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Subject: COP-19 and CMP-9 of the UNFCCC, Warsaw, Poland, 11-22 November 2013

Action required: Representatives of National Meteorological and Hydrological Services (NMHSs) are encouraged to actively participate in the discussions of COP-19 and CMP-9 related to climate science and services, and to support WMO initiative on the Global Framework for Climate Services (GFCS).

Dear Sir/Madam,

As you are aware, the nineteenth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP-19) will be held in conjunction with the ninth session of the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP-9) in Warsaw, Poland, from 11 to 22 November 2013. This will also include the following sessions:

- The thirty-ninth session of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA 39);
- The thirty-ninth session of the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI 39);
- The Ad Hoc Working Group on Further Commitments for Annex I Parties under the Kyoto Protocol (AWG-KP); and
- The Ad Hoc Working Group on the Durban Platform for Enhanced Action (ADP).

The High-Level Segment of COP-19 and CMP-9 will be held from 20 to 22 November 2013.

WMO, encouraged by the successful experience during the previous COP and SBSTA sessions, is currently planning its participation in this conference and will organize and participate in relevant side events, along with climate-related sponsored programmes and other UN partner agencies. The dates and programme of events relevant to WMO, as well as related documentation and materials will feature on the following WMO webpage: http://www.wmo.int/pages/prog/wcp/COP/cop19/index_en.php.

On this occasion, WMO will also set up an exhibition booth to showcase the role of climate science in the work of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and promote the latest relevant publications.

To: Permanent Representatives (or Directors of Meteorological or Hydrometeorological Services) of Members of WMO (PR-6717)

cc: Hydrological Advisers to Permanent Representatives

Last year, the following decisions of COP-18 welcomed WMO ongoing initiatives and contribution to the work of the Convention:

- (a) Under Research and Systematic Observation, it noted the implementation of the Global Framework for Climate Services (GFCS) and invited WMO to provide, at SBSTA 39, information on the outcome of the first session of the Intergovernmental Board on Climate Services (IBCS). WMO will submit the report to SBSTA, as requested;
- (b) COP-18 recognized the relevance of GFCS to its decision entitled: "Approaches to address loss and damage associated with climate change impacts in developing countries that are particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change to enhance adaptive capacity". WMO is contributing to the above-mentioned approach;
- (c) COP-18 adopted the eight-year Doha work programme on Article 6 of the Convention, which commits governments to promote and facilitate education, public awareness and training in the field of climate change. The COP decision recognizes WMO and five other United Nations bodies as members of the United Nations Alliance on Climate Change Education, Training and Public Awareness. WMO brings to the Alliance its invaluable networks of experts and National Meteorological and Hydrological Services, a number of relevant programmes on education and training as well as scientific capacity building.

Beyond the specific issues mentioned above, I would like to mention that at COP18/CMP8, governments took the next essential step in the global response to climate change. With the Doha Climate Gateway, countries launched a new commitment period under the Kyoto Protocol, agreed a firm timetable to adopt a universal climate agreement by 2015 and defined a path to respond to climate change. They also endorsed the completion of new institutions and agreed ways and means to deliver scaled-up climate finance and technology to developing countries. The Ad Hoc Working Group on Long-term Cooperative Action (AWG-LCA) delivered its final report to COP-18 and was brought to a closure. For additional outcomes of COP-18, please refer to my Circular Letter dated 11 January 2013.

I am pleased to note that 33 directors of hydrometeorological services and Permanent Representatives attended COP-18, and that among them there were one Vice-president and three Presidents of Regional Associations. Furthermore, around 130 delegates from 60 NMHSs were included in their national delegations at COP-18. Meteorological and climate experts were also part of delegations from intergovernmental/international organizations such as the African Centre of Meteorological Application and Development (ACMAD), AGRHYMET, the East African Community and the League of Arab States.

I encourage you to consider participating in COP-19 as a member of your national delegation to strengthen the role of NMHSs, among other national partners, in the UNFCCC process through provision of scientific advice in your area of expertise.

Should you or your staff members wish to attend the Conference, I would appreciate receiving information concerning attendance not later than **1 November 2013**.

Yours faithfully,



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for the Secretary-General