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Annex: 1

Subject: Seventeenth Session of the WMO RA V Tropical Cyclone Committee (RA V TCC 17), Nouméa, New Caledonia, France, 23-26 July 2018

Action required: Completed nomination forms to be submitted to the WMO Secretariat **on or before 20 June 2018**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to inform you that, at the kind invitation of the Government of France, the seventeenth session of the WMO RA V Tropical Cyclone Committee (RA V TCC 17), will be held in Nouméa, New Caledonia, France, from 23 to 26 July 2018.

The main purpose of the RA V TCC is to promote and coordinate the planning and implementation of the measures required to minimize tropical cyclone damage in the region. As listed in the provisional agenda, the session will consider not only the meteorological and hydrological aspects of the tropical cyclone warning system, but also the very important measures needed for disaster risk reduction and preparedness.

Your country has already expressed keen interest in the efforts being made by the RA V TCC to reduce tropical cyclone damages. I therefore, have pleasure in inviting you to nominate an observer from your country to attend the session. A copy of the information note for the session is enclosed herewith. The provisional annotated agenda will be made available in due course, at the following website: [http://www.wmo.int/pages/prog/www/RAV\\_TCC-17.html](http://www.wmo.int/pages/prog/www/RAV_TCC-17.html).

For administrative purposes I would be grateful if you could kindly notify the WMO Secretariat **on or before 20 June 2018**, whether an observer from your country will attend the session.

Yours faithfully,

(W. Zhang)

for the Secretary-General

To: Permanent Representatives of China, Japan, and Republic of Korea with WMO (limited distribution)

cc: Dr Andi Eka Sakya, President of the RA V (South-West Pacific), Jakarta, Indonesia  
Mr Mike Bergin, Chairperson of RA V Tropical Cyclone Committee, Perth, Australia

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## WORLD METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION

## RA V TROPICAL CYCLONE COMMITTEE

## SEVENTEENTH SESSION

NOUMEA, NEW CALEDONIA, FRANCE, 23-26 JULY 2018

MEETING OF THE REGIONAL SUBPROJECT MANAGEMENT  
TEAM (RSMT) FOR THE SEVERE WEATHER FORECAST  
AND DISASTER RISK REDUCTION DEMONSTRATION  
PROJECT (SWFDDP) FOR THE SOUTH PACIFIC ISLANDS

NOUMEA, NEW CALEDONIA, FRANCE, 27-28 JULY 2018

RA V TCC-17 &  
RSMT/SWFDDP/INF.1  
(2.V.2018)

ENGLISH ONLY

**INFORMATION NOTE FOR PARTICIPANTS****Time and Place of Meetings**

1. At the kind invitation of the Government of France, the seventeenth session of the RA V Tropical Cyclone Committee for the South Pacific and South-East Indian Ocean (RA V TCC) and the Meeting of the Regional Subproject Management Team (RSMT) for the Severe Weather Forecast and Disaster Risk Reduction Demonstration Project (SWFDDP) for the South Pacific will be held in Noumea, New Caledonia, France, from 23 to 26 July 2018 and from 27 to 28 July, respectively.
2. Both meetings will take place at the headquarters of the Pacific Community (SPC) (website: [www.spc.int](http://www.spc.int)) in Noumea, New Caledonia.

**Meeting Arrangements**

3. Both meetings will be conducted in English only, including provision of all working documents, as well as the provisional and final reports of the meetings.
4. The opening ceremony for the seventeenth session of the RA V TCC is planned to commence at 9:00 a.m. on 23 July 2018. Registration of participants will start at 8:00 a.m. on 23 July 2018 at the registration desk located at the entrance to the meeting room. Participants will receive identification badges at the time of registration.
5. For the Meeting of the RSMT for the SWFDDP for the Pacific Islands, the opening ceremony will begin at 9:30 a.m. on 27 July 2018. Registration of participants will start at 8:00 a.m. on 27 July 2018 at the registration desk located at the entrance to the meeting room. Participants will receive identification badges at the time of registration.

**Entry/Visa Requirements**

6. Although part of the French Republic, New Caledonia is an overseas collectively with special provisions, in particular concerning the conditions of entry and residence of foreigners. Unless expressly exempted from the visa requirement (see below), any foreigner wishing to travel to New Caledonia is subject to the visa requirement. The visa can be obtained at the nearest French Embassy or Consulate. To obtain precise information on regulations and deadlines for submission of visa applications, participants are advised to begin the visa process and to contact the Embassy or Consulate as early as possible.

