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Annex: 1 (available in English only)

Subject: Common Alerting Protocol (CAP) Jump-Start Workshop and CAP Implementation Workshop, Negombo, Sri Lanka, 16 June 2014 and 17-18 June 2014, respectively

Action required: To nominate technical staff from your Service to participate at the above-mentioned event(s), and to notify the WMO Secretariat (by returning the duly filled, signed and dated Nomination Form), **as soon as possible, but preferably not later than 17 March 2014**

Dear Sir/Madam,

As you are aware, at its fifteenth session, the World Meteorological Congress (Cg-XV) requested the Secretary-General to improve the exchange of high priority data and products in support of a virtual all hazards network. The WMO Executive Council (EC) then requested the Commission for Basic Systems (CBS), as a matter of urgency, to implement this decision of Cg-XV by organizing operation-oriented workshops such as workshops addressing the Common Alerting Protocol (CAP) Standard. In 2011, the Council also invited all Members to spare no efforts in ensuring that the implementation of CAP benefits all user communities.

In view of these requests, the WMO Public Weather Services (PWS) Programme and the WMO Information System (WIS) will participate in the organization of the forthcoming Common Alerting Protocol (CAP) Jump-Start Workshop; and CAP Implementation Workshop, Negombo, Sri Lanka, 16 June 2014 and 17-18 June 2014, respectively. The CAP Implementation Workshop will provide a forum for implementers of CAP and associated organizations to discuss how best to expand adoption of the CAP standard. The CAP Jump-Start Workshop will inform participants of how WMO is assisting Members to implement CAP through the CAP-Jump Start initiative and also introduce the actual steps that a National Meteorological or Hydrometeorological Service (NMS) can take to start implementing CAP.

To: Permanent Representatives (or Directors of Meteorological or Hydrometeorological Services) of Members of WMO (PR-6746)
Presidents of technical commissions
Director-General of EUMETSAT

cc: Hydrological Advisers to Permanent Representatives)
Presidents of regional associations) (for information)

In promoting CAP implementation worldwide, WMO works with ITU which resolved, in 2006, "to promote implementation by appropriate alerting authorities of the international content standard for all-media public warning". ITU has been a co-sponsor of past CAP Implementation Workshops.

CAP, which is designated as International Telecommunication Union (ITU) Recommendation X.1303, is recognized as the key standard for the achievement of the goal of all-hazards, all-media public alerting. The use of CAP is known to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the alerting systems of meteorological and hydrological services. Perhaps more significantly, the use of CAP can help ensure that alerts of WMO Members are easily integrated with other emergency systems and public media. For informational purposes, a video concerning CAP and the WMO Register of Alerting Authorities, which was created by Mr Eliot Christian in 2011, and who now serves as a WMO Advisor on CAP, is available at the following link: <http://www.wmo.int/ishare/IntroductionToCommonAlertingProtocol.mp4>.

In view of the above information, I would like to invite you to consider nominating technical staff from your Service to participate at the forthcoming event(s). Details and documentation concerning the CAP Implementation Workshop will be posted on the Public Weather Services website, in due course at the following web-link: http://www.wmo.int/pages/prog/amp/pwsp/PlannedEvents_en.htm. It should be noted that both the documentation and presentations for these events will be conducted in English only.

For administrative purposes it would be appreciated if you could kindly notify the WMO Secretariat by returning the attached Nomination Form duly filled, signed and dated, via e-mail attachment to: Mr Samuel Muchemi (SMuchemi@wmo.int) with a copy for information to Ms Michelle L. Reidsema (MReidsema@wmo.int), **as soon as possible, but preferably not later than 17 March 2014**. It should be noted that due to the limited funding for this event, financial assistance will not be available to support attendance of experts on this occasion.

I look forward to your positive and favorable response, and I wish to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support in promoting the Programmes and activities of WMO.

Yours faithfully,



(J. Lengoasa)
for the Secretary-General

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WDS-OBS/PWS-WIS/CAP-2014, ANNEX

**COMMON ALERTING PROTOCOL (CAP) JUMP-START WORKSHOP
(NEGOMBO, SRI LANKA, 16 JUNE 2014) ¹**

AND

**CAP IMPLEMENTATION WORKSHOP
(NEGOMBO, SRI LANKA, 17-18 JUNE 2014) ²**

NOMINATION FORM

The Government of _____ nominates the following technical staff member to participate at (*please indicate, either 1, 2, or both*): _____

1. Family Name:*			3. Gender: Male: <input type="checkbox"/> Female: <input type="checkbox"/>
2. First Name:*			
4. Address (Office):			
5. City and Country:			
6. Telephone:	Office:	Home:	
7. Mobile:			
8. Facsimile (Fax):	Office:	Home:	
9. E-mail:			
10. Date/Place of Birth:		11. Nationality:	
12. Passport No.:		13. Expiry Date:	

(*) Note: as shown in passport

14. Present position and brief description of duties:

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15. Qualifications:

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16. Experience with the CAP standard in your country (*Please indicate whether your country has implemented, plans to implement or has no plans to implement CAP*):

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17. Indicate the title of your expert's presentation and brief description:

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18. Name and address of person to be notified in case of emergency:

Name:	
Address:	
Telephone/E-mail:	

(Date:)

(Signature of the Permanent Representative:)

For administrative purposes, it is kindly requested that this Form is to be duly filled, signed, endorsed by the Permanent Representative, and returned via e-mail attachment to: Mr Samuel Muchemi (SMuchemi@wmo.int), with copy for information to: Ms Michelle L. Reidsema (MReidsema@wmo.int), **as soon as possible, but preferably not later than 17 March 2014.**
