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GENEVA, 14 July 2016

Subject: Thirty-sixth meeting on the Argos Joint Tariff Agreement (JTA-36), La Jolla, USA, 24-26 October 2016

Actions required: (i) To notify WMO and/or IOC Secretariats, by **31 August 2016** the name and contact details of the representatives attending the meeting
(ii) To check the list of Argos JTA Representatives of Country (ROCs) and notify required changes to the Secretariat by **31 August 2016**
(iii) To submit comments and suggestions on relevant agenda items, as well as a national report, by **15 September 2016**

Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of the World Meteorological Organization and the IOC (of UNESCO), I am pleased to announce that at the kind invitation of the Scripps Institute of Oceanography, the thirty-sixth meeting on the Argos Joint Tariff Agreement will take place in La Jolla, USA from 24 to 26 October 2016.

This meeting will be held immediately after the thirty-second session of the Data Buoy Cooperation Panel (17-21 October 2016), taking place at the same venue, and to which invitations are to be issued through a separate letter.

The Provisional Agenda, related working documents and local information for the session will be available on the web at <http://www.jcomm.info/jta-36>. The session will be conducted in English only.

It is to be noted that the meeting has been organized as a measure to promote the use of the Argos system for the location of and data collection from buoys and other platforms, both ocean and land based, by securing a preferential tariff for governmental users. We therefore have the pleasure of inviting your representative to this session.

We should be grateful if you would inform the WMO Secretariat by **31 August 2016** whether you will be represented at the meeting and, if so, of the name of your representative. It may be noted that, according to established procedures, financial assistance by IOC or WMO will not be available for the participation of delegates at the meeting.

To: Permanent Representatives of Members of WMO participating in JCOMM (limited distribution)

cc: Argos JTA Representatives of Country (RoCs))
IOC Action Addressees of countries participating JCOMM) (for information)
Permanent Delegations to UNESCO of IOC Member States)
Participants at JTA-35)

As in the case of previous sessions, you are kindly requested to submit your national report on current status and future plan for Argos using the appropriate format, which you will find on the event's website at the above URL, and to send back the electronic version of the form to the Secretariat not later than **15 September 2016**.

I would also like to invite you to check the list of Argos JTA Representatives of Country (RoCs), available from the web at:

<https://www.wmo.int/pages/prog/amp/mmop/documents/Argos-JTA-ROCs.pdf>


and report any discrepancies, or nominate a RoC in case your country does not yet have one. We encourage Members to coordinate with the IOC national delegations so that only one RoC will be nominated for one country through either the WMO or the IOC Secretariat.

Notifications concerning participation at JTA-36, updates to the list of Argos JTA RoCs, as well as electronic copies of the national reports mentioned above, should be sent to Mr Etienne Charpentier (via e-mail to: acatchside@wmo.int).

We look forward to your favorable response and to your continuous and active participation in the Argos JTA activities.

Yours faithfully,



 (P. Taalas)
Secretary-General