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Subject: The EU-funded Intra-ACP Climate Services and Related Applications Programme (ClimSA) Implementation by WMO of Activity 3.3 in the West African Region

Action required: Nomination of an institutional focal point for data availability assessment (ref: ClimSA Activity 3.3) **no later than 15 April 2021**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I refer to the EU-funded [Intra-ACP Climate Services and Related Applications Programme \(ClimSA\)](#).

I am pleased to announce that the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) will shortly launch the assessment of each Regional Climate Centre (RCC)/Regional partner regarding basic data and product availability required for improving climate services in the region. The assessment is part of ClimSA Activity 3.3 and will form the basis for developing a strategy and recommendations for an action plan to fill data gaps and a proposal for improving data and data product availability at RCC level. The information obtained will also inform the potential for the further development of specialized tailored products for use in specific applications and sectors.

Ms Christina Lief, Co-chair of the WMO Expert Team on Climate Data Requirement and former employee of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), of the United States, has been contracted to undertake, in collaboration with your institution, an assessment of the following elements:

- (a) the current status of climate data availability/provision by the RCC/Regional partner to the Member countries in the region;
- (b) gaps (quantity and quality) in data collected by the RCC/Regional partner from the Members of the region; the gaps will be assessed against data requirements (as per the WMO Maturity Matrix for Datasets) for improving RCC data availability for climate services;
- (c) gaps faced by the RCC in accessing data and products generated by GPCs for the region; the gaps will be assessed against RCC requirements for conducting operational climate monitoring and long-range forecast activities; and
- (d) needs for guidance and training on data management and data stewardship in the region.

To: Permanent Representatives of Benin, Burkina Faso, Cabo Verde, Côte d'Ivoire, The Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Liberia, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Togo, as well as Mauritania and Chad with WMO (limited distribution)

cc: Mr Daouda Konate, President of RA I

I request that you kindly facilitate the collaboration of Ms Lief and her team with your institution. In this regard, I should be grateful if you could kindly nominate, **no later than 15 April 2021**, a focal point with whom Ms Lief may liaise in connection with this assessment.

In your response regarding the institutional focal point, I ask that you kindly copy Ms Lief (christina.lief@gmail.com).

A workplan, including date and time, for engaging dialogue with your institution for conducting this assessment will be developed jointly by Ms Lief and your focal point.

Should you have any queries on the above points or other matters related to the implementation, please contact Ms Lisa-Anne Jepsen (LJepsen@wmo.int), WMO Project Manager for ClimSA.

Yours faithfully,



Dr Elena Manaenkova
for the Secretary-General