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Subject: World Meteorological Organization (WMO) Global Conference on “Prosperity through Hydrological Services”, Geneva, 7-9 May 2018

Action required: Express interest in participating in the conference

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to inform you that the Global Conference on “Prosperity through Hydrological Services” is planned to be held in Geneva, from 7 to 9 May 2018.

Water is at the center of environmental sustainability, economic resilience, social cohesion and physical security. Hydrological services, including water monitoring and assessments, design of water-related structures, as well as flood forecasts and warnings are fundamental to the management of water. The World Meteorological Organization (WMO), as the United Nations system’s authoritative voice on Climate, Weather and Water – is joining with its partners around the world to address the critical need for better water resource management.

An important milestone in this process will be a Global Conference promoting prosperity through the application of improved hydrological services. The Conference is expected to catalyze collaboration among key stakeholders in international programmes and to strengthen the delivery capabilities of National Hydrological Services, through initiatives such as the WMO Global Hydrological Status and Outlook System. It is also expected to assist countries in their efforts to contribute towards the United Nations 2030 Agenda and the eleven water-related Sustainable Development Goals.

Participation will be from:

- Decision makers from selected governments/governmental agencies
- National Meteorological Services
- National Hydrological Services
- Foreign offices
- Financial institutions and donors
- UN agencies, programmes and other entities
- NGOs
- Research/Academia
- Private Sector

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

cc: Hydrological Advisers to Permanent Representatives

WMO is keen to establish new long-term partnerships for the development and delivery of much needed, high quality, hydrological services. If your country is interested in taking part in this global initiative, please complete the expression of interest form at: http://www.wmo.int/pages/prog/hwrrp/survey/Form_EoI_WMGlobalConference-2017.pdf

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Zhang', with a stylized flourish underneath.

(W. Zhang)
for the Secretary-General