



Our ref.: 33643/2018/OBS/GCW

20 December 2018

Subject: Postponement of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) High Mountain Summit

Dear Sir/Madam,

I have the honour to refer to our letter ref.: 26277/2018/OBS/GCW, dated 19 October 2018, announcing the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) High Mountain Summit, which was scheduled to take place in Geneva, Switzerland, from 25 to 27 February 2019.

Following consultations with the organizing committee and partner organizations, it was decided to postpone the High Mountain Summit until after the release of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) Special Report on the Ocean and Cryosphere in a Changing Climate (SROCC). It is considered that this Special Report will provide the international community and in particular, the countries most affected by changes in high mountain regions, with stronger arguments to support a feasible action plan, thus addressing high priority needs. The SROCC release is planned for late September 2019.

I wish to express my sincere gratitude for your interest in this event and I am looking forward to your engagement, prior to and during the Summit. Your pre-registration will remain valid for the rescheduled event. New (tentative) dates of 29, 30 and 31 October 2019 have been selected for the Summit and a confirmation to this effect will be provided in the near future. For more information, please visit the Summit's website at: <http://highmountainsummit.wmo.int/>

A copy of this letter is being sent to the Permanent Representative of your country with WMO.

Accept, Sir/Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.

(P. Taalas)
Secretary-General

To: Ministers of Foreign Affairs of Member States of the World Meteorological Organization
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