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Subject: Dialogue on Climate Services Users and Providers: towards implementation of the Global Framework for Climate Services (GFCS), International Conference Centre Geneva (CICG), Geneva, Switzerland, 26–27 October 2012

Action required: Notify the Secretariat of your attendance by **28 September 2012**

Dear Sir/Madam,

As part of the preparation for the extraordinary session of the World Meteorological Congress (Cg-Ext.(2012)), which will be held from 29 to 31 October 2012 at the International Conference Centre of Geneva (CICG), a "Dialogue on Climate Services Users and Providers: towards implementation of the Global Framework for Climate Services" is being organized from 26 to 27 October 2012.

The Dialogue will provide an opportunity for users and providers to learn from one another about the challenges and opportunities for the production and enhanced utilization of climate services in decision making, particularly in the four priority areas of the Global Framework for Climate Services (GFCS) (agriculture and food security, health, water and disaster risk reduction). In addition, the Dialogue will establish a solid foundation for the intergovernmental deliberations on the GFCS that will take place at the extraordinary session of Congress. A concept note on the Dialogue is accessible at <http://cg-ext-2012.wmo.int/gfcs-user-conference>.

In this regard, it is my pleasure to invite you to attend this event. In deciding on the composition of your delegation you may consider integrating, where possible, experts who can cover the four priority areas of the GFCS.

It would be appreciated if you could consider making arrangements to fund the cost of all or part of your attendance at this event. However, if this is not possible, WMO will consider providing financial support, upon request and subject to availability of funds, to participants from developing countries, with priority for Least Developed Countries.

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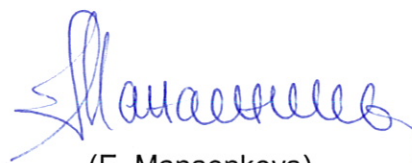
I should be grateful if you would kindly notify the Secretariat as soon as possible, but preferably **no later than 28 September 2012**, whether you will be able to attend the Dialogue, and if so, whether support for travel and/or per diem will be required.

I should also inform you of WMO's insurance coverage for non-staff members, which is as follows:

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I look forward to your participation in this event.

Yours faithfully,



(E. Manaenkova)
for the Secretary-General