In all cases, foreigners must be in possession of a valid travel document. The participants from following countries/regions are exempt from visa requirement for short-stay:

- of a Member State of the European Union ;
- the European Economic Area (Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway);
- of Switzerland ;
- holders of a valid residence permit or long-stay visa issued by France or another State party to or associated with the Schengen area;
- of the countries listed below: Andorra, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Australia, Bahamas, Barbados, Bolivia, Brazil, Brunei, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominica, El Salvador, Fiji, Grenada, Guatemala, Honduras, Hong Kong/China, Israel, Japan, Kiribati, Macao/China, Malaysia, Marshall Islands, Mauritius, Mexico, Monaco, Nauru, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Northern Mariana Islands, Palau, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Republic of Korea, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, San Marino, Senegal, Seychelles, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Timor Leste, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tuvalu, United Arab Emirates, United States of America, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Venezuela, Western Samoa

Special exemptions may be granted to holders of diplomatic or service passports of certain States.

### Local Coordination

**7.** The Local Coordinator for the seventeenth session of the RAV TCC and the meeting of the RSMT for the SWFDDP for the South Pacific Islands is:

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### Banking and Currency

**8.** New Caledonia' currency is the **Pacific Francs (XPF)**.

There is a fixed exchange rate between XPF and euro: 1 000 XPF = 8.38 Euros

Notes are issued in denominations of XPF 500, 1 000, 5 000 and 10 000.

Coins come in denominations of 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50 and 100.

**9.** Banks in New Caledonia no longer accept travellers cheques.

Most banks in Noumea have foreign exchange counters in their downtown branches, open Monday to Friday from 7.30 a.m. to 3.45 p.m., except on bank holidays.

You'll find 24 hour currency exchange machines outside the following banks:

- BNP - 111 promenade Roger Laroque, Anse Vata, Noumea
- BCI - 55 promenade Roger Laroque, Baie des Citrons, Noumea

The simplest way is to withdraw some cash from the BNC or BCI branch ATMs on your arrival at the airport (if you have an ATM card) or go to the BCI foreign exchange office.

VISA and MASTERCARD cards are widely accepted in hotels, shops and stores.

AMERICAN EXPRESS cards are fairly widely accepted in New Caledonia but you won't be able to use your AMERICAN EXPRESS card to withdraw cash from an ATM.

### Arrival and Transport Arrangements

**10.** Transportation from and to the hotel **will not be provided**.

Taxis are usually not available at the airport. Shuttles are making the line just outside the

main entrance of the airport terminal. The rate for one way, airport-hotel is around 2 000 XPF (17 Euros).

It is recommended to book your shuttle in advance with "Arc en Ciel Services", by sending an e-mail at [info@arcenciel.nc](mailto:info@arcenciel.nc) or on line [www.lanavette.nc](http://www.lanavette.nc)

**11. The electric supply in New Caledonia is 220volts/50Hz with plugs as shown as below**

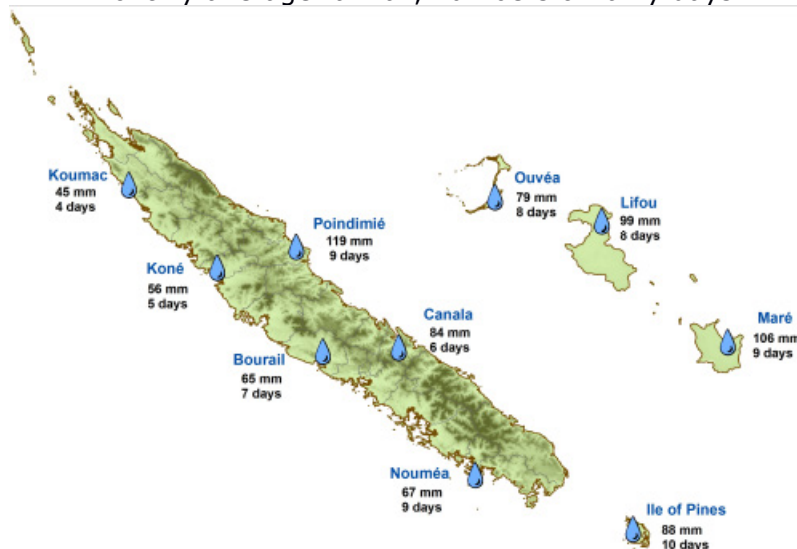


Please bring an extra adaptor if you want to use your laptops, etc.

### Local Climate in July

**12.** Average climate in July in New Caledonia:

Monthly average rainfall, numbers of rainy days



Monthly average min/max temperature



## Accommodation and Food

**13.** Appendix A contains two recommended hotels in Noumea, of which both are within ten minutes walking distance to the meeting venue, with special rates attached to "Tropical Cyclone Committee".

Both recommended hotels have internet access.

Daily transportation between the hotel and the meeting place **is not provided**.

