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Subject: WMO Statement on the State of the Global Climate in 2017

Action required: To nominate a focal point by **15 August 2017**

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Following the successful release of the five year climate report 2011-2015 and the provisional annual Statement on the State of the Global Climate in 2016 during the 22nd Conference of Parties (COP 22) held in Marrakesh in November 2016, and widespread media coverage, the forty-fifth session of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technical Advice (SBSTA-45) invited WMO to provide submissions on the state of the global climate on a regular basis, as appropriate, at subsequent sessions of SBSTA.

I take this opportunity to thank Members and the agencies in the United Nations and international scientific and climate institutions that collaborated and contributed in this success. I would like also to assure you that WMO is even more committed to continue supporting this collaboration for the preparation and publication of the statements in the years to come.

In this regard and in order to align the Annual Statement on the State of the Global Climate with the new and evolving scientific and policy requirements of Member States and United Nations agencies, WMO hosted in Geneva, 20-21 February 2017, an expert meeting on the Statement on the State of the Global Climate. Participants representing several climate institutions and United Nations agencies representatives participated and set up a pathway for improving the content and the process of the Statement and enhancing synergy with the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) process, starting with the Statement for 2017.

Consultations with participants during and after the meeting led to agreement that information on the State of the Climate will be structured in two strands. One, focused on sections of the report dealing with physical aspects of the climate system, will be coordinated by WMO and involve authors from key international scientific institutions. The other strand, focused on climate impacts, will be coordinated by another United Nations agency on a rotational basis.

A provisional statement on the State of the Global Climate in 2017 will be released at the occasion of COP 23 which will take place in Bonn, Germany, 6-17 November 2017. The final brochure of the Statement will be published in March 2018.

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

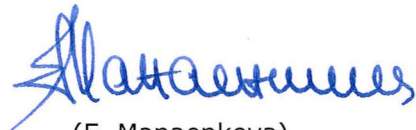
cc: President and vice-president of CCI
Chairpersons of GCOS/IPCC/WCRP

I am pleased to announce the launching of the process for collecting contributions and preparing the content of the Annual Statement on the State of the Global Climate in 2017. I would appreciate it if you could kindly nominate a focal point from your institution, preferably **by 15 August 2017**, with whom the WMO Secretariat will liaise on collecting input from your institution to the statement.

Input should be sent to Dr Blair Trewin (blair.trewin@bom.gov.au), expert from the WMO Commission for Climatology and lead of authors of the WMO Statement on the State of the Global Climate in 2017 with a copy to Mr Omar Baddour (obaddour@wmo.int) coordinator of the Statement.

A dedicated web site providing guidance on the structure, planning and template for countries' input is available at <https://public.wmo.int/en/wmo-statement-state-of-global-climate-2017>.

Yours faithfully,



(E. Manaenkova)
for the Secretary-General