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Subject: WMO online Workshop on Transition to Automated Ground-based Measurements for Regional Association I Members and Arabic-speaking Members (28 to 30 November and 5 to 6 December 2023)

Action required: To nominate up to two experts from your country, at your earliest convenience, but **not later than 14 November 2023**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to inform you that the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) is organizing an online workshop on Transition to Automated Ground-based Measurements for Regional Association I (Africa) and Arabic-speaking members from other Regional Associations, from 28 to 30 November and 5 to 6 December 2023.

The workshop will be held in English, with interpretation into French and Arabic, using the Zoom platform. This workshop has already been held twice in English. The material will be made available on the WMO Moodle platform for general access. It will comprise five two-hour sessions (0900–1100 UTC) that will be held over five days, spread over two weeks.

The workshop will focus on the transition from ground-based manual measurements to automated measurements and related network aspects. Topics will include: Network Planning, Project Planning and Management, People Change, Risk Analysis and Procurement Practices. It will refer to several WMO publications.

The workshop will include opportunities for interaction with facilitators and fellow participants and is designed to be practical; participants will gain ideas and knowledge of possible alternatives and solutions for transitioning to automated measurements. The number of participants will be limited. The selected participants will be expected to attend all five workshop sessions and contribute to the workshop exercises and to the forum discussions.

The target audience for the workshop is:

- (1) Managers responsible for planning, designing and decision-making regarding measurement systems and observation network management in RA I and Arabic-speaking members from other Regional Associations.
- (2) Staff from Regional Instrument Centres, or Regional Training Centres in RA I, in an effort to foster technical training capacities in the Region through a train-the-trainer approach; the workshop will equip these participants with deeper knowledge of existing WMO material that could then be used in follow-up training activities conducted by their Centres.

I should be grateful if the nomination of your expert(s) would include the following details: first name, family name, job title, institution and email address. Nominations should be sent by email to the WMO Secretariat, for the attention of Ms Isabelle Rüedi, Head,

To: Permanent Representatives of Members of RA I with WMO
Permanent Representatives of Bahrain, Jordan, Kuwait, Syrian Arab Republic and the United Arab Emirates with WMO (limited distribution)

Measurement, Quality and Compliance Unit (iruedi@wmo.int) at your earliest convenience, but **not later than 14 November 2023**.

Nominated participants are kindly requested to complete the [nomination form](#). Further information together with a detailed workshop programme will be distributed to selected candidates in due course.

I look forward to receiving your nomination of expert(s) for this workshop.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Zhang', written in a cursive style.

Dr Wenjian Zhang
for the Secretary-General