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Subject: Fifth meeting of the Management Committee of the Intergovernmental Board on Climate Services (IBCS-MC/5), Reading, United Kingdom, 19-20 October 2017

Action required: To inform the Secretariat of attendance to the IBCS-MC/5 no later than **4 September 2017**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to inform you that the fifth meeting of the Management Committee of the Intergovernmental Board on Climate Services (IBCS-MC/5) will be held at the European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts (ECMWF) headquarters, Shinfield Park, Reading RG2 9AX, United Kingdom, from 19 to 20 October 2017.

In this context I have pleasure in inviting you to attend the above-mentioned meeting. The agenda of the meeting and documentation for the session will be available at the dedicated website at: <http://gfcs.wmo.int/upcoming-events>.

The session will focus on the review of the recommendations of the mid-term review of the GFCS, being conducted by the University of Arizona, with a view to providing guidance on the necessary follow-up actions.

It will also consider:

- a) Establishment of specific task teams to facilitate the response to the recommendations of the mid-term review;
- b) Status of implementation of the Priority Needs for the Implementation of the GFCS for the period 2016-2018;
- c) Reporting of activities at national level and by partners, including the improvement of the current web-based platform;
- d) Improving communication of the GFCS;
- e) Regional coordination mechanisms for the implementation of the GFCS;
- f) Resources mobilization;
- g) Election of the IBCS chairperson.

Provisions have been made to allow remote participation to the meeting. Information on how to connect remotely to the meeting will be available at the dedicated website for the event.

To: Presidents of regional associations

I should be grateful if you would kindly notify the Secretariat as soon as possible, but preferably not later than **4 September 2017**, whether you will be able to attend the session, to Mr Filipe Lúcio, Director of the Global Framework for Climate Services (flucio@wmo.int), copying Ms Emelie Larrodé (elarrode@wmo.int).

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Zhang', with a stylized flourish extending from the end.

(W. Zhang)
for the Secretary-General