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GENEVA, 30 May 2016

Subject: Education and training opportunities for aeronautical meteorological personnel

Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of Dr David Grimes, President of WMO and Chairperson of the EC Panel of Experts on Education and Training, and Mr C.M. Shun, president of CAeM, I wish to remind you of the approaching implementation date of the WMO qualification requirement for Aeronautical Meteorological Forecaster (AMF), which becomes a standard practice as of 1 December 2016.

To facilitate Members' compliance with this provision, the WMO Regional Training Centre(s) in your Region are in a position to assist you with education and training options for those staff who do not fully meet the AMF qualification requirements, as well as with the continuous professional development activities to support the ongoing competency assessment requirements that came into effect on 1 December 2013.

During the last session of the EC Panel of Experts on Education and Training, the Panel discussed the wide range of training opportunities that are available for Aeronautical Meteorological Personnel from the WMO Regional Training Centres (RTCs) and Members generally. Noting the range of courses and the comments from the RTC Directors present at the Panel session it seems that some Members may not be fully aware of the capacity of the RTCs and other training institutions to provide information and assistance in addressing any education and training gaps in your service. Some issues identified include:

- Not knowing who to contact for information;
- Not being able to release staff for extended periods of education and training;
- Not being aware that some RTCs offer online courses addressing key topics for AMF.

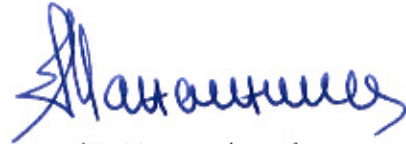
In case that you need assistance to achieve compliance with the AMF qualification standard, you are encouraged to contact relevant RTC(s) in your Region and investigate the most effective solutions for your specific case (see <http://www.wmo.int/pages/prog/dra/etrp/rtrcs.php> for contact details). Other alternatives include use of the forums on the CAeM website <http://www.caem.wmo.int/moodle/course/view.php?id=7> where you can ask questions to the CAeM Expert Team on Education, Training and Competency; you can also contact the WMO Education and Training Office via [detr@wmo.int](mailto:detr@wmo.int). By early 2017 it is expected that the WMO Global Campus education and training catalogue will be operating. Once this is established it will provide a searchable portal into the available education and training opportunities worldwide.

To: Permanent Representatives (or Directors of Meteorological or Hydrometeorological Services) of Members of WMO (PR-6905)

cc: Hydrological Advisers to Permanent Representatives )  
Mr C.M. Shun, president of CAeM )  
Dr David Grimes, President of WMO ) (for information)  
Directors of WMO Regional Training Centres )

I hope that you find this information of use and we look forward to an increased uptake of the education and training opportunities available to WMO Members through the WMO Regional Training Centres and other training institutions that would help enhancing the compliance with the WMO qualification and competency requirements for aeronautical meteorological personnel.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'E. Manaenkova', with a stylized, flowing script.

(E. Manaenkova)  
for the Secretary-General