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Annex: 1 (available in English only)

Subject: Conjoint session of the WMO Volcanic Ash Advisory Centre Best Practice workshop (VAAC BP) and the WMO/IUGG Volcanic Ash Scientific Advisory Group (VASAG) meeting, from 21 to 22 November 2019, Washington, DC, United States of America

Action required: WMO Secretariat and local organizer to be notified by 18 October 2019 whether your expert will attend the conjoint session

Dear Sir/Madam,

I have pleasure in informing you that a conjoint session of the seventh WMO VAAC “Best Practice” workshop (VAAC BP/7) and the ninth WMO/IUGG Volcanic Ash Scientific Advisory Group (VASAG) meeting (VASAG/9) will be held from 21 to 22 November 2019, at the offices of RTCA, Inc., in Washington, DC, United States of America. This invitation is being sent to WMO Members hosting a Volcanic Ash Advisory Centre (VAAC) and to members of VASAG.

The aim of the conjoint session is to exchange information between managers/representatives of the nine VAACs and the scientific expert community on the current operational practices in monitoring/detecting volcanic eruptions, observing and forecasting volcanic ash in the atmosphere as well as recent scientific and technological advancement and research-to-operations scenarios, in order to identify collaborative opportunities that will lead to a more harmonized model of quality service delivery to aviation stakeholders in the context of the International Civil Aviation Organization’s (ICAO) international airways volcano watch (IAVW) which is facilitated by the National Meteorological and Hydrological Services (NMHS) of a number of WMO Members.

In addition, the conjoint session will consider preparations for an Eighth International Workshop on Volcanic Ash in the 2020 timeframe and the transition of VAAC BP and VASAG into an Expert Network on Volcanic Sciences and Applications (EN-VSA) consistent with WMO Constituent Bodies Reform.

A Provisional Agenda and Order of Business (English only) is available at URL:

<https://www.wmo.int/aemp/VAAC-BP-7-VASAG-9> under ‘**Programme**’

An Information Note for Participants (English only) is available at URL:

<https://www.wmo.int/aemp/VAAC-BP-7-VASAG-9> under ‘**Meeting Information**’

To: Permanent Representatives of members of the WMO/IUGG Volcanic Ash Scientific Advisory Group and of WMO Members hosting a Volcanic Ash Advisory Centre: Argentina, Australia, Canada, France, Germany, Japan, Iceland, Italy, New Zealand, Spain, United Kingdom and United States of America (limited distribution)

cc: Members of the WMO/IUGG VASAG (by e-mail)
Managers of Volcanic Ash Advisory Centres (by e-mail)

A list of current VAAC managers and VASAG members is available at the Annex to this letter.

It would be appreciated if notification of attendance of your expert could be sent to the WMO Secretariat, Mr Greg Brock, Acting Chief, Aeronautical Meteorology Division (GBrock@wmo.int) and Ms Helena Campos Benitez (HCBenitez@wmo.int), with copy to the local organizer, Mr Tom Helms (Helms@avmet.com) **not later than 18 October 2019**.

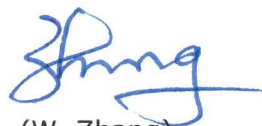
It is hoped that the expenses for the participation of your expert will be borne by your Government or Service. However, if this is not possible, WMO could consider, upon request, providing limited financial support for VAAC Managers and VASAG Members.

In order to clarify WMO's insurance coverage for non-staff members, please advise participants, before they undertake travel, as follows:

"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 sincere appreciation for your continued support to these important activities and I look forward to the success of this event.

Yours faithfully,



(W. Zhang)

for the Secretary-General

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