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Annex: 1

Subject: Joint CBS-CCI Expert Team on Operational Predictions from Sub-seasonal to Longer-time Scale (ET-OPSLS) meeting, Barcelona, Spain, 2 June and 4 to 6 June 2018, preceded by a workshop on Operational Climate Prediction (OCP-2) from 30 May to 1 June 2018

Action required: WMO Secretariat to be notified **preferably not later than 5 April 2018** whether your expert(s) will be able to attend the workshop and the meeting

Dear Sir/Madam,

The WMO Commission for Basic Systems (CBS) and the Commission for Climatology (CCI) have significantly strengthened their cooperation in the establishment of designated centres for generating and delivering operational climate prediction products from sub-seasonal to longer time scales. In order to communicate new developments in climate forecasting, share operational experience and discuss new ideas for collaboration between the Global Producing Centres (GPCs), the Regional Climate Centres (RCCs), the Regional Climate Outlook Forums (RCOFs), the National Meteorological and Hydrological Services (NMHSs) and the research community, the Joint CBS/CCI Inter-Programme Expert Team on Operational Predictions from Sub-seasonal to Longer-time Scales (IPET-OPSLS) have initiated a series of WMO Workshops on Operational Climate Prediction. The first WMO Workshop on Operational Climate Prediction (OCP-1) was held from 9 to 11 November 2015 in Pune, India. The second workshop in the series, OCP-2, is planned to be held from 30 May to 1 June 2018 in Barcelona, Spain. It is also planned to hold a meeting of the IPET-OPSLS at the same venue on 2 June and from 4 to 6 June 2018 to integrate the results of the discussions at OCP-2 into IPET-OPSLS workplan.

In this context, and at the kind invitation of Spain, I have the pleasure to inform you that both the OCP-2 workshop and the meeting of the IPET OPSLS will be held in Barcelona, Spain on the above-mentioned dates. The meeting of IPET OPSLS will review, discuss and make recommendations on: (1) How to integrate with the core functions of CSIS encompassing climate data, climate monitoring, climate prediction and climate projection and to evolve GDPFS to include a class of RSMCs to include (i) centres that maintain Climate Reanalysis, and (ii) centres that provide Climate Monitoring on a global scale; (2) How to advance the concept of GPCs for sub-seasonal forecasts to facilitate the availability of coordinated global products as the essential inputs to regional and national operational sub-seasonal forecasting.

The membership of this Expert Team (see Annex), includes expert(s) from your country, who was (were) nominated during the sixteenth session of CBS (Guangzhou, China, 2016) and at the sixteenth session of CCI (Heidelberg, Germany, July 2014). I should, therefore, be grateful if you would kindly concur for your expert(s) participation in both events.

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In accordance with WMO General Regulation 37, the "expenses of attendance of members of working groups of constituent bodies at sessions of these groups shall normally be borne by the members to which those members belong". It is, therefore, hoped that these expenses will be borne by your Government.

If it is not possible for your Government to meet the expenses for the attendance of your expert(s), WMO is prepared to consider providing financial support for this purpose. However, in view of the limited funds available to support meetings of working groups, I would request you to consider the possibility of meeting at least part of the costs involved.

For administrative purposes, I would appreciate it if you could kindly notify the WMO Secretariat preferably not later than **5 April 2018** whether your expert(s) will be able to attend the above-mentioned meeting and whether any financial assistance will be required. If so, the details of the assistance required, i.e. travel costs or per diem, or both, should be indicated. If WMO meets the travel costs, the travel arrangements will be made by the Secretariat and details will be sent directly to your expert(s) in due course. Additional information and other relevant documents, including provisional agenda and documentation plan for the meeting will be soon posted on the WMO website at :

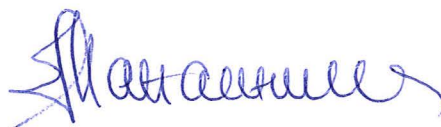
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I would like to express my appreciation for your continued support in promoting the WMO Programmes and activities.

Yours faithfully,



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