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Annex: 1 (available in English only)

Subject: Invitation to the Meeting of the Directors of WMO Regional Training Centers (RTCs) in Regional Associations I, II and V in conjunction with the Belt and Road Forum on Meteorological Education, Nanjing, China, 7–10 May 2020

Action required: For information and appropriate action, as necessary, no later than  
**6 March 2020**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to inform you that a meeting of the Directors of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) Regional Training Centres (RTCs) in Regional Associations (RAs) I, II and V will take place in Nanjing, China, from 7 to 10 May 2020. The purpose of the meeting is to explore opportunities for increased collaboration and support in serving WMO Members by RTCs. The meeting will be held on the occasion of the celebration of the 60th anniversary of the founding of the Nanjing University of Information, Science and Technology (NUIST) and the 30th anniversary of the international training activities conducted by NUIST, which is Nanjing's component of the WMO RTC in China. A meeting on Belt and Road Forum on Meteorological Education will also be held at the margin of these events, hence NUIST will extend a separate invitation to some universities for the meeting of 9-10 May 2020.

The thirteenth WMO Symposium on Education and Training (SYMET-13) which was held in 2017 in Barbados made several recommendations that require consideration and implementation in RAs I, II and V. WMO RTCs are crucial to the implementation of those recommendations. One particularly important aspect of the SYMET-13 outcomes, relates to further development and implementation of the WMO Global Campus initiative.

The meeting will also serve as a platform for reviewing detailed programmes and activities of the WMO Education and Training Programme (ETRP), with a view to ensuring effective follow-up to the outcomes of the eighteenth World Meteorological Congress (Cg-18), and also hold discussions on a provisional theme for SYMET-14. Attached is the provisional programme of events for the duration of the meetings and associated activities.

In this regard, I would like to invite the Director of the RTC in your country to attend the above-mentioned meetings and events. NUIST will meet the cost of travel and local expenses including accommodation, meals and transportation under the terms of NUIST as the sponsor. You may wish to send more delegates from your country at your own cost.

To: Permanent Representatives of Members of RA II and RA V and Directors of RTCs of Egypt, India, Indonesia, Islamic Republic of Iran, Kenya, Nigeria, Philippines, Qatar, Russian Federation, South Africa and Uzbekistan with WMO

cc: Hydrological Advisers to Permanent Representatives  
Mr Beiqun LI, President, NUIST

I should be grateful if you could communicate your decision to Prof. Tinghui MA (thma@nuist.edu.cn) of NUIST with a copy to WMO ETR Office (tra@wmo.int) **no later than 6 March 2020.**

Yours faithfully,



(W. Zhang)  
for the Secretary-General

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## **Provisional Programme of Events**

### **Meeting of Directors of WMO RTCs in Regional Associations I, II and V (7 – 8 May 2020)**

1. The role of WMO RTCs in the reformed WMO
2. Learning and training resources and courses that can be shared
3. Examples of past successful collaboration efforts
4. Proposals on new concrete collaboration
5. Preparing an implementation plan on collaborations
6. Developing a sustainability plan for collaboration in the region
7. Contributions to activities within the world-wide WMO Global Campus
8. The potential of offering joint online courses
9. Getting RTCs more involved in WMO-led Capacity Development projects
10. The status of RTCs and issues identified as preventing their optimum efficiency
11. Participation with external partners in the Regions
12. Discussion on the fourteenth WMO Symposium on Education and Training (SYMET-14) (subject to WMO / EC Resolution) entitled "Meteorological Education and Training in the Digital Age"

### **The Belt and Road Forum on Meteorological Education (9 – 10 May 2020)**

1. Discussion on collaboration of RTCs in RAs I, II and V
2. Discussion on university collaboration in the Regions
3. Education and training under the Belt and Road Initiative
4. Celebration of the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of founding of NUIST and 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of international training activities of NUIST as Nanjing's component of the WMO RTC in China