**14.** Participants are requested to make their own hotel bookings well in advance.  
**Participants are requested to make their own bookings** by e-mail (clearly mentioning "Tropical Cyclone Committee 2018") at both addresses: [commercial@glphotels.nc](mailto:commercial@glphotels.nc) & [sc@glphotels.nc](mailto:sc@glphotels.nc)

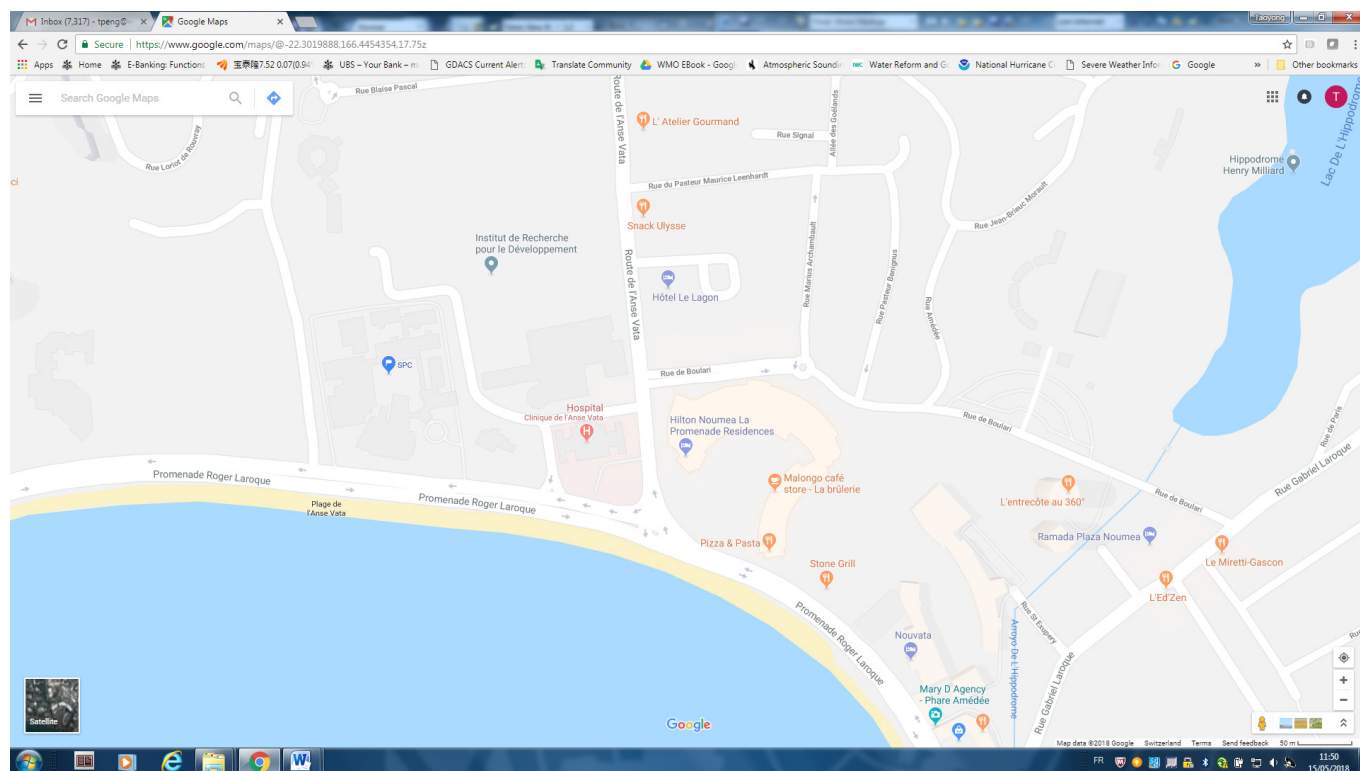
**15.** Participants will find food for their meals in nearby restaurants which are very close to the meeting place (See plan in Appendix A).

**LIST OF RECOMMENDED HOTELS**

Hotel names	Contact details for reservation	Special Prices "Tropical Cyclone Committee" (XPF /Euros)			Distance from Meeting Place
<b>NOUVATA</b>  123 Promenade Roger Laroque, Noumea <b>Web:</b> <a href="http://www.nouvata.nc">www.nouvata.nc</a>	E-mail : <a href="mailto:commercial@glphotels.nc">commercial@glphotels.nc</a> & <a href="mailto:sc@glphotels.nc">sc@glphotels.nc</a>	Standard Room* (1 or 2 people)	Confort Room* (1 or 2 people)	Premium Room* (1 or 2 people)	0.5 km
		9 500 XPF/ 80 euros	10 600 XPF/ 89 euros	11 600 XPF/ 97 euros	
<b>HILTON</b>  109 Promenade Roger Laroque, Nouméa Web: <a href="http://www.hiltonhotels.com">www.hiltonhotels.com</a>	E-mail : <a href="mailto:commercial@glphotels.nc">commercial@glphotels.nc</a> & <a href="mailto:sc@glphotels.nc">sc@glphotels.nc</a>	1 bedroom apartment* (1 or 2 people)	2 bedroom apartment* (2 or 4 people)	1 bedroom apartment* (3 or 6 people)	0.4 km
		18 600 XPF/ 156 euros	24 900 XPF/ 209 euros	28 200 XPF/ 236 euros	

\*Breakfast not included

\*\*3rd sup. People = 4 700 XPF/39 euros



The place marked as "SPC" is the meeting place.