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Subject: Staffing of the Global Framework for Climate Services (GFCS) Office - Request for the Secondment of Experts

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to refer to the decisions of the Extraordinary Session of the World Meteorological Congress (Cg-Ext.(2012)) and the first session of the Intergovernmental Board on Climate Services (IBCS-1), with respect to the implementation of the Global Framework for Climate Services (GFCS). Specifically:

- Annex 3 to Resolution 2 (Cg-Ext.(2012)) "*Secretariat Support to the GFCS*", that in paragraph 2 underlines the need of additional professional staff in the GFCS Office... and that staff secondments from governments and partner organizations or inter-agency loans would enhance the capacity of the Office to implement the GFCS;
- Resolution 3 (Cg-Ext.(2012)) "*Financing the Intergovernmental Board on Climate Services, Secretariat and Implementation Plan of the GFCS*" that urges Members to make voluntary contributions to the GFCS Trust Fund for the institutional and secretariat support to the Intergovernmental Board on Climate Services; and
- Resolution 4.3.1/1 (IBCS-1) "*Resource Mobilization*" that urges governments to provide in-kind contributions by supporting and seconding experts to the GFCS Office.

Currently, the level of staffing of the GFCS Office is inadequate for carrying out the coordination and implementation of GFCS-related activities. One professional officer, one general services full-time staff, a Junior Professional Officer and a short-term consultant are supporting the activities of the Office.

To: Permanent Representatives (or Directors of Meteorological or Hydrometeorological Services) of Members of WMO (PR-6729)

cc: Ministries of Foreign Affairs of WMO Member countries)
Hydrological Advisers to Permanent Representatives)
Permanent Missions to the United Nations Office in Geneva) (for information)
Heads of UN Partner Agencies: FAO, IFRC, ISDR, UNDP,)
UNESCO, WBG, WFP and WHO)

In view of the demand for facilitating the establishment of frameworks for climate services at national level, supporting regional level activities and enabling the implementation of the pillars of the GFCS, through concrete GFCS projects as well as supporting the Intergovernmental Board on Climate Services and its sub-structures, it is imperative that the GFCS Office be adequately staffed. In this regard, I kindly request the secondment of experts to the GFCS Office.

The experts should have the following qualifications:

- University level education in meteorology, hydrology, environmental sciences or allied physical sciences related to climate;
- Project management skills and experience;
- Experience in supporting capacity development activities;
- Experience or exposure to international organizations;
- Competency in any of the priority areas of the GFCS, namely agriculture and food security, water, health and disaster risk reduction;
- Strong qualitative and quantitative skills in analysis, synthesis, drafting reports and computing, including knowledge of Geographical Information Systems (GIS) or capabilities for developing maps;
- Fluency in English and excellent verbal and written communication skills.

The GFCS Office would be ready to accommodate secondments from January 2014.

Once again, I count on your support to further advance the implementation of the GFCS.

Yours faithfully,



(J. Lengoasa)
for the Secretary-General