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Subject: Workshop on Objective Seasonal Forecast (OSF) production over the Mediterranean Climate Outlook Forum region, Madrid, Spain, 2–4 July 2024

Action required: Confirm your participation in the mentioned workshop **not later than 5 June 2024**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to inform you that the Workshop on Objective Seasonal Forecasts (OSF) production over Mediterranean Climate Outlook Forum (MedCOF) region will be held on 2–4 July 2024 in Madrid, hosted by the State Meteorological Agency (AEMET) aiming to continue the efforts to generate complete products and operationally run the OSF processes. The workshop will bring together experts on long-range forecasts from WMO RAVI RCC-Network and North Africa RCC-Network, from Global Producing Centres for Long-range Forecasts, Regional Climate Forums, as well as Subject Matter Experts with relevant skills. Additional details regarding this event can be found in the attached Concept Note (Annex I).

I have a pleasure in inviting you to participate in the aforesaid workshop given your relevant knowledge and expertise.

Please note that it is the responsibility of your Service to cover the costs associated with your participation. If you are unable to secure internal resources, the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) will consider fully or partially support your participation within the limited resources available.

For administrative purposes, I would appreciate it if you would kindly notify Ms Anahit Hovsepyan (ahovsepyan@wmo.int) and Mr Saeed Vazifekkhah (svazifekkhah@wmo.int) about your participation in this event at your earliest convenience, but **no later than 5 June 2024**.

Yours faithfully,

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To: Participants list (available in Annex II)

cc: Permanent Representatives

Workshop on Objective Seasonal Forecast (OSF) production over the Mediterranean Climate Outlook Forum region

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Following the WMO [Decision 9 \(EC-72\)](#) on Operationalization of objective seasonal forecasts and tailored products on subregional scales, a Guidance for Mediterranean Climate Outlook Forum (MedCOF) subregion to enable operational production of objective seasonal forecasts (OSF) was developed by AEMET. The guidance was carefully reviewed by the existing Regional Climate Centres (RA VI RCC-Network and North Africa RCC-Network) contributing to MedCOF activities. They agreed on the roles and responsibilities of particular Nodes in the process of implementation and operationalization of OSF approach.

Based on the recommendations of the guidance AEMET conducted a training workshop on relevant elements for OSF in 2022, using tools produced under the MEDSCOPE project to operationalize the production of seasonal outlooks based on OSF approach. The existing tools and methodologies were also presented and the further steps towards operational implementation of OSF approach were discussed at online MedCOF session in 2023. It is foreseen to continue the efforts to generate complete products and operationally run the OSF processes and provide a gridded forecast. In the meantime, different lines of development have been explored by different actors within the community, with remote proceedings hampering a more coordinated progress.

It is therefore proposed to organize a workshop on OSF production over MedCOF region, which will be held on 2–4 July 2024 in Madrid, hosted by the State Meteorological Agency (AEMET). The overall goal is to find synergies and complete the development of final outlooks for MedCOF based on OSF methodology, as well as to establish an expert team to share, maintain and improve the tools and methodologies, enabling the OSF operational production chain.

The participation is by invitation only. The workshop will bring together experts from WMO Regional Climate Forums, Regional Climate Centres (RCC) in the region (RA VI RCC-Network and North Africa RCC-Network) responsible for generation of forecasts and outlook products for MedCOF, from Global Producing Centres for Long-range Forecasts, as well as Subject Matter Experts with skills in seasonal forecasting, relevant tailored products, and post processing tools.

The agenda of the meeting and logistical details will be provided in due course. For further information, please contact Ms Anahit Hovsepyan (ahovsepyan@wmo.int), Scientific Officer, Regional Climate Prediction Services (RCP) Division and Mr Saeed Vazifekkhah, (svazifekkhah@wmo.int), Scientific Officer, RCP Division at the WMO Secretariat. The AEMET focal person is Mr Esteban Rodríguez Guisado (erodriguezg@aemet.es).

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