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Subject: High-Level Regional Forum of the Open Consultative Platform in Regional Association IV (RA IV), Kingston, Jamaica, 8 February 2023

Action required: To notify the WMO Public-Private Engagement Office and the Regional Office for the Americas of your availability to attend this Forum and to make a presentation by **15 January 2023**

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 for the first time a High-Level Regional Forum of the Open Consultative Platform in Regional Association IV (RA IV) in Kingston, Jamaica, on 8 February 2023 from 1400 to 1700 EST (1900-2200 UTC).

The objective of this High-Level Regional Forum is to bring together the Permanent Representatives of RA IV and representatives from the private and academic sectors for a dialogue to discuss region-specific issues, opportunities, and initiatives to enhance cross-sector cooperation and collaboration that improve the socioeconomic benefits of weather, climate and water services, as well as contribute to WMO strategic priorities in coming years, e.g. the Early Warnings for All: the UN Global Early Warning Initiative for the Implementation of Climate Adaptation.

The discussion will include but not be 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; enhancing the collective capacity of all stakeholders to leverage resources; and sustaining quality services.

Through this letter, we are inviting you, in your role as the Permanent Representative of your country, to participate in this Forum and, if interested, share your experience and good practice in the National Meteorological and Hydrological Services' engagement with the private and academic sectors. It is anticipated that the presentations and discussions at this Forum will generate shared understanding of the PPE-related situation in RA IV, and a consensus on the practical actions to be taken, which will inform strategic planning to enhance multi-stakeholder partnerships at national, regional and global levels.

The forum will also be open to all, in particular the private companies in weather and climate business, academia, industrial associations and the weather and climate sensitive end-user sectors, such as the energy, agriculture, transportation sectors, etc. Thereby, we would like to encourage you to share this invitation with potential participants from private, academic and user sectors in your country or region.

To: Permanent Representatives of Antigua and Barbuda, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, British Caribbean Territories, Canada, Costa Rica, Cuba, Curaçao and Sint Maarten, Dominica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Saint Lucia, Trinidad and Tobago, United States of America with WMO (limited distribution)

cc: Association of Hydrometeorological Industry (HMEI) Secretariat  
Hydrological Advisers

We would be grateful if you could notify the PPE Office ([ppe@wmo.int](mailto:ppe@wmo.int)) and the Regional Office for the Americas ([ram@wmo.int](mailto:ram@wmo.int)) as soon as possible, but no later than **15 January 2023**, of your availability to attend this Forum and your willingness to make a brief presentation on the PPE activities of your service.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support of WMO programmes and activities at the regional level.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a series of loops and a long horizontal stroke.

Prof. Petteri Taalas  
Secretary-General