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GENEVA, 22 February 2012

Annexes: 2 (available in English only)

Subject: RA I Management Group session (reduced) on the WMO Integrated Global Observing System (WIGOS), Geneva, Switzerland, 1-3 March 2012

Action required: To inform the WMO Secretariat of your participation in RA I Management Group Meeting (reduced) on WIGOS, not later than **27 February 2012**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to inform you that following consultations with the president of Regional Association I and following recommendations of the last RA I Management Group (MG) Meeting in Zimbabwe in November 2011, it was decided to hold an ad hoc RA I MG session (reduced) on the WMO Integrated Global Observing System (WIGOS), in Geneva, Switzerland, from 1 to 3 March 2012.

In this respect, you are cordially invited to attend this RA I MG session. WMO is prepared to provide financial assistance for your participation. The session will be conducted in English and French.

As you are aware, Cg-XVI through its Resolution 50 (Cg-XVI) – WIGOS, requested the regional associations to: (1) develop their regional WIGOS implementation plans; (2) coordinate WIGOS implementation activities with the WMO Information System in their operating plans and work programmes; and (3) promote capacity building and outreach activities to assist Members in the implementation of WIGOS.

Considering the importance and urgency of the WIGOS implementation in RA I that will contribute significantly to enhancing the observing capabilities of all RA I Members needed for the implementation of the Global Framework for Climate Services (GFCS), Disaster Risk Reduction, and other WMO priorities, the RA I-MG-Reduced session will consider the best working approaches for each Subregion and how to address the challenges, while also respecting the specifics of each Subregion.

A provisional agenda of the session is given in Annex I.

To: Permanent Representatives of Members of WMO (limited distribution)

cc: President of Regional Association I (Africa) (for information)

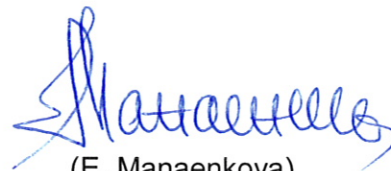
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I should be grateful, therefore, if you could return the attached attendance form (Annex II) duly completed, and returned to the WMO Secretariat as soon as possible, **but not later than 27 February 2012.**

I look forward to your participation in this session.

Yours faithfully,



(E. Manaenkova)  
for the Secretary-General

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REGIONAL ASSOCIATION I (AFRICA)  
MANAGEMENT GROUP (reduced)  
FOURTH SESSION



Submitted by: Secretariat

Date: 15.02.2012

Agenda item: 1

English only

Geneva, Switzerland  
1 – 2 March 2012

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## Provisional Agenda

- 1) WIGOS vision and concept (better understanding of the concept and challenges)
- 2) WIGOS benefits for the Region and its five Subregions
- 3) WIGOS in relation with WMO Priorities
- 4) Regional and sub-regional priorities to be addressed by the WIGOS Implementation
- 5) RA I Task Team on RA-I WIGOS Implementation Plan (TORs, composition, work plan)

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## RA I MANAGEMENT GROUP (RA I-MG-Reduced) (Geneva, Switzerland, 1-3 March 2012)

### PARTICIPANT ATTENDANCE FORM

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