



Our ref.: OBS/GCOS/GCOS-IP2016

GENEVA, 20 July 2016

Subject: Review of the GCOS Implementation Plan 2016

Action required: Review the draft GCOS Implementation Plan and send comments to the GCOS Secretariat at your earliest convenience but not later than **5 September 2016**

Dear Sir/Madam,

The Seventeenth World Meteorological Congress in its Resolution 39 reaffirmed the continuing strong commitment of WMO to the objectives of Global Climate Observing System (GCOS) and support for its implementation.

In October 2015, the GCOS Programme published its Report on the Status of the Global Climate Observing System (GCOS-195) and submitted it to 21st Conference of the Parties (COP 21) of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and its Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) in Paris, France. This Status Report assesses the stage of GCOS implementation, and reports on successful completion, but also on deficiencies in climate observations and gaps in the observing systems.

Consequently, the GCOS Secretariat has been preparing a new implementation plan in consultation with the global climate scientific and observing community which will be submitted to UNFCCC COP 22 and its SBSTA, starting on 7 November 2016, in Marrakech, Morocco.

I am referring now to the decision of EC-68 on the above subject, which supports the review process of the draft GCOS implementation plan and asks Members, technical commissions, regional associations and WMO Programmes to actively promoting the draft plan during the period of the **public review from 25 July to 5 September 2016**, and to contribute to it .

Instructions and the draft are available online on the GCOS website at the following link: <http://gcos.wmo.int>. Please enter your comments into the spread sheet which is also provided there.

To: Permanent Representatives (or Directors of Meteorological or Hydrometeorological Services) of Members of WMO (PR-6913)

cc: Hydrological Advisers to Permanent Representatives

I should be grateful if you would send your contribution to the GCOS Secretariat at gcossreview@wmo.int. Should you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us using the same e-mail address.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a series of loops and a long horizontal stroke.

(P. Taalas)
Secretary-General