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Subject: High-Level Regional Forum of the Open Consultative Platform in RA III,  
Cartagena de Indias, Colombia, 21 July 2022

Dear Sir/Madam,

The Public-Private Engagement (PPE) Office and the Regional Office for the Americas of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) Secretariat are organizing a High-Level Regional Forum of the Open Consultative Platform in Regional Association III (RA III) in Cartagena de Indias, Colombia, on the afternoon of 21 July 2022.

The objective of the High-Level Regional Forum is to bring together the Permanent Representatives of RA III and high-level representatives of the private and academic sectors to facilitate dialogue among all stakeholders at the regional level and to discuss region-specific issues, opportunities and initiatives for leveraging cooperation and collaboration between sectors that enhance socioeconomic benefits of weather and climate service. Discussions would include, but not limited to, identifying common interests; understanding the complementary roles and strengths of actors from the public, private and academic sectors; exploring opportunities for partnership within the region; and improving all stakeholders' collective capability in leveraging resources, improving efficiency and sustaining quality services.

With this letter, we are inviting you, in your role as Permanent Representative of your country, to participate in this Forum and share your experience in and/or give a short presentation on your countries' progress in the engagement of public meteorological services with the private and academic sectors, what are the PPE-related opportunities, gaps, barriers, and risks, especially those factors that may influence efficiency and long-term operability of your country.

It is anticipated that the presentations and discussions at this Forum will provide PPE-related good practices of the region, shared vision on region-specific opportunities and challenges, all of which would provide valuable input into regional strategic planning for enhancing a multi-stakeholder partnership.


We should be grateful if you could kindly notify the Regional Office for the Americas as soon as possible, but **no later than 5 July 2022**, of your availability in this Forum.

To: Permanent Representatives of Argentina, Plurinational State of Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Chile, Ecuador, Guyana, Jamaica, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Suriname, Uruguay, Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela with WMO (limited distribution)

cc: Association of Hydro-Meteorological Equipment Industry (HMEI)

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support to WMO activities at the regional level.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a long horizontal stroke followed by a smaller, stylized flourish below it.

Prof. Petteri Taalas  
Secretary-General