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Subject: WMO Second Multi-Hazard Early Warning Conference (MHEWC-II)
Geneva, 13-14 May 2019
UNISDR sixth session of the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction
2019 (GP 2019), Geneva, 15-17 May 2019

Action required: Notify the WMO Secretariat on MHEWC-II participation by
30 January 2019

Dear Sir/Madam,

As you may recall, the seventieth session of the Executive Council (EC-70) in its Decision 3, requested Members to consider contributing to the second Multi-Hazard Early Warning Conference (MHEWC-II) through voluntary and/or in-kind contributions and participation of NMHSs. The second Multi-Hazard Early Warning Conference, a joint effort of the partner organizations of the International Network for Multi-Hazard Early Warning Systems (IN-MHEWS) is planned for 13 and 14 May 2019 prior to and as an input to the sessions related to early warning at the 2019 Global Platform for DRR (GP 2019) with formal sessions taking place from 15 to 17 May 2019.

GP 2019 will build on the momentum created at the previous Global Platform in Cancún in 2017 (GP 2017) and amplified by the integration of disaster risk elements in the implementation of the SDGs, so as to take the implementation of the Sendai Framework and the 2030 Agenda to the next level. Further information is available on the event website (<https://www.unisdr.org/conference/2019/globalplatform/home>) and the information on WMO activities for GP 2019 on the DRR/WMO website <http://public.wmo.int/en/programmes/disaster-risk-reduction-programme>).

In view of the above, I am pleased to inform you that the Government of Switzerland in cooperation with UNISDR, the sixth session of the Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction in 2019 (GP 2019) will be held in Geneva, Switzerland, from 15 to 17 May 2019. The biennial Global Platforms are the most important international fora dedicated to DRR.

Prior to GP 2019, WMO, in collaboration with UNISDR, is also organizing the WMO Second Multi-Hazard Early Warning Conference (MHEWC-II), which is scheduled to be held on 13 and 14 May 2019 in Geneva, at the WMO headquarters. Information regarding MHEWC-II will be made available in due course on the conference website. (<http://www.wmo.int/earlywarnings2019>).

I am, therefore, pleased to invite you or to nominate an expert to participate in MHEWC-II. It is also encouraged to participate as part of your national delegation in the GP 2019.

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

cc: Hydrological Advisers to Permanent Representatives, Presidents of Regional Associations, Presidents of Technical Commissions

Given the limited financial resources available for this MHEWC-II, priority will be given to experts from developing countries and countries with economies in transition, it is therefore hoped that your Service will cover the cost of your participation or nominated expert at the MHEWC-II. WMO may, however, consider providing financial support to one expert only, upon request, for the participation in MHEWC-II (13-14 May 2019).

Furthermore, please contact UNISDR directly (globalplatform@un.org) regarding arrangements and participation to GP 2019.

Mr Cyrille Honoré, Chief of the Multi-Hazard Early Warning Services (MHEWS) Division is the WMO focal point for MHEWC-II.

I would appreciate if you could notify the Secretariat (chonore@wmo.int), **on or before 30 January 2019**, of your participation or nominated expert and whether financial assistance is required for your attendance in MHEWC-II.

Yours faithfully,



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for the Secretary-General