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Annex: 1

Subject: SWFP South Asia Regional Training Workshop on Severe Weather and Impact Based Forecasting and Warning Services, Islamabad, Pakistan, 18-23 November 2019

Action required: To nominate and submit the completed Nomination Form to WMO Secretariat **preferably not later than 17 October 2019**

Dear Sir/Madam,

As you may be aware, the Severe Weather Forecasting Programme in South Asia (SWFP-South Asia) benefits nine countries in South Asia including Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, and Thailand. It mainly focuses on improving forecasting and warning services for hazardous weather including monsoon induced heavy rain, strong winds, and thunderstorms by making best use of the Numerical Weather Prediction (NWP) including Ensemble Prediction System (EPS) products and satellite information made available from contributing global and regional centres through SWFP. SWFP-South Asia web portal (<http://nwp.imd.gov.in/mme/fdp-bob/login.php>) is maintained by the Regional Specialised Meteorological Centre (RSMC) New Delhi. The contributing global centres include NWP Centres of India, Japan, UK and the ECMWF. More information on SWFP is available on the WMO Extranet:

<https://community.wmo.int/activity-areas/severe-weather-forecasting-programme-swfp>

Capacity development and improving the skills of the operational forecasters and public weather services (PWS) staff of the National Meteorological and Hydrological Services (NMHSs) is a salient feature of SWFP. SWFP South Asia workshops were held in Macao, China (April 2013), in Bangkok, Thailand (September 2015) and Colombo, Sri Lanka (December 2018).

I am pleased to inform you that at the kind invitation of the Government of Pakistan, the next SWFP-South Asia Regional Training Workshop on Severe Weather and Impact Based Forecasting and Warning Services will be held in Islamabad, Pakistan, from 18 to 23 November 2019. The workshop is being organized in collaboration with UK Met Office through UK aid-funded Asia Regional Resilience to a Changing Climate (ARRCC) programme which focuses on Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Nepal and Pakistan.

In this regard, I am also pleased to invite you to nominate two participants (one operational forecaster and one PWS staff), from your Service, to attend this training workshop.

The workshop aimed to provide training on NWP interpretation and its best use in severe weather forecasting and to develop capacity of the participating NMHSs on impact based forecasting and warning services including, through engagement with users (e.g. disaster management and civil protection authorities). The training programme for this regional workshop will be made available in due course.

Given the limited funds available for this event, it is hoped that your Service will consider meeting the expenses related to the participation of your nominated participants. However, if this is not possible, a request for financial assistance for one operational forecaster and one PWS should be indicated in the Participant Nomination Form (see Annex). Furthermore, it is also

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encouraged to consider sending additional operational forecasters to participate in the training workshop at their own cost or may be borne by your Service. The nomination form (one per participant) should be completed and returned to the WMO Secretariat **preferably not later than 17 October 2019**.

In order to clarify WMO's insurance coverage for non-staff members attending these meetings, you are advised 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 appreciation for your continued support to the WMO Programmes and activities including SWFP.

Yours faithfully,



(W. Zhang)
for the Secretary-General



SWFP-South Asia Regional Training Workshop on Severe Weather and Impact Based Forecasting and Warning Services

Islamabad, Pakistan, 18-23 November 2019

PARTICIPANT NOMINATION FORM

(please use one form per participant)

The Permanent Representative of _____ with WMO nominates the following candidate to participate in the subject activities:

- ☐ Mr/Ms _____ an operational forecaster from national forecasting office
- ☐ Mr/Ms _____ a public weather services (PWS) staff from national forecasting office

Mr/Mrs/Ms/Dr: _____ Family name: _____

First name(s): _____

Date of birth: _____

Present position and responsibilities: _____

Work address: _____

Work Tel: _____

Work Fax: _____

Email: _____

Education/Qualification: _____

Experience: _____

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 Ms Pascale GOMEZ PGomez@wmo.int cc: Ata HUSSAIN AHussain@wmo.int as soon as possible, but **not later than 17 October 2019**

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