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Our ref.: OBS/OSD/WPR-Questionnaire

GENEVA, 3 December 2013

Subject: Online survey on the use of wind profiler radar systems

Action required: To complete and submit the online questionnaire as soon as possible, preferably not later than **15 January 2014**

Dear Sir/Madam,

The Commission for Basic Systems Expert Team on Surface-Based Observations (ET-SBO) is undertaking a survey of Members to determine the current status and future plans relating to deployment and operation of wind profiler radar (WPR) observing systems. The additional objectives for undertaking the questionnaire are to:

- Analyze the results and determine current and best practices of WMO Members in relation to the use of WPR and various other observing systems to most efficiently meet data user requirements;
- Work towards the development of a global metadata database of WPR systems so as to determine global coverage of WPR systems and assist in the WMO Rolling Review of Requirements process; and
- Develop and maintain a list of WMO Focal Points on wind profiler radar for the purposes of maintaining WPR metadata and sharing and exchanging information on operational aspects of WPR systems.

Please be aware that the questionnaire requires a response from all Members, as it requests information in relation to both aspects of WPR operation and also of non-operation of these systems. It is expected that the survey should take from 5 minutes to no more than around 30 minutes, depending on the operational use or otherwise of WPR.

The questionnaire also provides the facility for Members operating WPR networks to submit their WPR network metadata by Excel spreadsheet. The questionnaire is available in English only.

To: Permanent Representatives (or Directors of Meteorological or Hydrometeorological Services) of Members of WMO (PR-6731)

cc: Hydrological Advisers to Permanent Representatives

In this regard, I invite you to please kindly complete and submit the online questionnaire available on the following website:

[http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/WMO\\_Member\\_Wind\\_Profiler\\_Radar\\_Survey](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/WMO_Member_Wind_Profiler_Radar_Survey)

Your collaboration in this matter and **response to the questionnaire by no later than 15 January 2014** is highly appreciated.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

(J. Lengoasa)  
for the Secretary-General