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Annexes: 2 (Annex II available in English only)

Subject: Nomination of experts to serve on Open Panels of CCI Experts (OPACEs)

Action required: To return to the WMO Secretariat **before 25 April 2014** a completed form for each expert from your country nominated for consideration at the sixteenth session of the Commission for Climatology (CCI)

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to refer to the WMO letter SG/CER/CCI-16 dated 23 January 2014, by which you were informed that the sixteenth session of the Commission for Climatology (CCI-16) will be held in Germany, from 3 to 8 July 2014. Some of the documents for the session contain proposals for consideration by the Commission to establish Open Panels of CCI Experts (OPACEs) for the sixteenth intersessional period of the CCI (2014-2018).

Experience during the previous sessions of CCI has shown that the selection of individuals to serve as experts is considerably facilitated and improved if information is available at the session on the national experts ready to work in the various fields of the Commission's activities.

In this context, I am attaching a list of the proposed CCI OPACEs, as Annex I to this letter, and invite you to consider the possibility of nominating appropriate experts from your country, who could be candidates to undertake these responsibilities in the forthcoming four-year intersessional period should the OPACEs be approved by the Commission session. In this regard, I request you to pay special attention to the need for gender balance and an optimal combination of experienced and younger experts contributing to CCI work. Additional details on the goals of the CCI OPACEs may be found in the working documents for the CCI-16 session (Doc. 8 and Doc.12). In particular, I would appreciate it if you could nominate experts who are currently active and experienced in one or more of the particular topics listed and who have expressed their willingness to undertake these tasks. These nominees should have easy access to such communication facilities as Internet and e-mail since much of the work will be carried out by correspondence. The above conditions help ensure that the expert is able to fulfill his/her duties and is able to communicate reliably and rapidly with the chairpersons and members of the OPACEs and also the WMO Secretariat.

To: Permanent Representatives (or Directors of Meteorological or Hydrometeorological Services) of Members of WMO (PR-6758)

cc: Hydrological Advisers to Permanent Representatives

Please note that where the subject matter warrants, the most appropriate expertise may be found in partnering agencies and institutions such as universities. Your proposal on appropriate national representatives from reliable organizations and other entities is most welcome.

A form to be completed by all the nominated experts that you may wish to propose for consideration is contained in Annex II. It would be of great assistance if each form could be accompanied by a one-page curriculum vitae, in English, of the expert concerned. The completed form(s) should be sent to the Secretariat by fax (0041 22 730 80 42) or by e-mail (cca@wmo.int) as soon as possible, but preferably not later than **25 April 2014** in order to ensure that this information is available for consideration during CCI-16.

It should, however, be emphasized that the Commission will decide on the actual establishment and composition of its Expert Teams and on the appointment of rapporteurs during CCI-16.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued cooperation and support to WMO Programmes and activities.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a stylized 'J' followed by a series of loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

(J. Lengoasa)
for the Secretary-General

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CLPA/CCA/CCI-16, ANNEX I

SIXTEENTH SESSION OF THE COMMISSION FOR CLIMATOLOGY (CCI-16)

PROPOSED COMPOSITION OF OPEN PANELS OF CCI EXPERTS (OPACEs)

OPACE 1: Climate Data Management

Task Areas:

Climate Database Management Systems, Climate Metadata, Climate data quality control, WMO Information Systems compliance, Data Rescue projects and initiatives, Regional and National climate data web portals, Climate observations networks and platforms including Statement of Guidance on CCI observational needs and Volunteer Observing Networks.

OPACE 2: Climate Monitoring and Assessment

Task Areas:

Definition of extreme weather and climate events, Climate Change Detection and Indices, Data homogenization, World Weather and Climate Extreme Records, Remote Sensing Data for Climate Monitoring, WMO Climate Statements and Reviews.

OPACE 3: Climate Prediction, Projection and Delivery Mechanisms

Task Areas:

Implementation of WMO Regional Climate Centers (RCCs) with active involvement of regional associations, Operational Predictions from Sub-seasonal to Long-time Scales, Global Seasonal Climate Update, Regional Climate Outlook Forums (RCOFs), Consensus Outlooks, Downscaling and Tailored climate information, Climate Services Toolkit.

OPACE 4: User Interface, Climate Adaptation and Risk Management

Task Areas:

Climate Risk and Sector-Specific Climate Indices, User Interface for climate information provision by NMHSs, Supporting Decision Support Systems including Climate Risk Management, Advising on adaptation to climate change and exploring the socio-economic value of climate information.

OPACE 5: Capacity Development

Task Areas:

Capacity Development with a focus on institutional, infrastructural, human resources, Education and training for climate services, Facilitating online learning resources and contribution to assisted online courses, Quality Management, Updating the Guide to Climatological Practices, advising on the social media activities of CCI.



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CLPA/CCI-16, ANNEX II

SIXTEENTH SESSION OF COMMISSION FOR CLIMATOLOGY (CCL-16)

NOMINATION FOR MEMBERS OF OPEN PANELS OF CCI EXPERTS (OPACEs)

Please complete the form in English and return by e-mail (cca@wmo.int) or fax (+41 22 730 80 42)

Country:

1. Title:

2. Gender:

3. Surname:

4. First name:

5. Nationality:

6. Date of Birth:

7. Contact details:

Address:

Tel:

Telefax:

E-mail:

8. Highest Degree:

9. Affiliation:

10. Position Held:

11. Previous contributions to WMO activities:

12. Level of knowledge of working languages:

English

French

Russian

Spanish

13. Nominated as member of the following OPACE (see Annex I)

Please select one or more items within the related OPACE, that pertain to your area of competence.

OPACE 1: Climate Data Management

Climate Data Management Systems

Climate Observations Standards and Practices

Climate Observational Needs

Climate Data Rescue

Climate Data Quality Control

OPACE 2: Climate Monitoring and Assessment

- Climate Monitoring (including satellite data)
- Climate Diagnostics and Indices
- Climate Change Detection and Attribution
- Analysis of Climate Extremes
- Climate Data Homogenization

OPACE 3: Climate Prediction, Projection and Delivery Mechanisms

- Operational Climate Prediction
- Climate Change Projection
- Regional Climate Activities (incl. Regional Climate Centres and Climate Outlook Forums)
- Climate Services Information System
- Tailoring Climate Information (including downscaling, impact assessment, etc.)

OPACE 4: User Interface, Climate Adaptation and Risk Management

- Climate User Interface
- Climate Risk Management
- Climate Adaptation
- Sector-specific Climate Indices
- Climate Applications

OPACE 5: Capacity Development

- Climate Information Quality Management
- Capacity Development for Climate Services (infrastructural/institutional/human)
- Climate Competencies, Education and Training, Distance Learning
- Social Media for Climate Activities
- Climate Communications, Guides and Publications

Other competence not listed above: (max: 180 characters)

Date:
(dd/mm/yyyy)

Permanent Representative's signature