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Subject: 2021 Common Alerting Protocol (CAP) Implementation Workshop,
13-14 October 2021

Action Required: Members to consider participating in the Workshop

Dear Sir/Madam,

As you may be aware, EC-61 (Geneva, 2009), through paragraph 3.5.2.7, invited all Members and Regional Associations (RAs), and asked the Secretariat, to spare no efforts in ensuring the implementation of the Common Alerting Protocol (CAP) standard to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of alerting systems. This was further reiterated by the Executive Council at its sixty-eighth session through [Decision 6 \(EC-68\)](#) – Implementation of the Common Alerting Protocol.

CAP allows a warning message to be consistently disseminated simultaneously over many warning systems to many applications, such as TV, radio, social media, mobile and connected devices. It therefore presents a great advantage to National Meteorological and Hydrological Services (NMHSs) when they adopt it, as it facilitates the task of warning dissemination. It is also an important component of the WMO Global Multi-hazard Alert System (GMAS), which is currently under development and is aimed at sharing official alerts from WMO Members globally, including with UN organizations that respond when hazards occur.

Consequently, WMO Members have been encouraged to adopt the CAP standard for years already. Various initiatives and training opportunities have also been organized over time, including an annual CAP Implementation Workshop.

This Implementation Workshop is intended for information sharing among experts involved in developing the CAP standard as well as those involved in implementing this standard. WMO is one of the five co-sponsors and co-organizers of this Workshop. Other sponsor organizations are the International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM), the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), and the Organization for the Advancement of Structured Information Standards (OASIS). The Workshop will thus provide a forum for implementers of CAP and associated organizations to discuss how best to expand the adoption of the CAP standard and to share practices among users of the standard.

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2021 CAP Implementation Workshop will be conducted as a webinar on 13 and 14 October 2021. The Workshop will run each day [from 13:00 to 17:15 CEST](#) (Geneva, Switzerland time). Further details on the Workshop are contained in this [flyer](#).

To: Permanent Representatives of Members with WMO

cc: Hydrological Advisers

You are kindly requested to nominate members of staff to participate in this Workshop. Staff who have CAP implementation experience or insights to share are invited to contact the Program Committee by e-mail to Eliot.J.Christian@gmail.com (with a copy to SMuchemi@wmo.int) stating that they wish to give one of the 20-minute presentations. The list of speakers will be decided on **1 September 2021**.

Please note the [Call for Participation](#). Call-in instructions will be sent to participants registered by e-mail to Eliot.J.Christian@gmail.com.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support to the WMO activities.

Yours faithfully,



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for the Secretary-General