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Subject: COP 23 and CMP-13/CMA 1.2 of the UNFCCC, Bonn, Germany,
6-17 November 2017

Action required: Representatives from NMHSs are requested to advise on their participation
in COP 23 and identify how WMO can further support NMHS engagement in
UNFCCC processes

Dear Sir/Madam,

The twenty-third session of the Conference of the Parties to the Climate Change Convention (COP 23) will be held in Bonn, Germany, from 6 to 17 November 2017. COP 23 will also be the venue for the thirteenth session of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol (CMP 13) and the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement (CMA 1.2). The High-Level Segment of COP 23 and CMP 13 will be held from 15 to 17 November 2017. These events include the forty-seventh sessions of the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA 47) and the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI 47).

WMO will actively participate in these events and is organizing two side events:

- (1) Importance of science in supporting adaptation and mitigation under the Paris Agreement
- (2) Building on the Sendai Framework in support of the Paris Agreement implementation and monitoring

WMO will also join the One UN Exhibition to showcase the role of climate science in the work of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC). The dates of events relevant to WMO, as well as related documentation and materials, will be featured on the WMO webpage (<https://public.wmo.int>).

There are a number of emerging issues which provide great opportunities for National Meteorological and Hydrological Services (NMHSs) to provide scientific, technical and operational advice to the implementation process of the Convention in general and the Paris Agreement in particular. For example, starting in 2023 and reviewed every five years thereafter, Parties to the Paris Agreement will need to report on their aggregate progress on mitigation, adaptation and means of implementation (Article 14). NMHSs are well placed to provide expertise on the reporting structure and ultimately national inputs to these reports.

National Adaptation Plans (NAPs) can also widely benefit from climate information and services. Considering the contribution of NMHSs in fulfilling Article 7 of the Paris Agreement, the SBI requested WMO, and its partner organizations through the Global Framework for Climate Services (GFCS), to further strengthen scientific knowledge and climate including research, systematic observation of the climate system and early warning systems.

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

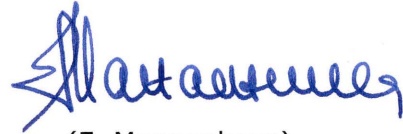
cc: Hydrological Advisers to Permanent Representatives

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Last year, 28 Directors of Hydrometeorological Services and Permanent Representatives with WMO attended COP 22, among whom were presidents of regional associations for Africa (RA I), Asia (RA II) and Asia Pacific (RA V). Overall, 99 delegates from 73 NMHSs attended as part of their national delegations. I encourage you to consider participating in COP 23 as a member of your national delegation to strengthen the role of NMHSs as contributors to the UNFCCC process.

Although WMO will not be in a position to provide financial support to your participation at COP 23, I would appreciate any suggestions you may have as to how WMO can assist your Service in implementing the UNFCCC and the Paris Agreement. In case you or your staff members are planning to attend COP 23, please let us know not later than **20 October 2017**, for inclusion in future conference-specific correspondence.

Yours faithfully,



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for the Secretary-General