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Subject: Technical Coordination Workshop of the Pacific Regional Climate Centre Network (PRCC-Network), 16-18 October 2024, Nuku'alofa, Tonga

Action required: Confirm your participation in the mentioned Workshop not later than **14 September 2024**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to inform you that the Technical Coordination Workshop of the Pacific Regional Climate Centre Network (PRCC-Network) will be held in Nuku'alofa, Tonga, from 16 to 18 October 2024. Additional details regarding this event can be found in the attached Concept Note (Annex I).

I have the 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) could consider providing full or partial support for 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](mailto:ahovsepyan@wmo.int)) and Mr Saeed Vazifehkhah ([svazifehkhah@wmo.int](mailto:svazifehkhah@wmo.int)) about your participation in this event at your earliest convenience, **but no later than 14 September 2024**.

Yours faithfully,

Dr Johan Stander  
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To: List of Participants (available in Annex II)  
cc: Permanent Representatives



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### Annex I

#### Concept Note

#### **Technical Coordination Workshop of the Pacific Regional Climate Centre Network (PRCC-Network), 16-18 October 2024, Nuku'alofa, Tonga**

WMO will be hosting the Technical Coordination Workshop of the Pacific Regional Climate Centre Network (PRCC-Network) in Nuku'alofa, Tonga, from 16 to 18 October 2024.

The main objective of the meeting is to strengthen the capacities of the Pacific RCC-Network (in demonstration phase) and equip with state-of-the-art methodologies to enable them to provide improved climate services to the Member countries across the region and prepare the Network for the designation as a WMO RCC.

With the advent of the Global Framework for Climate Services (GFCS), the role of WMO Regional Climate Centres (RCCs) and Networks (RCC-Network) has been widely recognized in the regional implementation of the Climate Services Information System (CSIS), a foundational pillar and operational core of the GFCS.

A remarkable progress has been made by PRCC-Network during the demonstration phase which commenced in 2018. The Network performs all mandatory and some of the highly recommended functions, providing high quality climate services to the Member countries of the region, also provides technical support to the Pacific Islands Climate Outlook Forums (PICOF), as one of its flagship activities.

Through the ClimSA programme WMO initiated an evaluation of RCCs operations, including the PRCC-Network, and based on the findings a capacity development workshop has been proposed to enhance the capacities of the Network Nodes and facilitate the designation process.

The agenda of the workshop as well as the logistical details will be provided to the participants in due course. For further information, please contact Ms Anahit Hovsepyan ([ahovsepyan@wmo.int](mailto:ahovsepyan@wmo.int)), Scientific Officer, Regional Climate Prediction (RCP) Services Division and Mr Saeed Vazifehkhah ([svazifehkhah@wmo.int](mailto:svazifehkhah@wmo.int)), Scientific Officer, RCP Services Division at the WMO Secretariat.

Should you need any assistance with visa requirements please contact [registration@wmo.int](mailto:registration@wmo.int).



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### Annex II

#### List of Participants

#### Technical Coordination Workshop of the Pacific Regional Climate Centre Network (PRCC-Network)

16- 18 October 2024, Nuku'alofa, Tonga

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