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Subject: Operational Climate Services: A dialogue on practical action International Conference Centre Geneva (CICG), Geneva, Switzerland, 1 July 2013

Action required: Confirm your participation by **7 June 2013**

Dear Sir/Madam,

We are pleased to invite you to participate in a one-day workshop, entitled “Operational Climate Services: A dialogue on practical action” being organized on 1 July 2013 in conjunction with the first meeting of Intergovernmental Board on Climate Services (IBCS-1), from 1 to 5 July 2013 at the International Conference Center in Geneva, Switzerland.

This Dialogue builds on the success of the previous “Dialogue on Climate Services Users and Providers; towards implementation of the Global Framework for Climate Services (GFCS)” that took place as part of the preparations of the extraordinary session of the WMO Congress in October 2012. It will focus on the science, policy and resources requirements, and opportunities of climate services and will highlight some best practices from the local, regional and global perspectives. In addition, the Dialogue will establish a solid foundation for the Intergovernmental Board deliberations later in the week. A concept note on the Dialogue is accessible at <http://ibcs-1.wmo.int/>. The detailed agenda will be available shortly on this page.

In deciding on the composition of your delegation you may consider integrating, where possible, experts who can cover the four initial priority areas of the GFCS, i.e. health, water, agriculture and food security, and disaster risk reduction.

Due to limited funds to support Member’s attendance, we would greatly appreciate it if you could consider making arrangements to fund the cost of all or part of your attendance at this event. However, if this is not possible, WMO will consider providing financial support, upon request and subject to availability of funds, to one participant only from developing countries, with priority for Least Developed Countries.

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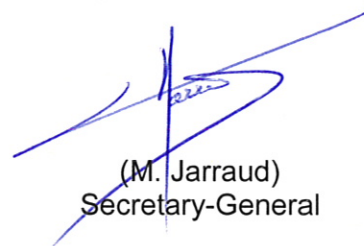
I should be grateful if you would kindly notify the Secretariat as soon as possible, but preferably **no later than 7 June 2013**, whether you will be able to attend the Dialogue, and if so, whether support for travel and/or per diem will be required. Please confirm your participation via Fax (++41 22 730 80 37) or via e-mail to Dr Ghassem Asrar (gasrar@wmo.int), Dr Deon Terblanche (dterblanche@wmo.int) and Dr Vincenzo Delli Colli (vdeliccolli@wmo.int).

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I look forward to your active participation and that of your delegation in this event.

Yours faithfully,



(M. Jarraud)
Secretary-General