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Subject: Regional Climate Statements

Action required: To nominate a seconded expert by **30 June 2020**

Dear Sir/Madam,

As you are aware, the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) has instituted a comprehensive reform process, which is now in its second phase, a main focus of which is on adding value to WMO activities in the regions. In line with this reform phase, I intend to accelerate the implementation of regular climate monitoring and related services at the regional scale, including climate indicators, associated impacts, and long-term climate projections. Through this initiative, WMO will be able to make available consistent, regular and region-specific climate information to support Members in their efforts to manage and adapt to associated climate-related risks. An important goal in this regard is to inform, on an annual basis, on governmental and intergovernmental policies in relation to the challenges of climate change and its impacts on a regional scale.

To this end, WMO has just launched the production of a Statement on the State of Africa's Climate in 2019. Experiences drawn from the preparation and release of this regional statement will facilitate the preparation of such statements in other regions in coming years.

This initiative is inspired by the success of the WMO annual Statement on the State of the Global Climate, which has become, in addition to the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) reports, a regular mechanism for informing Members and supporting climate policies. This statement has been recognized by the Conference of Parties (COP) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) as an authoritative input for the COP process. This has also been the case regarding a more recent flagship publication on the State of Climate Services, which was released for the first time at COP25 and which has attracted much interest from partners and Members.

In this regard, may I kindly ask if you might consider seconding and/or assigning experts to contribute to this initiative for a two-year (renewable) period. Participation of seconded experts in WMO, particularly in relation to key climate products, has been a very beneficial mechanism for experts and their institutions, as well as for WMO, notably through increased international experience and increased visibility of the institution of origin within our meteorological community and beyond.

Upon selection, the secondees will be placed in, or will report to, the Climate Services Branch within the Services Department and, through collaboration with the Member Services and Development Department, work with other technical departments, regional associations, WMO regional centres and directly with Members to coordinate the reports. The specific terms of service will be negotiated with interested parties. Secondments or assignments to support this initiative will be mostly at the Member's expense.

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

cc: Presidents of Regional Associations (PRAs)

I invite you to submit the Curriculum Vitae of the candidates you might identify for a secondment and/or assignment (i.e. experts contribute to the development of the Statement on the State of Regional Climate from their home base), to Dr Maxx Dilley, Director in charge of Climate and Acting Director of the Services Department (mdilley@wmo.int), and Ms Mary Power, Director of Member Services and Development Department (mpower@wmo.int), and copy Mr Omar Baddour, Head, Climate Monitoring and Policy Services division (obaddour@wmo.int), preferably by **30 June 2020**.

Yours faithfully,



(P. Taalas)
Secretary-General