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Subject: 2022 Common Alerting Protocol (CAP) Implementation Workshop and Training Course, 19–21, September 2022

Action required: Members to consider participating in the CAP Workshop and Training Course

Dear Sir/Madam,

As you may be aware, the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) Executive Council (EC) endorsed the Common Alerting Protocol (CAP) standard to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of alerting systems, and consequently encouraged WMO Members to adopt the CAP standard.

In this regard, I am pleased to inform you that the 2022 CAP Implementation Workshop and Training Course will be in a hybrid format, with in-person participation and online webinars. More specifically, the Workshop will be held on 19 and 20 September 2022 at the [KIT Royal Tropical Institute](#), Mauritskade 64, 1092 AD Amsterdam, the Netherlands and the training course will be at [De Duif](#), Prinsengracht 756, 1017 LH Amsterdam on 21 September 2022. The sessions will be held each day from 0900 to 1700 CEST.

The CAP Workshop and Training Course are intended to promote information sharing among experts and implementers of the CAP standard. WMO is among the co-sponsors and co-organizers of this initiative. Other sponsors are the International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM), the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), and the Organization for the Advancement of Structured Information Standards (OASIS).

CAP allows for a warning message to be consistently disseminated simultaneously over many warning systems to many applications such as television, radio, social media and mobile phones. It therefore presents a great advantage to National Meteorological and Hydrological Services (NMHSs) when they adopt it, as it eases the task of warning. The implementation of the CAP standard is also an important component of the WMO Global Multi-hazard Alert System (GMAS), for *"...increasing and enhancing the availability of authoritative warnings and information related to extreme and/or potentially high-impact weather, water and climate events"*.

The Workshop and Training Course will provide a forum for implementers of CAP and associated organizations to discuss how best to expand the adoption of the CAP standard and to share practices among users of the standard. Further details with the registration link are contained in this [flyer](#) and please note the [Call for Participation](#). You are requested to nominate members of your staff to participate in this initiative. Staff who have CAP implementation experience or insights to share are invited to contact the programme committee by email to Eliot.J.Christian@gmail.com (with a copy to arobertson@wmo.int)

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stating that they would like to give one of the 20 minute presentations. The list of speakers will be decided on **1 August 2022**. Call-in instructions for webinars will also be sent to all registered participants.

While we encourage the participation of Members, especially those who have already implemented CAP to participate and share experiences, it should be noted that WMO has no funding provision for the above-mentioned CAP Workshop and Training Course.

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

Yours faithfully,



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for the Secretary-General