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Subject: Enhancement of Regional Service Delivery through the WMO Regional Training Centres

Dear Sir/Madam,

Support to WMO Regional Training Centres is a cardinal part of the WMO Education and Training Programme, as highlighted in the activities earmarked for the 2016-2019 financial period. Consequently, and in furtherance of our ongoing efforts to enhance service delivery and networking among institutions at regional and global levels, we plan to promote exchange of experts between the WMO Regional Training Centres (RTCs). Under the proposed plan, WMO is facilitating an exchange programme through the Education and Training Office for experts who are interested in teaching and research as well as participating in WMO activities outside their home country.

If the RTC in your country is interested in this initiative, I would like to request you to: (a) provide information on the area of specialization in which experts are needed; (b) indicate the duration for which they intend to host the expert(s); and (c) make provision as suitable for residence permit, accommodation and local transport for the expert(s) you are prepared to host. WMO may provide return air ticket and medical coverage, while participants or their sponsors are expected to meet other expenses. While the nominee will be referred to as a WMO Expert, the role of WMO will be limited to the process of screening, selection and facilitation of a bilateral contractual arrangement between experts and the host institutions.

Furthermore, in this effort to promote an enhanced cooperation between RTCs and other institutions, all Members are invited to nominate interested expert(s) who may not necessarily be based in a RTC, but should be familiar with the work of WMO and show evidence of teaching and research competence in either meteorology, hydrology or allied disciplines. A nominee is expected to render expertise support to the host RTC through teaching and research, and be involved in WMO activities after due consultation with the host Permanent Representative.

In order to allow for implementation of this plan in 2017, you are hereby requested to respond by **30 November 2016**.

I look forward to your usual cooperation for a successful implementation of this activity.

Yours faithfully,

(E. Manaenkova)
for the Secretary-General

To: Permanent Representatives (or Directors of Meteorological or Hydrometeorological Services) of Members of WMO (PR-6931)

cc: Hydrological Advisers to Permanent Representatives