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Annex: 1 (available in English only)

Subject: Invitation - Meeting of Inter-Programme Expert Team on Operational Predictions from Sub-seasonal to Longer-time Scale (IPET-OPSLS), Offenbach, Germany, from 4 to 7 February 2020

Action required: To notify the WMO Secretariat **on or before 20 January 2020**

Dear Sir/Madam,

The WMO Commission for Basic Systems (CBS) and the Commission for Climatology (CCI) have significantly strengthened their cooperation through the Joint CBS-CCI Inter-Programme Expert Team on Operational Predictions from Sub-seasonal to Longer-time Scale (IPET-OPSLS), which was established to support the development of operational production systems for the provision of information beyond the medium-range.

As you may recall, through [Resolution 7 \(Cg-18\)](#) – Establishment of WMO Technical Commissions for the Eighteenth Financial Period (*World Meteorological Congress: Abridged Final Report of the Eighteenth Session* (WMO-No. 1236)), decided to establish, in accordance with Article 8 (g) of the Convention, two technical commissions for the eighteenth financial period: a Commission for Observation, Infrastructure and Information Systems (Infrastructure Commission) and a Commission for Weather, Climate, Water and Related Environmental Services and Applications (Services Commission). A joint meeting of these new Commissions will be held at the end of March 2020 to decide on their sub-structures and priority areas to be addressed during the 2020-2023 inter-sessional period.

In that context, the IPET-OPSLS needs to meet to discuss key priority areas of work for consideration by the Infrastructure Commission and perhaps also to make recommendations to bring forward to the seventy-second session of the Executive Council (EC-72). I am pleased to inform you that, at the kind invitation of Germany, we will be organizing the final meeting of the IPET OPSLS at the Deutscher Wetterdienst, in Offenbach, Germany, from 4 to 7 February 2020. I would be grateful, therefore, if you could confirm the participation of your expert (see Annex), by notifying the WMO Secretariat **no later than 20 January 2020**.

Additional information on the meeting and other relevant documents, including a provisional agenda and a documentation plan, will be made available in due course on the WMO website at: <https://community.wmo.int/meetings>.

To: Permanent Representatives (or Directors of Meteorological or Hydrometeorological Services) of Members of WMO (Australia, Brazil, Barbados, Canada, China, France, Germany, Japan, New Zealand, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, South Africa, UK, USA) and the Director of ECMWF (limited distribution)

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 expert. However, if this is not possible, WMO, upon request, could consider covering the cost of participation, air-ticket and/or per diem.

In order to clarify WMO's insurance coverage for non-staff members attending this workshop, participants are advised as follows:

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I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation for your continued support of the WMO Programmes and activities.

Yours faithfully,



(W. Zhang)
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