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Subject: Invitation to attend the Enhancing Adaptive Capacity of Andean Communities through Climate Services (ENANDES)+ Virtual project Launch Event (16 February 2023)

Action required: Representatives from the National Meteorological and Hydrological Services (NMHSs) are requested to confirm their availability to take part in the event, and in a Spanish-speaking panel discussion. In case of non-availability, representatives are requested to nominate one focal point from their organization to take part in the panel discussion.

Dear Sir/Madam,

The World Meteorological Organization (WMO) and the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) have entered into an agreement for the implementation of a four-years project *Building regional adaptive capacity and resilience to climate variability and change in vulnerable sectors in the Andes*, a contribution to the currently ongoing regional project Enhancing Adaptive Capacity of Andean Communities through Climate Services (ENANDES) (hereafter referred to as "ENANDES+"). This new contribution will support Argentina, Bolivia, Ecuador and Peru in the provision of weather, water and climate (WWC) services.

The overall goal of ENANDES+ is to strengthen climate resilience in the Andean region by increasing the capacity of participating countries to provide WWC services in support of improved climate-related socio-economic outcomes and reduced losses associated with hydrometeorological hazards. MeteoSwiss, the Swiss Federal Office of Meteorology and Climatology, will provide consultative expertise to participating countries throughout project implementation.

Following the signature of the project funding agreement between WMO and SDC, a virtual launch event is being organized on 16 February 2023, at 1500 – 1630 (UTC) to mark the beginning of the implementation of the project. You are invited to attend the event, and to take part in a panel discussion entitled *Strengthening climate services in the Andean region. A dialogue on challenges and solutions to climate adaptation*.

I would appreciate if you could inform Mr Guilherme Varro, Associate Project Officer, (gvarro@wmo.int), not later than **13 February 2023**, of your participation in the event and availability to take part in the above-mentioned panel discussion.

Yours faithfully,

Prof. Petteri Taalas
Secretary-General

To: Permanent Representatives of Argentina, Bolivia, Ecuador, Peru and Switzerland with WMO