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Subject: Postponement of the eighteenth session of the Regional Association IV

Action required: Inform on the postponement and new dates of the RA IV virtual session

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to refer to my letter of 2 October 2020, in which you were informed that the eighteenth session of the Regional Association IV (RA IV-18) was to be held through a virtual platform within the time frame of 30 November to 3 December 2020.

Regrettably, it has been decided to postpone the organization of the RA IV-18 and hold the session from 8 to 11 February 2021.

If not already submitted, I should be grateful to receive as soon as possible the names and email addresses of the persons nominated as the representatives of your country, with clear indication of the head of delegation and alternate head of delegation and to receive the credentials of your delegation. Please note that credentials received for the initial session, planned from 30 November to 3 December 2020, remain valid, as long as they include the same delegates. In such cases, an email could be provided from the credentials issuing authority or the permanent mission in Geneva with the original credentials to confirm that the participants are unchanged, and sent to [registration@wmo.int](mailto:registration@wmo.int).

The provisional agenda, the documents and information on the videoconferencing arrangements will be posted in due course on the [session website](#).

Additionally, there will be a virtual joint high-level session of WMO Regional Associations III and IV titled "Working together for weather, climate and water resilience in the Americas and the Caribbean" on 12 February 2021, 1400-1700 UTC.

In view of their official status with WMO, Permanent Representatives are kindly invited to act as focal points for the online registration of their delegation to the RA IV-18. The link to the online Event Registration System (ERS), the username and password that were sent to Permanent Representatives by email remain valid for all upcoming WMO meetings (<https://eventregistration.wmo.int/register/>).

Please note that the online registration will now close on 5 February 2020. For further information concerning online pre-registration, please do not hesitate to contact the WMO Secretariat by email at: [registration@wmo.int](mailto:registration@wmo.int). Please also note that the submission of information through the online event registration system does not exempt Members from the need to provide valid credentials for the participating delegation, signed by, or on behalf of, an appropriate governmental authority of the Member.

To: Ministers of Foreign Affairs of Member States of the World Meteorological Organization

A copy of this letter is being sent to the Permanent Representative and Hydrological Adviser of your country with WMO, as well as to Permanent Missions of Member States with WMO to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva, and presidents of technical commissions and regional associations.

Accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a series of fluid, connected strokes that form a stylized representation of the name 'Petteri Taalas'.

Prof. Petteri Taalas  
Secretary-General