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**Subject:** Proceedings of the World Meteorological Organization Regional Association VI Conference on Social and Economic Benefits of Weather, Climate and Water Services (Lucerne, Switzerland, 3-4 October 2011); (PWS-23/ROE-1 (2012))

**Action required:** To circulate this information to relevant staff and inform them of the Website where the proceedings document is located

Dear Sir/Madam,

The Regional Association VI (RA VI, Europe), at its fifteenth session (XV-RA VI, Brussels, Belgium, 2009), strongly encouraged further work to be done by its Members in the socio-economic assessment of weather, climate and water services in order to better demonstrate the benefits resulting from the products and services provided by the National Meteorological and Hydrological Services (NMHSs) to society and various economic sectors.

As a result of the XV-RA VI recommendation, the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) organized, in collaboration with the Federal Office of Meteorology and Climatology of Switzerland (MeteoSwiss), and at the kind invitation of the Government of Switzerland, the WMO RA VI Conference on Social and Economic Benefits of Weather, Climate and Water Services, in Lucerne, Switzerland, from 3 to 4 October 2011. The objective of the Conference was to promote and encourage the conduct of socio-economic assessments and studies among the RA VI Members. The Conference provided a forum for discussing the outcomes of recent studies carried out by different Members and reviewing related methodologies. This Conference also contributed to the Madrid Action Plan (MAP), developed by the International Conference on Secure and Sustainable Living: Social and Economic Benefits of Weather, Climate and Water Services, Madrid, 2007.

As an outcome of the Conference, there were a number of studies provided which will be used in the future as examples for the development of guidelines on undertaking the analysis, assessment and demonstration of socio-economic benefits of meteorological and hydrological services. It is hoped that these guidelines will complement the development of demonstration and pilot projects and capacity-development and training activities on this subject.

**To:** Permanent Representatives (or Directors of Meteorological or Hydrometeorological Services) of Members of WMO (PR-6639)

**cc:** Hydrological Advisers to Permanent Representatives

To this end, I am very pleased to inform you that the proceedings of this Conference, which comprise the abstracts of papers delivered at this event and the corresponding Power Point Presentations, can be accessed electronically at the following web link:

[http://www.wmo.int/pages/prog/dra/eur/RA6\\_SEB\\_Conference.php](http://www.wmo.int/pages/prog/dra/eur/RA6_SEB_Conference.php)

It is hoped that you and your Service will find these proceedings useful and informative. Should your Service require paper copies of this publication, you are kindly requested to contact Ms Haleh Kootval, Chief, Public Weather Services Programme, via e-mail at: HKootval@wmo.int.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support in promoting the Programmes and activities of WMO.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. Lengoasa', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

(J. Lengoasa)  
for the Secretary-General