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Annexes: 3 (available in English only)

Subject: The sixth session of Regional Conference on Management of National Meteorological and Hydrological Services (NMHSs) in Regional Association II (Asia), Doha, Qatar, 2-4 December 2014

Action required: To complete and return the nomination form to the WMO Secretariat preferably by **25 October 2014**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to inform you that, at the kind invitation of the Government of Qatar, the sixth session of Regional Conference on Management of National Meteorological and Hydrological Services (NMHSs) in Regional Association II (Asia) will be held in Doha, Qatar, from 2 to 4 December 2014. The purpose of the Regional Conference is to provide a forum for NMHSs Directors and senior officials to exchange views on challenges and emerging issues that Members are facing and identify future regional priorities to improve weather, climate and water services for sustainable development in Asia.

The Conference will be conducted in English. The methodology is presentation by the Directors of NMHSs, and chairpersons of RA II Working Groups and Implementation and Coordination Teams, followed by interactive discussions with the assistance of facilitators. In this respect, the participants are expected to actively participate in the discussions.

The Conference will discuss, among others, the topics as given in Annex I – Concept Note. The provisional annotated programme and workplan of the Conference will be posted on the WMO web page at: <http://www.wmo.int/pages/prog/dra/rap/meetingsRAII.php>.

In view of the limited funds allocated for the organization of this Conference, it is hoped that your Government will meet the expenses related to the participation of its nominee(s). However, if this is not possible, WMO would be prepared to consider, within the limited funds available, the possibility of meeting the cost of travel and/or daily subsistence allowance for the Conference for one participant from your Service. Priority for WMO financial assistance will be given to the participants from Least Developed Countries (LDCs) and Small Island Developing States (SIDS).

To: Permanent Representatives of Members of Regional Association II (ASE-636)

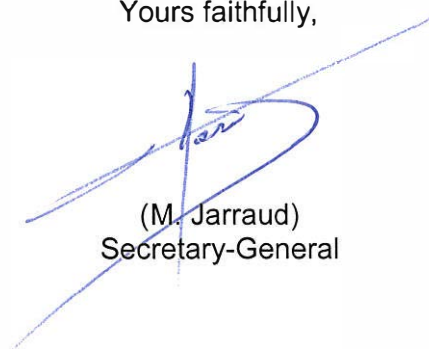
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I should therefore be grateful if you could return the attached nomination form (Annex II) duly completed, and communicate your decision to the WMO Secretariat as soon as possible, preferably by **25 October 2014**.

An information note for the participants is given in Annex III. It is highly recommended that hotel reservations be made as early as possible.

I look forward to the participation of your Service in this important Conference.

Yours faithfully,



(M. Jarraud)
Secretary-General

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CONCEPT NOTE

The Sixth Session of Regional Conference on Management of National Meteorological and Hydrological Services (NMHSs) in Regional Association II (Asia) (Doha, Qatar, 2 – 4 December 2014)

Multi-Hazard Early Warning System for Disaster Risk Management and Aviation Safety

1. BACKGROUND

The Regional Conference on Management of National Meteorological and Hydrological Services (NMHSs) in Regional Association II (Asia) (RA II RECO) is organized once during each WMO financial period. RA II RECO brings together Directors and/or senior officials of the National Meteorological and Hydrological Services in RA II in a regional forum, with an ultimate aim to discuss emerging issues and challenges, and identify priorities and means for improvement of management and operations of NMHSs.

The sixth session of Regional Conference in RA II (RA II RECO-6) will be held in Doha, Qatar, from 2 to 4 December 2014. While focusing on on-going and emerging issues and challenges facing NMHSs in Region II especially those in the developing countries and Least Developed Countries (LDCs), RA II RECO-6 will place more emphasis on future priorities to improve weather, climate and water services for sustainable development in Asia.

The purpose of the RA II RECO-6 is to help NMHSs discuss issues and challenges and identify future priorities with a special focus on multi-hazard early warning system for disaster risk reduction and the aeronautical meteorological services enhancements in conjunction with upgrading of service delivery capability.

2. SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE

The specific objective of the RA II RECO-6 is to identify issues and challenges, and future priorities in Region II during the next intersessional period for contributions to WMO Strategic Operation Plan (SOP) 2016-2019. In order to achieve the specific objective, the provisional programme is organized in the following areas:

- (a) Session 1: RA II Future Priorities;
- (b) Session 2: Institutional Challenges;
- (c) Session 3: RA II Implementation of WMO Priorities;
- (d) Session 4: Partnership and Regional Cooperation;
- (e) Session 5: Discussion on the Regional Challenges and Future Priorities in RA II; and
- (f) Session 6: Recommendations

3. EXPECTED OUTCOMES

Expected outcomes of RA II RECO-6 are contributions to better weather, climate and water services in the Region and also to the development of RA II SOP 2016-2019, in conjunction with upgrading of service delivery capability through identifying current challenges and future priorities.

4. EXPECTED PARTICIPANTS

Participants for RA II RECO-6 include Directors and/or senior officials from NMHSs or equivalent national institutions in Region II, WMO Secretariat staff, Chairpersons of RA II Working Groups (WGs) and Implementation and Coordination Teams (ICTs) and the president and the vice president of RA II. The WG/ICT Chairpersons, the president and the vice president of RA II are expected to facilitate the sessions of RA II RECO-6.

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The Sixth Session of Regional Conference on Management of National Meteorological and Hydrological Services (NMHSs) in Regional Association II (Asia) *(Doha, Qatar, 2 - 4 December 2014)*

Information Note for Participants

Venue and duration of the Conference

The sixth session of Regional Conference (RECO-6) in RA II will be held at **Marriot Marquis** City Center Hotel Doha from Tuesday, 2 December to Thursday, 4 December 2014. The Meeting will start at 09h30 on 2 December 2014.

Registration of participants

Registration for the meeting will take place at the registration desk in the venue from 09h00 on 2 December 2014.

Language

The Conference will be conducted in English.

Computer facilities

An Internet corner will be provided to delegates. In addition, the meeting room will be equipped with Wi-Fi access.

Entry requirements

All participants requiring a visa to enter Qatar should apply for their visa directly from the Embassy or Consulate-General of the Qatar in their country, or a designated country in cases where no Qatar Embassy or Consulate is available in their own country. Visa will be arranged upon request from the participants. Please send passport copies to local coordinator.

Arrival and Transport Arrangements

Transport will be provided free of charge from the airport to the hotels. You are kindly requested to notify the host country at early in advance of any changes in your flight schedule.

Accommodation

Participants are advised to make their own accommodation bookings well in advance, preferably at **Marriot Marquis** City Center Hotel Doha (<http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/dohmq-marriott-marquis-city-center-hotel-doha/>). When booking, you must provide details of your credit card for guarantee (type and No., name, expiry date).

Further information

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