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Annexes: 3

Subject: Technical Conference on Future Hydrological Priorities and Arrangement and the Extraordinary session of the Commission for Hydrology

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Dear Sir/Madam,

As you have been informed by copy of my letter to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs dated 30 August 2018, according to Resolution 18 (EC-70) an extraordinary session of the Commission for Hydrology (CHy-Ext.(2019)) of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) will be held at the WMO headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland, to lay out the path forward with regard to the major WMO developments in hydrology and to propose the necessary organizational arrangements for the hydrological community to deliver on relevant strategic objectives defined in the WMO Strategic Plan.

The session will take place from the afternoon of 13 February to 14 February 2019 and will be preceded by a Technical Conference on Future Hydrological Priorities and Arrangements (TECO-Hydro) from 11 February to the morning of 13 February 2019, to discuss the functional requirements needed for future and anticipated activities in hydrology within the ongoing WMO process reform. Both meetings will be conducted with simultaneous interpretation in the six WMO official languages (Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish). In light of the potential long-term significance of the sessions' discussion on the future delivery of hydrological activities within WMO, the following steps are being taken to maximize the opportunities for National Hydrological and Hydro-Meteorological Services to participate.

The tentative Agenda of CHy-Ext.(2019) and the provisional programme of TECO-Hydro are available at [http://meetings.wmo.int/CHy-Ext.\(2019\)](http://meetings.wmo.int/CHy-Ext.(2019)), where the documents for the session, currently in preparation, will be posted as they become available.

To assist participants in preparing for the session, gather inputs from a broader audience of experts and professionals, and give an opportunity to those countries which will not be able to attend the session to voice their concerns and opinions, an online pre-session discussion forum has been made available at <https://www.hydroref.com/chy-ext-presession>.

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

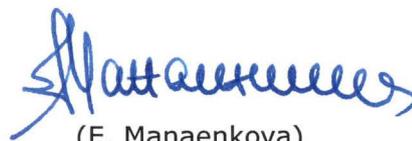
cc: Hydrological Advisers to Permanent Representatives
Regional Hydrological Advisers
President and vice-president of CHy
Members of CHy
Members of OPACHE

I request you to encourage experts from your country to participate in this pre-session discussion and provide their view on any of the several questions posted for debate. Their opinions will be presented to the session and contribute to the debate and decision to be taken by the Commission.

WMO will make limited funds available for participation in the Technical Conference, limited to one expert per country and with priority for experts from least developed and developing countries. In view of the extraordinary character of this session dedicated to strategic and organizational questions, and in accordance with the wish expressed by the Executive Council of hearing the opinion of the hydrological community, this financial support will be dedicated principally to lead hydrological experts who are involved in water administration and/or in a hydrological service in a key position in their country and limited to those who will be attending the CHy-Ext.(2019) session. Finally, financial support will be provided taking into consideration geographical and gender balance.

Should you wish to nominate an expert to receive financial assistance to attend the Technical Conference, please fill in and sign the attached Nomination Form and send it via email to chy@wmo.int before **6 January 2019**.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'E. Manaenkova', written in a cursive style.

(E. Manaenkova)
for the Secretary-General



PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. ORGANIZATION OF THE SESSION

- 1.1 Opening of the session
- 1.2 Consideration of the report on credentials
- 1.3 Adoption of the agenda
- 1.4 Establishment of committees
- 1.5 Concepts guiding the conduct of the session
- 1.6 Organizational matters

2. EFFECTIVE PARTICIPATION OF WMO IN THE GLOBAL WATER AGENDA

3. RECOMMENDATIONS TO Cg-18 ON WAYS TO INTEGRATE HYDROLOGICAL ACTIVITIES INTO THE NEW WMO STRUCTURE

4. CLOSURE OF THE SESSION



World Meteorological Organization

COMMISSION FOR HYDROLOGY

Technical Conference "Future Hydrological Priorities and Arrangements"

Geneva, 11 to 13 February 2019

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

TIME	AGENDA ITEM
Monday 11 February	
8:00 – 9:00	Registration
Technical Conference	
9:00 – 9:30	Welcome addresses and organizational questions
9:30 – 10:00	Keynote: Why reform?
10:00 – 10:30	<i>Coffee break</i>
10:30 – 11:30	Presentation: the WMO Constituent Bodies Reform
11:30 – 12:30	Presentation: The international water scene
12:30 – 14:30	Lunch break
14:30 – 16:00	Panel: The grand challenges in water and the role of WMO in addressing them
16:00 – 16:30	<i>Coffee Break</i>
16:30 – 17:30	Take-away messages on the effective participation of WMO in the global water agenda (summary by the Chair with interventions from the audience)
Tuesday 12 February	
9:30 – 10:30	Presentation: How to integrate hydrological activities in the proposed new WMO structure?
10:30 – 11:00	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:00 – 12:30	Breakout groups: Review of ToRs of proposed bodies
12:30 – 14:30	Lunch break

TIME	AGENDA ITEM
14:30 – 16:30	Breakout groups: Review of ToRs of proposed bodies (cont.)
16:30 – 17:30	Report from breakout groups to plenary
Wednesday 13 February	
9:30 – 12:00	Adoption of TECO conclusions and recommendations on the two documents for CHy-Ext.(2019)
12:00 – 12:30	Closure

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(TECO-Hydro)**

11-13 February 2019

PARTICIPANT NOMINATION FORM

The Permanent Representative of _____ with WMO
nominates the following candidate to be financially supported to participate in the above
Technical Conference:

FAMILY NAME: _____

FIRST NAME: _____

GENDER: **MALE** **FEMALE**

DATE OF BIRTH: _____

ORGANIZATION: _____

POSITION: _____

E-MAIL: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

Signature of Permanent Representative: _____

Note: Please fill all above fields. Incomplete forms may not be considered.
