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Annex: 1

Subject: Call for Nominations to the RA V Task Team on Satellite Utilization (TT-SU);
Announcement of the ninth Asia-Oceania Meteorological Satellite Users Conference
(AOMSUC-9), Jakarta, Indonesia, 6-11 October 2018

Dear Sir/Madam,

The sixteenth session of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) Regional Association (RA) V established the Task Team on Satellite Utilization (TT-SU) as part of the Working Group on Infrastructure (WG-INFRA). This is in line with Resolution 12 by the sixty-fifth Executive Council (2013) which recommended the establishment of satellite data user coordination mechanisms in all Regions. Such mechanisms have proven of great value for coordinating user requirements, sharing of knowledge and experience, identifying needs for capacity building, and for acting as a structured interface between Members and satellite operators.

The TT-SU in its current composition (see Annex) has been useful to raise awareness and initiate the identification of satellite-related needs of Members in RA V. This has been done in particular in collaboration with its counterpart in RA II, the Coordination Group for the RA II WIGOS Project on Develop Support for National Meteorological and Hydrological Services (NMHSs) in Satellite Data, Products and Training, and on the occasion of Asia-Oceania Meteorological Satellite Users Conferences (AOMSUC). However, the TT-SU requires stronger representation and participation by RA V Members in order to be effective in fulfilling its tasks.

With this letter, I ask you to nominate a representative of your country to the RA V TT-SU, and to return your nomination to the WMO Space Programme office (Ms Yingchu Chu, ychu@wmo.int, with copy to the Chair of TT-SU, Ms Agnes Lane, BOM Australia, a.lane@bom.gov.au) **by 31 March 2018**.

Furthermore, I am pleased to inform you that Badan Meteorologi, Klimatologi dan Geofisika (BMKG) Indonesia plans to host AOMSUC-9, in Jakarta, Indonesia, on 6-11 October 2018. A dedicated meeting of the TT-SU is planned in conjunction with the Conference, and invitations will be sent to Members in the May-June timeframe.

To: Permanent Representatives (or Directors of Meteorological or Hydrometeorological Services) of Members of WMO in RA V (limited distribution)

cc: Mr Michel Jean (President of CBS), President of RA V, WMO Regional Office for South-West Pacific, Dr Steven Volz (NOAA/NESDIS Assistant Administrator for Satellite and Information Services), Permanent Representatives of China, India, Japan, Republic of Korea and Russian Federation

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I look forward to receiving your response, which will facilitate the utilization of satellite data in RA V for monitoring and mitigation of natural disasters in the Region.

I would like to express my appreciation for your continued support in promoting the Programmes and activities of WMO.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Zhang', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

(W. Zhang)
for the Secretary-General

RA V Task Team on Satellite Utilization (TT-SU)

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TT-SU Objectives

Identify and document the needs for satellite observations and derived products, for RA V Members.

The TT-SU aims to deliver a regional set of requirements for satellite data and products required by RA V members, to fulfil their national/international roles in support of weather forecasts and warnings. Based on an agreed set of requirements, data providers will work with data users to meet the requirements, through ongoing leadership by the Task Team.

Methodology

To develop a set of requirements for satellite data and exchange in RA V, the TT-SU has adopted the WMO "Procedure for documenting regional requirements for satellite data and exchange".

Members (January 2018)

Satellite Data User Representatives

- Agnes Lane (BOM Australia, Chair)
- Riris Adriyanto (BMKG)
- Vincente Palcon Jr (PAGASA)
- Jennifer Strahl (NOAA, Hawaii)
- Kevin Alder (NZ Met Service)

Satellite Agency Representatives

- Hyun-Jong Oh (KMA)
 - Shiro Ohmori (JMA)
 - Xiang Fang (CMA)
 - Jennifer Lewis (NOAA/NWS, Senior International Analyst)
 - Paul Seymour (NOAA, Direct Broadcast expert)
 - Ed Young (contractor with NOAA, RANET expert)
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