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Annex: 1 (available in English only)

Subject: Seventeenth Session of the RA V Tropical Cyclone Committee (RA V TCC-17) 23-26 July 2018, and Meeting of the Regional Subproject Management Team (RSMT) of the Severe Weather Forecasting and Disaster risk reduction Demonstration Project (SWFDDP) for the Regional Association V, 27-28 July 2018, Nouméa, New Caledonia, France

Action required: WMO Secretariat to be **notified by 11 June 2018**:  
(a) To nominate representative to participate in the RA V TCC-17 session  
(b) To confirm participation of expert(s) member of the RSMT of SWFDDP

Dear Sir/Madam,

As you are aware, the Regional Association V called for a biennial session of the RA V Tropical Cyclone Committee (Resolution 11, XVI-RA V, Jakarta, Indonesia, 2-8 May 2014). I have, therefore, the pleasure of informing you that, at the kind invitation of the Government of France, the seventeenth session of the RA V Tropical Cyclone Committee (RA V TCC-17) will be held from 23 to 26 July 2018, in Nouméa, New Caledonia, France. This session will be held back-to-back with the meeting of the Regional Subproject Management Team (RSMT) of the Severe Weather Forecasting and Disaster risk reduction Demonstration Project (SWFDDP) for the South Pacific, from 27 to 28 July 2018, at the same venue.

The RA V TCC-17 session will consider not only the meteorological aspects of tropical cyclones warning system but also the vitally important measures necessary for the hydrological as well as the disaster risk reduction components of the tasks of the Committee.

As you may also recall, SWFDDP in the South Pacific commenced in November 2009, focusing on forecasting and warning services in relation to heavy rain, strong winds and damaging waves. The development of the project has been managed by a Regional Subproject Management Team (RSMT), which has been executing and monitoring the project in accordance with its Regional Subproject Implementation Plan (RSIP). RSMT intends to convene a meeting to review progress, evaluate the full expanded demonstration of the project, and to discuss the possible transition of the SWFDDP into routine operations, ensuring the long-term sustainability of the benefits gained with the project. In this context, I would like to draw your attention to the need for each member of the RSMT of the SWFDDP to participate in decisions about the project.

To: Permanent Representatives of Members of Regional Association V (limited distribution) – Australia, Cook Islands, Fiji, Japan, Kiribati, New Caledonia, New Zealand, Niue, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu, United Kingdom, USA and Director of ECMWF

cc: Dr Andi Eka Sakya, President of the RA V (South-West Pacific), Jakarta, Indonesia  
Mr Mike Bergin, Chairperson of RA V TCC, Perth, Australia,  
Mr James LUNNY, Wellington, New Zealand Chairperson of SWFDDP

The membership of the RSMT (see Annex I) includes designated focal point from your country. It may be useful to update your designated focal point if necessary.

In view of the above, I am pleased to invite you to nominate representative(s) of your country to attend the 17<sup>th</sup> session of RA V TCC and RSMT focal point to participate in the RSMT meeting.

Given the limited funds available for the RA V TCC session and the SWFDDP/RSMT meeting, I should be grateful if you would kindly consider nominating the same participant to attend the 17<sup>th</sup> session of RA V TCC and RSMT as per Annex I. Please note that both events will be conducted in English only.

In accordance with WMO General Regulation 37 the "expenses for the 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 your Government would consider covering the cost of participation of your nominated representative. However, upon request, WMO could consider providing financial support (travel and a lump sum in lieu of per diem) for the participation of your nominated representative. Please address such a request to WMO Secretariat at your earliest convenience **but preferably not later than 11 June 2018**.

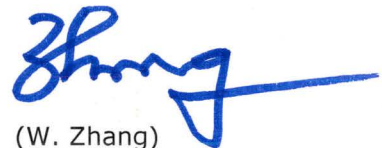
The provisional agenda for both events and the information note will be available at the WMO website: <https://www.wmo.int/pages/prog/www/BAS/CBS-meetings.html>

In order to clarify WMO's insurance coverage for non-staff members, please advise experts in the above-mentioned session, before they undertake travel, as follows:

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I would like to thank you for your continued support in promoting the WMO Programmes and activities.

Yours faithfully,



(W. Zhang)  
for the Secretary-General

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