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Annexes: 2

Subject: Nomination of a point of contact to the RA I Dissemination Expert Group

Dear Sir/Madam,

The Regional Association I (RA I) Dissemination Expert Group (RAIDEG) for satellite data as a technical advisory body of the RA I Working Group on Observations, Telecommunication and Infrastructure met on the occasion of its ninth meeting in Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire, on 22 and 23 September 2018. The final report of the meeting is available from <http://www.wmo.int/pages/prog/sat/meetings/RAIDEG-9.php>.

As you are aware, RAIDEG is tasked with the coordination of meteorological satellite data access and exchange including the expression of user requirements on a regional basis. RAIDEG was jointly created in 2010 by the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) and the European Organisation for the Exploitation of Meteorological Satellites (EUMETSAT) and has since served as an effective interface between users in RA I and EUMETSAT on all matters of satellite data access, exchange, and related capacity building. The terms of reference and the current composition of RAIDEG is provided in Annex I and Annex II to this letter.

Permanent Representatives of Members with WMO of RA I had been urged and encouraged to nominate a point of contact for RAIDEG at their earliest convenience, and preferably not later than 31 January 2016 (in the letter reference No. 8022-15/OBS/SAT/RA I of 9 November 2015).

In response to this letter only one nomination was received. To ensure that requirements for satellite data are communicated to the satellite providers operating in RA I, it is essential that each Member in RA I nominates a point of contact. The point of contact would be charged with the following tasks:

- Identify national requirements for satellite data, products, related information and training needs;
- Highlight gaps and other issues in satellite data access, processing, visualization and utilization;
- Serve as an interface to the sub-regional RAIDEG representative, i.e. respond to requests for information and actively liaise with the representative as appropriate.

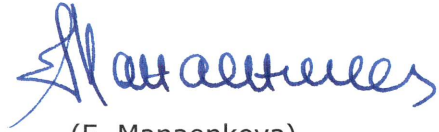
To: Permanent Representatives (or Directors of Meteorological or Hydrometeorological Services) of Members of WMO in RA I

cc: President of RA I, Director General of EUMETSAT, Director of ACMAD, Director of ASECNA/EAMAC

The purpose of this letter is, therefore, to urge and encourage you once more to nominate a point of contact for RAIDEG at your earliest convenience, and preferably not later than **15 March 2019**.

I wish to thank you for your cooperation in supporting the work of WMO in RA I (Africa).

Yours faithfully,



(E. Manaenkova)
for the Secretary-General

TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE RA I DISSEMINATION EXPERT GROUP (RAIDEG)

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Scope

The primary scope of the RA I Dissemination Expert Group is to identify and document the needs of the Region in the areas of satellite derived products and other meteorological/ environmental data so that Members can fulfil their national or international obligations in the protection of the environment, life and property and spur on their socioeconomic development.

Main tasks

The Group shall:

- (a) Collect, review and maintain requirements for access to meteorological and environmental data and products by NMHSs and partner organizations in Africa;
- (b) Analyse the requirements for satellite-based products expressed by African NMHSs, Centres of Excellence, Training Institutes and other environmental monitoring organizations in Africa making use of EUMETCast or other data dissemination services;
- (c) Make recommendations on the requirements for products, related training needs, and on the assignment of priorities, aiming at optimizing product dissemination through EUMETCast or other dissemination services.

Composition

The group includes:

- (a) Experts from NMHSs of the six RA I sub-regions;
- (b) Representatives of the VLab Centres of Excellence;
- (c) One representative of ACMAD;
- (d) Representatives of the EUMETSAT and WMO Secretariats.

Working Modalities

The Group works mainly by correspondence with annual face-to-face meetings held at alternating venues, usually in conjunction with the EUMETSAT User Forum in Africa, or in Europe (EUMETSAT headquarters or WMO headquarters). It is assisted by the points of contact nominated in every NMHS. The Group reports to the RA I Working Group on Observations and Infrastructure.

Website

<http://www.wmo.int/pages/prog/sat/ra1-expertgroup-intro.php>

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