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29 March 2019

Subject: Draft Declaration of the 18th World Meteorological Congress entitled
“Building community for weather, climate and water actions”

Action required: To review the draft Declaration and provide feedback and comments, as
appropriate, on or before **30 April 2019**

Dear Sir/Madam,

You may wish to recall that the 70th session of the Executive Council (Geneva, June 2018), while considering future actions towards building better cooperation and collaboration between the public, private and academic sectors, agreed on the need for preparing a high-level policy act for consideration by the 18th World Meteorological Congress. The Executive Council adopted Decision 51 (EC-70) and established a drafting team to prepare such a policy act.

The Team, chaired by Dr Michael Staudinger, Permanent Representative of Austria with WMO, prepared the draft text of the policy act in the form of a Congress Declaration and conducted the first round of consultations with the members of the Executive Council. Consequently, a draft Declaration of the 18th World Meteorological Congress entitled

“Building community for weather, climate and water actions”

has been prepared for a second round of consultations that will include all WMO Members, partner organizations and the wider community including the private sector and academia.

The draft Declaration is intended to replace the “Geneva Declaration” adopted as a high-level policy act by the 13th Congress in 1999. The proposed updated policy act reflects the new paradigms of cooperation and partnership between stakeholders from all sectors of the weather enterprise needed as a collective response to global societal risks related to extreme weather, climate change, water scarcity and other environmental hazards.

The draft text of the Declaration has been made available in the six official languages of the Organization at <https://public.wmo.int/en/our-mandate/how-we-do-it>. You are kindly invited to review the draft and provide feedback and comments, as appropriate. If you have proposals for editorial changes, please provide them **no later than 30 April 2019** by email to: ppe@wmo.int. Please specify the line number(s) of the draft in the respective language version to which your comments refer.

To: Permanent Representatives (or Directors of Meteorological or Hydrometeorological Services) of
Members of WMO
Heads of international organizations (HMEI, ECMWF, EUMETSAT, PRIMET, IABM, World Bank,
International Science Council (ISC))

cc: Hydrological Advisers to Permanent Representatives

The Drafting Team assisted by the Secretariat will reflect on the comments received in the finalization of the text that will be submitted to the Congress plenary. Feedback from relevant international organizations and partners, including the private and academic sectors will also be welcome in order to ensure that the preparation process of the policy act is inclusive and transparent.

I would like to thank you in advance for your active contribution to the process of preparation of this highly important document for the coming 18th Congress.

Yours faithfully,

for 
(P. Taalas)
Secretary-General