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Subject: Sixth Workshop of the Regional Marine Instrument Centre-Asia Pacific (RMIC-RA-II-6)

Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) and the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), I am pleased to announce that the Sixth Workshop of the Regional Marine Instrument Centre-Asia Pacific (RMIC-RA-II-6) will take place as a virtual session from 13 to 17 December 2021.

The WMO-IOC Regional Marine Instrument Centre for Regional Association II (Asia-Pacific Region) was established by WMO and IOC/UNESCO through [WMO Resolution 9 \(Cg-XVI\)](#) – Designation of Regional Marine Instrument Centres, and IOC Resolution XXVI-9. The RMIC-RA-II for Asia Pacific is based on the National Centre of Ocean Standards and Metrology (NCOSM), Ministry of Natural Resources, China.

In line with the Terms of Reference of RMICs, NCOSM has successfully organized five workshops for the Asia Pacific region over the period 2011 to 2020. On the occasion of the tenth anniversary of RMIC-RA-II (Asia Pacific) and in the context of the WMO reform, the UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development, and the 2030 Strategy of the Global Ocean Observing System, NCOSM will organize the Sixth Workshop of the RMIC-RA II. The draft agenda and other documents for the RMIC-RA-II-6 virtual session will be available on the event website at [http://goosocean.org/RMIC-RAII\(AP\)-6](http://goosocean.org/RMIC-RAII(AP)-6). The workshop will be conducted in English only.

The expected outcome of this workshop is to:

- (1) Increase awareness of the importance of the ocean best practices, quality assurance, quality control, and data sharing;
- (2) Enhance the capacity of quality control in ocean observation, data processing, ecology recovery, and ocean biodiversity protection;
- (3) Improve practical knowledge of implementation aspects of ocean observing systems;
- (4) Demonstrate the role of ocean observations for understanding and predicting regional weather, ocean state, and climatology;
- (5) Illustrate societal and economic benefits of ocean observing systems for well-informed decision-making;

To: Permanent Representatives of Members with WMO Regional Association II  
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(6) Advance regional cooperation.

I would appreciate if notifications concerning participation are addressed to Dominique Berod, Chief, Earth System Monitoring ([DBerod@wmo.int](mailto:DBerod@wmo.int)) and copy to Long Jiang, Technical Coordinator ([LJiang@wmo.int](mailto:LJiang@wmo.int)). Participants are encouraged to self-register for the session through the link: <https://oceanexpert.org/registerEvent/3322>.

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your support to marine activities.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Zhang', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Dr Wenjian Zhang  
for the Secretary-General

**Sixth Workshop of the WMO-IOC Regional Marine Instrument  
Centre-Asia Pacific (RMIC-RA-II-6)**

**Provisional Agenda**

Day 1: Opening and 10th Anniversary of Regional Marine Instrument Centres

Day 2: Regional Measurement-related Centres — From Concept to Practice

Day 3: Ocean Best Practices — Standards and Calibrations

Day 4: Quality Control and Quality Assurance of networks

Day 5: Ocean Best Practices — Interdisciplinary Contributions to OBP

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