



Our ref.: WDS/PWS/CAP-2016

GENEVA, 18 May 2016

Subject: CAP Implementation Workshop, Bangkok, Thailand, 23-24 August 2016

Action required: Members to consider participating at the Workshop

Dear Sir/Madam,

As you may be aware, the WMO Executive Council (EC) endorsed the Common Alerting Protocol (CAP) standard to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of alerting systems, and consequently encouraged WMO Members to adopt the CAP standard. Accordingly, the WMO Public Weather Services (PWS) Programme has helped to organize a series of CAP Implementation Workshops. The CAP Implementation Workshops provides a forum for implementers of CAP and associated organizations to discuss how best to expand adoption of the CAP standard.

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. WMO works with ITU in promoting CAP implementation worldwide. The Organization for the Advancement of Structured Information Standards (OASIS), is also an ongoing sponsor of these CAP Workshops, as it is the international standards organization that actually maintains the CAP standard.

I am now pleased to inform you that the next CAP workshop, hosted by the Asian Institute of Technology (AIT) and the Sahana Software Foundation, is planned to be held in Bangkok, Thailand from 23 to 24 August 2016. Details and documentation concerning the CAP Implementation Workshop will be posted at the following website: <http://preparecenter.org/resources/cap-workshop-2016>. It should be noted that both the documentation and presentations for these events will be conducted in English only. Participants wishing to make a presentation at the Workshop should contact the Programme Committee by e-mail to Mr Eliot Christian (eliot.christian@redcross.org), who will coordinate with the PWS Programme of WMO in the development of the Workshop Programme.

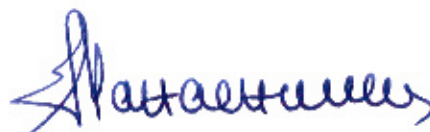
While we encourage the participation of Members, especially those who have already implemented CAP to attend and share experience, it should be noted that WMO has no funding provision for this Workshop.

To: Permanent Representatives (or Directors of Meteorological or Hydrometeorological Services) of Members of WMO (PR-6903)
Director-General of EUMETSAT

cc: Hydrological Advisers to Permanent Representatives

I wish 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 blue ink, appearing to read 'E. Manaenkova', with a stylized, flowing script.

(E. Manaenkova)
for the Secretary-General