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Annexes: 2 (available in English only)

Subject: Invitation - Meeting of the Steering Group for the Severe Weather Forecasting Demonstration Project (SWFDP), Pretoria, South Africa
 14-18 October 2019

Action required: To notify the Secretariat on or before **10 August 2019**

Dear Sir/Madam,

As you may be aware, the Steering Group for Severe Weather Forecasting Demonstration Project (SWFDP), established in 2005 under the Commission for Basic Systems (CBS), is mainly responsible to provide guidance and monitor the progress of SWFDP and its regional subprojects. Started in 2006 with the involvement of just five countries in south-eastern Africa, SWFDP currently involves over 75 developing countries, least developed countries (LDCs) and small island developing states (SIDS) in eight sub-regions of the world. The Steering Group for SWFDP generally meets every 2 or 3 years to review the project progress. The last meeting of the steering group was held in Geneva, Switzerland in March 2016. More information about SWFDP and its regional subprojects is available at the following link: http://www.wmo.int/pages/prog/www/swfdp/index_en.html.

The WMO Executive Council at its seventieth session (EC-70) adopted Resolution 1 (EC-70) - Consolidated approach to severe weather forecasting. The joint independent reviews of the SWFDP, Flash Flood Guidance System (FFGS) and Coastal Inundation Forecast Demonstration Project (CIFDP) were carried out during 2018-2019 to assess the effectiveness, efficiency, impact, relevance and sustainability of each of the three initiatives and for developing a consolidated approach. The Eighteenth World Meteorological Congress (Cg-18, June 2019) noted the outcome of the joint independent reviews and recommendations for a consolidated approach.

I am therefore pleased to inform you that at the kind invitation of the Government of South Africa, a meeting of the Steering Group for SWFDP is scheduled to be held in Pretoria, South Africa from 14 to 18 October 2019. The meeting will consider relevant decisions/outcomes of Cg-18. It is also expected to suggest recommendations to the technical commissions on implementation of the Cg-18 decisions related to SWFDP. WMO Flood Forecasting Initiative (FFI), CIFDP and Seasonal Forecast experts have also been invited to attend the meeting.

In this regard, I would like to invite you to nominate an expert from your Service to participate in this meeting. The list of the members of the Steering Group is available as Annex I. Given the limited funds available for the meeting, it is hoped that your Service will meet the cost of participation of your nominated expert. However, if this is not feasible, WMO, upon request, could consider covering the cost of participation for your expert including air-ticket, and/or per diem. For administrative process, I would appreciate it if the completed

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nomination form (see Annex II) could reach the Secretariat at your earliest convenience but preferably not later than **10 August 2019**. Please send the completed form (one per expert) by email to Ms Pascale Gomez (pgomez@wmo.int), with a copy to Mr Ata Hussain, Project Coordinator Officer (PCO) (ahussain@wmo.int).

Regarding the WMO insurance coverage for non-staff members, may I draw your attention to the following:

"In the case of non-staff members of the Organization who are authorized to travel at its expense and/or who are receiving a daily subsistence allowance, the WMO accepts limited responsibility for compensation in the event of death, illness or injury attributable to attendance at meetings or the performance of services on behalf of the Organization. These persons are therefore fully responsible for any expenses incurred as a result of events which are not attributable to attendance at meetings or the performance of services on behalf of the Organization and for arranging such life, health and other forms of insurance as they consider appropriate".

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

Yours faithfully,



(W. Zhang)
for the Secretary-General

Severe Weather Forecasting Demonstration Project (SWFDP)
Meeting of Steering Group for SWFDP (SG-SWFDP)
(Pretoria, South Africa, 14-18 October 2019)

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Severe Weather Forecasting Demonstration Project (SWFDP)

Meeting of CBS Steering Group for SWFDP (SG-SWFDP)

(Pretoria, South Africa, 14-18 October 2019)

PARTICIPANT NOMINATION FORM

(use one form per participant)

The Permanent Representative of _____ nominates the following representative from _____:

- ☐ Mr/Ms/Dr _____ to attend the above-captioned meeting from 14 to 18 October 2019 as a member of the steering group or
- ☐ as an invited expert (please choose the relevant)

Mr/Ms/Dr: _____ Family name: _____

First name(s): _____

Date of birth: _____

Present position and responsibilities: _____

Work address: _____

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Please indicate if financial assistance is required for:

Air Ticket: NO ☐ or YES ☐

Per Diem : NO ☐ or YES ☐

Date: _____ Name of Permanent Representative: _____

Signature of Permanent Representative: _____

Please complete and submit this registration form by e-mail to Mrs Pascale GOMEZ PGomez@wmo.int cc: AHussain@wmo.int as soon as possible, but **not later than 10 August 2019**

To enable us to provide you with the best service please complete all the fields by computer and send us an electronic copy