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Subject: Collection of data from Region IV for publication in World Weather Records 2014 and, if not yet submitted, 1991-2000, 2001-2010, 2011, 2012, 2013

Action required: Submission of data to the regional coordinating centre (see address below) at your earliest convenience **but not later than 7 August 2015**

Dear Sir/Madam,

Arrangements have now been made for the preparation and publication of the World Weather Records (WWR) 2014 series, following the same general procedure used for the preceding volumes. As you may know, the Seventeenth World Meteorological Congress (Cg-17) noted the successful implementation of the new approach for annual submission of the World Weather Records. It stressed the importance of providing and sharing these datasets for supporting global climate assessment studies and research and urged Members to submit their data in due time as described by Resolution 14 (EC-64) – Submission of World Weather Records on an annual basis.

The Commission of Basic Systems (CBS) invited CBS lead centres for GCOS to actively participate in the collection, compilation and the dissemination of these records as described in Resolution 14 (EC-64).

The National Centers for Environmental Information (NCEI, formerly NCDC) in Asheville, as a CBS lead centre in RA IV, have kindly accepted to act as regional coordinating centre for the collection of the WWRs, i.e., to collect and edit the relevant data from Members of RA IV for publication.

I therefore invite you to prepare the data from your country together with station notes, following the updated instructions formulated by WMO which are available online at the following link: http://www.wmo.int/pages/prog/wcp/wcdmp/GCDS_2.php.

To: Permanent Representatives of Members of Regional Association IV (AMN-564)

cc: President of Regional Association IV)
President and vice-president of CCI)
President and vice-president of CBS) (for information)
Director of the National Centers for Environmental)
Information (NCEI), Asheville)

The data should cover 2014 and if not yet submitted, please also provide the data for the periods 1991-2000, 2001-2010 and the years 2011, 2012 and 2013. Our databases are still showing big data gaps in most parts of the world for the mentioned periods and years.

The data elements to be included are monthly and annual means of station pressure, sea level pressure, mean temperature, maximum temperature and minimum temperature, and monthly and annual totals of precipitation. These data are needed for the stations published in WMO Publication No. 9, Volume A, Observing Stations (see: <http://www.wmo.int/pages/prog/www/ois/volume-a/vola-home.htm>). Additional stations are welcome, and should include data from the earliest record available.

It is requested that data be digitized either in ASCII format, text fixed formats or entered into a spreadsheet (please see the template spreadsheet and guidelines under http://www.wmo.int/pages/prog/wcp/wcdmp/GCDS_2.php). Paper copies will be accepted if absolutely necessary. The spreadsheet file may be downloaded from the WMO website at: <http://www.wmo.int/pages/prog/wcp/wcdmp/documents/WWRdatasheet2010.xls>

I should like to emphasize the need to take the utmost care in the preparation of the material, adhering strictly to the formats indicated and providing all the required information relating to the stations. The station notes are considered an essential part of the whole presentation and should be prepared concurrently with the data listings.

To facilitate the publication of data from North America, Central America and the Caribbean in the World Weather Records, I should be grateful if you would send your contribution to:

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Should you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact the WMO Data Management Applications Division (Mr Omar Baddour: obaddour@wmo.int, with a copy to Mr Peer Hechler: phechler@wmo.int).

Yours faithfully,


(J. Lengoasa)
for the Secretary-General