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Annex: 1

Subject: Thirty-third session of the Data Buoy Cooperation Panel (DBCP-33), Brest, France, 14-17 November 2017

- Action required:
- 1) To notify WMO and/or IOC Secretariats of the name and contact details of the representatives attending the meeting by 30 September 2017
  - 2) To provide national reports on current and planned buoy programmes to the WMO Secretariat by 30 September 2017
  - 3) To check the list of national Focal Points for buoy programmes and notify required changes to the WMO Secretariat.

Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of the World Meteorological Organization and the IOC (of UNESCO), I am pleased to announce that at the kind invitation of the JCOMM Observations Programme Support Center (JCOMMOPS), the thirty-third session of the Joint WMO-IOC Data Buoy Cooperation Panel (DBCP) will be held in Brest, France, from 14 to 17 November 2017. The DBCP Executive Board will meet prior to the DBCP-33 session on 13 November 2017 at the same venue, to discuss the DBCP related issues. As decided by the Panel, the session will be conducted in English only.

I would like to recall that membership of the Panel is open to all Member States of IOC and Members of WMO. Interested organizations and programmes are also welcome to participate in the sessions. We would be grateful if you could inform the WMO or IOC Secretariat, **by 30 September 2017**, whether your country will be represented at DBCP-33. Upon confirmation, please provide us with the name and contact details of the representative/s.

Participants are responsible for obtaining their own visas, if necessary. A copy of each participants' passport, representing organization, work telephone number and email address, are requested by the local hosts, in advance, to facilitate registration. If any local assistance is required with entry formalities, please contact the IOC Secretariats representative, Ms Emanuela Rusciano (e.rusciano@unesco.org). In addition to this, it is to be noted that, according to established procedures, financial assistance by IOC and WMO will not be available for the participation of delegates at the session.

To: Permanent Representatives of Members of WMO, participating in JCOMM (Limited distribution)

cc: JCOMM Co-presidents  
 JCOMM OPA Coordinator  
 Chairpersons, GOOS and GCOS Steering Committees

As was the case in previous sessions, all participants are requested to provide input on national implementation status, in the form of a brief report, in accordance with the guidance provided in the Annex, and send it to the Secretariat **by 30 September 2017**.

I would also like to invite you to check the list of national Focal Points for buoy Programmes, available from the web at: <http://www.jcomm.info/dbcp-nfp> and report any discrepancies, or nominate a national Focal Point in case your country does not have one yet.

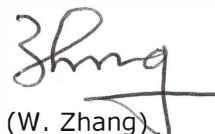
Finally, it should be noted that the first half day of 14 November 2017 will be devoted to a scientific and technical workshop. An information document and '*Call-for-papers*' for the workshop will be issued and will be made available on the web through the link indicated below.

All documents and information pertinent to the session, that is: Provisional agenda, venue, local arrangements, etc., are posted, or will be posted in due course, on the JCOMM website at: <http://www.jcomm.info/dbcp-33>.

I would appreciate it if notifications concerning participation at DBCP-33, updates to the list of national Focal Points, as well as electronic copies of the brief reports mentioned above, are sent to Ms. Champika Gallage ([cgallage@wmo.int](mailto:cgallage@wmo.int)).

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your support to marine activities.

Yours faithfully,



(W. Zhang)  
for the Secretary-General

**DATA BUOY CO-OPERATION PANEL (DBCP)**

**FORMAT FOR NATIONAL REPORTS ON  
CURRENT AND PLANNED BUOY PROGRAMMES**

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A template of the form can be downloaded from the following ftp site:

<ftp://ftp.wmo.int/Documents/PublicWeb/amp/mmop/documents/dbcp/templates/Format-DBCP-National-Reports.doc>

It is recommended that this form is filled in electronically and returned to the Secretariat to the following email address in electronic format: [cgallage@wmo.int](mailto:cgallage@wmo.int).

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