir/Madam,

The document "Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development" adopted by the Summit on Sustainable Development held in New York, USA, 25-27 September 2015, which articulated 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the corresponding 169 targets, provides a universal, transformative and integrated ambition that will provide an aligned pathway for the activities of the United Nations (UN) Members, international organizations within and beyond the UN system, as well as the entire sphere of entities and individuals having a stake in sustainable development.

The document brings to the fore the challenge that sustainable development and climate change, two intertwined issues, represent. Achieving SDGs will require the mobilization of efforts and capacities of all to implement the full spectrum of internationally agreed objectives, such as the Sendai Framework on Disaster Risk Reduction, the Paris agreement reached at the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) 21st Conference of the Parties (COP 21) in December 2015, the Small Islands Developing States (SIDS) Accelerated Modalities of Action (S.A.M.O.A.) Pathway, as well as forthcoming agreements from Habitat III, the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development, among others.

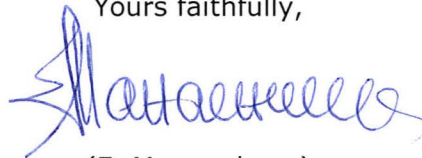
Climate Services are critical in supporting the achievement of the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda as the majority of the 17 Goals and many of its 169 targets as well as activities to be implemented under the internationally agreed objectives are weather and climate sensitive. With this in mind, the Partner Advisory Committee of the Intergovernmental Board on Climate Services (PAC) agreed it was critical to articulate the contribution of the Global Framework for Climate Services (GFCS) to supporting the SDGs (through the activities of GFCS partners) focusing on the five priority areas of the GFCS, but also covering the multitude of SDGs that could benefit from enhanced availability and access to climate services. This would enable better understanding of the value and role of the GFCS in support of Sustainable Development and Adaptation to climate variability and change.

I have the pleasure of informing you that the PAC has developed the White Paper on the Contribution of the GFCS to Transforming our World: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (Agenda 2030), which can be accessed at the following link
<http://gfcs.wmo.int/white-paper-contribution-of-gfcs-to-sdgs>.

To: Members and observers of the Partner Advisory Committee

I hope you will find the document of use in support of your actions linking climate services to sustainable development and adaptation to climate variability and change, and I wish to thank all the Partner Advisory Committee members and observers for their contribution to the document.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'E. Manaenkova', with a stylized flourish at the end.

(E. Manaenkova)
for the Secretary-General