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Annex: 1 (available in English only)

Subject: World Weather Information Service(WWIS) Portal

Action required: 1. To nominate a WWIS National Focal Point
2. To increase the number of forecast locations for WWIS
3. To consider providing forecasts for at least 5 days in advance

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to inform you that the World Weather Information Service (WWIS) Website of WMO (<http://worldweather.wmo.int>) has continued to serve its intended purpose of providing official weather forecasts and information for selected cities as provided by National Meteorological and Hydrological Services (NMHSs) for use by the public and the media. The website, which is under the responsibility of the Public Weather Services (PWS) Programme of WMO, is coordinated by the Hong Kong Observatory (HKO) of Hong Kong, China and is available in eleven languages including Arabic, Chinese, English, French, German, Italian, Korean, Polish, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish. The information on the website is also available through smartphone apps as follows:

Apple (iPhones): <https://itunes.apple.com/hk/app/myworldweather/id453654229?mt=8#>

Android: https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=hko.my_world_weather&hl=en

In this regard, I wish to inform you that as agreed at the Fifth Coordination Meeting of the World Weather Information Service (WWIS) Website Hosts (Lisbon, Portugal, 30 November-2 December 2015), a portal to provide Members with information on their participation in WWIS in terms of provision of current weather data, weather forecasts and climate information for display on WWIS has been developed on behalf of WMO by the Hong Kong Observatory (HKO), Hong Kong, China. Members can monitor their performance by logging into the portal. This portal is intended to help Members visualize easily their contribution to WWIS and to hence optimize such contribution. For this purpose, it is necessary to update the list of WWIS National Focal Points who would receive a set of username and password for using the portal. Consequently, I wish to request you to kindly update or nominate the WWIS National Focal Point for your Service whose function will be to coordinate with the Secretariat, the WWIS coordinator in HKO, and the different WWIS language hosts, as necessary, in effecting improvements to WWIS. For this purpose we have provided the WWIS National Focal Point Nomination Form online, which maybe completed for your Service. The Form is located at: <http://www.wmo.int/wwisform>.

To: Permanent Representatives (or Directors of Meteorological or Hydrometeorological Services) of Members of WMO (PR-6907)

cc: Hydrological Advisers to Permanent Representatives

The current list of Focal Points is attached for ease of reference.

I would appreciate it very much if you could complete the form as soon as possible, preferably before **30 June 2016**.

I also wish to request you to kindly increase the number of forecast locations and lead time by:

- (a) Providing weather forecasts and/or climatological information for more cities, towns and tourist attraction locations; and
- (b) Providing at least 5 days of weather forecast for the WWIS website.

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

Yours faithfully,



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