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Annexes: 2 (available in English only)

Subject: Informal Planning Meeting on the WMO Voluntary Cooperation Programme (VCP) to be held in Melbourne, Australia from 4 to 7 April 2017

Action required: (a) To notify the Secretariat, as soon as possible and preferably by **24 March 2017** of your participation or of your designated representative's participation in the above meeting

(b) To forward to the Secretariat relevant information (in electronic format) on the contributions of your country to cooperation activities in 2016, including actions of a bilateral nature and the expected contribution for 2017

Dear Sir/Madam,

The next annual Informal Planning Meeting (IPM) on the WMO Voluntary Cooperation Programme (VCP) and related technical cooperation programmes will be held in Melbourne, Australia from 4 to 7 April 2017.

The provisional agenda is attached for your information (please see Annex 1). Kindly inform us as soon as possible if you have any items to add to the agenda.

In view of the generous support of your organization to cooperation activities, and taking into account the importance of the coordination and development of VCP and related cooperation activities, I have pleasure in inviting you or your representative to participate in this meeting. As in the past, it is expected that participants from all the VCP IPM Members (please see Annex 2) will meet their own travel and subsistence expenses. The meeting will be convened in English and the documents will be shared with the participants in due course.

In the event that you do not usually, or cannot this year, participate in the IPM, it would nonetheless be appreciated if you could provide a brief report of your development assistance activities to the Secretariat. This will feature in the IPM documentation in order to allow us to obtain a wider perspective on assistance flowing between WMO Members and seek opportunities for synergy and value adding for the benefit of our Members who are challenged to deliver the products and services necessary to support their governments and communities.

To: Permanent Representatives of Members of WMO (limited distribution)

cc: Permanent Missions of these Members to the Office of the United Nations and other international organizations in Geneva (for information)

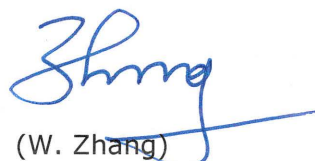
Consequently, to assist with preparations for the meeting, I would like to request you to provide the Secretariat, if you have not already done so, with information on:

- (a) A summary report on the VCP technical cooperation activities carried out by your country in 2016 and prospects for 2017;
- (b) A brief summary of related bilateral/multilateral technical cooperation activities;
- (c) The estimated financial value of those contributions for VCP in 2016 (USD) through the VCP-Equipment and Services (VCP(ES)), Training/Fellowships and also equipment and services by bilateral/multilateral arrangements.

Reports should be sent electronically to Mr Jean-Paul Gaudechoux (JPGaudechoux@wmo.int) and Ms Lina Sjaavik (LSjaavik@wmo.int) by **24 March 2017**.

It would be highly appreciated if you could let me know of your participation in the meeting by **24 March 2017**.

Yours faithfully,



(W. Zhang)
for the Secretary-General

**INFORMAL PLANNING MEETING OF THE
VOLUNTARY COOPERATION PROGRAMME**
Melbourne, Australia

ITEM: 1

Original: ENGLISH

4-7 April 2017

PROVISIONAL AGENDA**Tuesday, 4 April**

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| 10:00 | Agenda item 1: | Welcome Address |
| 10:20 | Agenda item 2: | Adoption of the agenda and working arrangements for the meeting
Chairperson: Jon Gill |
| 10:30 | Agenda item 3: | Report of the WMO VCP
Lina Sjaavik |
| 11:00 | Coffee Break | |
| 11:20 | Agenda item 4.1: | Overview of Regional Projects Managed by the WMO Secretariat
Jean-Paul Gaudechoux |
| 11:45 | Agenda item 4.2: | Overview of IPM Member Bilateral Technical Cooperation Activities
<i>Presentations of 15 minutes max by each country representative on cooperation activities in 2015 and plans for 2016</i> |
| 13:00 | Lunch Break | |
| 14:00 | Agenda item 4.2: | (cont'd.) |
| 15:50 | Coffee break | |
| 16:10 | Agenda item 4.2: | (cont'd.) |



Wednesday, 5 April

09:00	Agenda item 4.2:	(cont'd.)
10:00	Agenda item 4.3:	Cooperation between NMHS in development projects – Strengths and interests <i>Members of the IPM have different strengths and areas of interest. Through cooperating in project planning and implementation we can build on each other's strengths to optimize the development projects.</i>
10:50	Coffee break	
11:10	Agenda item 4.4:	Synergies between development projects – Donor cooperation for capacity development (building on item 4.3) <i>Many countries are benefitting from multiple development projects. This dialogue is aimed at finding opportunities and mechanisms for increasing the coordination between the development projects. Possibility for country focused break-out groups.</i>
13:00	Lunch Break	
14:00	Agenda item 4.5:	NMHS and Climate Financing – Opportunities and Challenges Jean-Paul Gaudechoux- <i>Updates on WMO and accreditation to climate financing entities</i>
15:30	Coffee break	
16:00		Overview Emerging Initiatives (IKI, CREWS, WISER, Canada SIDS, Weather Ready Nations)
17:00		End of day
18:00	Dinner	Self-funded



Thursday 6 April

09:00 Agenda item 4.6: Successful Twinning Arrangements
Twining between NMHSs is seen as an optimal way of increasing the capacity of NMHSs in developing countries. Members of the IPM are invited to share their experiences in twinning arrangements.

10:30 Agenda item 5: Discussion
Topics identified throughout the first two days of the meeting

- *Change of name to International Planning Meeting?*

11:30 Agenda item 6: Development Partner Roundtable

Further details to come

Friday 7 April

09:00 **Agenda item 6:** (cont'd.)
Further details to come

13:30 Closure of Meeting

14:00 Social Activity (Optional)



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