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Annex: 2 (available in English only)

Subject: Regional Conference (RECO) in the Regional Association II (Asia),
Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, 13-16 March 2023Action required: To confirm your participation to the WMO Secretariat by
13 February 2023

Dear Sir/Madam,

I have the pleasure to inform you that the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) together with the National Center of Meteorology (NCM), United Arab Emirates is organizing a Regional Conference (RECO) in the Regional Association II (Asia) (RA II), in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates from 13 to 16 March 2023.

As you are aware, WMO is organizing RECOs in all Regional Associations (RAs) before the nineteenth session of the World Meteorological Congress (Cg-19) in May-June 2023. The purpose of RECO is to provide a forum for the National Meteorological and Hydrological Services (NMHSs) to address the emerging issues and challenges, strengthen regional cooperation and enhance partnerships for the implementation of WMO resolutions/decisions and regional priorities.

More specifically, a one-day high-level event focusing on the United Nation's Early Warnings for All initiative will be organized on 13 March. From 14 to 16 March, topics will cover technical matters of all components of an early warning system, on Infrastructure and Services, including Hydrological component. A RA II Research Forum will also be organized. The tentative programme is attached herewith. Local information including visa requirements, accommodation and transportation arrangements could be found at the meeting website via meetings.wmo.int/RA-II-RECO.

I would like to invite you to participate, in-person, as a moderator and/or resource person for the segments on Infrastructure/Services/Research Forum of the conference, to lead the discussion on regional perspectives, share your experiences and facilitate deliverables. Working Group meetings may also be organized. Please note, however, video conferencing will be available for those who cannot travel.

It is hoped that the expenses of your participation in the meeting will be borne by your country. However, if this is not possible, WMO and the National Center of Meteorology will therefore consider providing, upon request and within available budget, the possibility of meeting the cost of travel and/or accommodation with reduced daily subsistence allowance. Priority for WMO financial assistance will be given to the participants from developing countries.

If WMO meets the travel costs, the travel arrangements will be made by the Secretariat and details will be communicated later.

To: Regional Association II (Asia) Working Group Chairs and Vice Chairs, Coordination Panel on Hydrology and Water Resources Chair and Co-Chair, Regional Focal Points on Research

cc: Permanent Representatives of WMO Members in the Regional Association II (Asia)

Regarding WMO's insurance coverage for non-staff members, I would like to draw your attention to the following:

Non-staff members of WMO who are authorized to travel at the Organization's expense and/or who are receiving a DSA from WMO must ensure they are fully responsible for expenses incurred in the event of death, illness or injury during official travel and attendance at meetings on behalf of the Organization. They are, therefore, fully responsible for arranging life, health, accident, as well as any other forms of insurance with an adequate level of coverage for the duration of such meetings and events.

WMO liability is limited to the performance of services or attendance at a meeting on behalf of the Organization, is covered by an injury and illness benefit insurance which provides a limited coverage for medical, emergency and supplementary official travel expenses.

Travellers should note that WMO Regulations and Rules do not cover additional costs arising from the prolongation of stay of experts or other costs arising from travel restrictions imposed by national authorities. As with related health insurance provisions it is incumbent on the traveller to ensure that they retain the necessary travel insurance protection to cover unexpected occurrences such as border closures or other travel restrictions.

For administrative purposes, I would be grateful if you could notify the WMO Secretariat, Mr Jun Yu, Regional Officer, at jyu@wmo.int with a copy to rap@wmo.int of your response and whether financial support is required for you, as soon as possible, preferably not later than **13 February 2023**. If so, please complete, sign and return the enclosed Request for Financial Assistance (RFA) form to the Secretariat at rap@wmo.int together with a copy of the first page of your passport, as soon as possible.

In view of their official status with WMO, Permanent Representatives are kindly invited to pre-register the participants to RA II RECO 2023. The link to the online Event Registration System (ERS), the username and password that were sent to Permanent Representatives by email remain valid for all upcoming WMO meetings (<https://eventregistration.wmo.int/register/>).

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support to WMO activities.

I look forward to your participation in these important events.

Yours faithfully,



Prof. Petteri Taalas
Secretary-General

Regional Conference (RECO) in the Regional Association II (Asia)

Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates, 13-16 March 2023

Provisional Agenda

13 March	14 March	15 March	16 March
Opening High-level segment on Early Warnings for All initiative	Technical component on Infrastructure, including Hydrometry	Technical component on Services, including Hydrological Services	RA II Research Forum
High-level segment on Partnerships	Regional perspective	Regional perspective	Closing
Visit to NCM			