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Subject:

WMO Education and Training Opportunities (2019)

Action required:

For information and appropriate action, as required

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to advise you of a wide range of education and training opportunities which WMO plans to support during the year 2019. Members interested in nominating suitable candidate(s) are required to review the "Compendium of WMO fellowships and training opportunities" which can be downloaded from:

http://www.wmo.int/pages/prog/dra/etrp/documents/Compendium-2019.pdf and follow the instructions carefully.

Before the submission of nominations, you are invited to carefully read the Guide on nominations for fellowships and training attached in the Annex as well as the Criteria on Award of Fellowship and Training Sponsorships found on the WMO fellowship website www.wmo.int/fellowships. Furthermore, please note that for guidance on the choice of institutions for your candidate(s), you are encouraged to consult the partners listed in the Compendium and WMO Regional Training Centres (RTCs) website (www.wmo.int/pages/prog/dra/etrp/rtcs.php), which respectively contain information on fellowships and training opportunities available from institutions and countries that have entered into special agreement with WMO.

Unless otherwise stated in the Compendium, any candidate applying for a fellowship to undergo studies in any institution is required to first secure an acceptance letter from that institution, or be in the process of obtaining one, prior to submitting their nomination to WMO.

Additionally, group familiarization visit(s) will be organized in the WMO Secretariat in 2019 for newly appointed Permanent Representatives (PRs) and those who are interested in this programme are encouraged to apply. It is meanwhile important to note that potential beneficiaries will be selected on the basis of the EC Criteria for consideration of requests for a familiarization visit by a recently appointed Permanent Representative of a country with WMO (http://www.wmo.int/fellowships). This programme notwithstanding, any Permanent Representative is welcome to visit the WMO Secretariat at any prearranged time.

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

cc: Hydrological Advisers to Permanent Representatives

Due to WMO budgetary constraints, I would encourage you to be selective in the number of candidates you propose. You may therefore consider paying particular attention to how your request aligns with your National Meteorological and Hydrological Services (NMHS) priority skills needs, taking into account issues relating to succession management and gender equity. It is desirable to dedicate the available fellowship and training opportunities to supporting nominations from developing and Least Developed Countries (LDCs), and Small Island Developing States (SIDS).

Please note that the deadline date for submission of general nomination to WMO is **28 February 2019** unless stated otherwise in the information table.

I would like to express my appreciation for your continued support in promoting the Programmes and activities of WMO.

Yours faithfully,

(W. Zhang) for the Secretary-General

ANNEX

Guide on nominations for fellowships and training

2019 Compendium of WMO Fellowships and Training Opportunities, Requirements and Guide for Application

(http://www.wmo.int/pages/prog/dra/etrp/documents/Compendium-2019.pdf)

- 1. Read through the WMO EC Criteria on Award of Fellowships and Training Sponsorships on fellowship website.
- 2. Check for available fellowship and training opportunities in Compendium and RTCs website.
- 3. For fellowship nomination, a completed Fellowships Nomination Form (FNF) is required (FNF can be downloaded from fellowship website).
- 4. The FNF must be signed by the Permanent Representative or a formally delegated alternative signatory and sent to the Secretary-General of WMO by the closing dates stipulated for that opportunity.
- 5. Any nomination must provide an admission letter from the institution for the requested course. The admission letter or accompanying documentation should provide the start and end dates of the course of study and the costs involved. To obtain the admission letter, candidates must apply to the institution who checks the academic, language and other requirements.
- 6. The applicant must be proficient in the language of study and/or provide the required documentation regarding their language proficiency. Please note that some institutions require a English language test, such as IELTS and TOEFL.
- 7. If multiple candidates are nominated, the Permanent Representative must also provide a priority listing for the candidates.
- 8. New fellowship awards require all due and overdue post-fellowship reports from previous fellows (completion report and 24-month post fellowship report, PR familiarization reports) to be provided to WMO.
- 9. Deadlines for nominations must be followed. Late nominations beyond the deadlines are normally not considered. The issuance of the admission letter from institutions and obtaining the result of a required language test takes time. If such a request is foreseen, candidates are suggested to take actions as early as possible.
- 10. For courses offered by WMO RTCs of less than one month, candidates must use the nomination forms provided by the RTC. A signed request by the PR of the WMO Member is required for WMO support. Participants who have been selected for WMO support will be asked to complete a Request for Financial Assistance (RFA) form.