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Subject: Regional Conference (RECO) in the Regional Association V (South-West Pacific) – Phase I, Brisbane, Australia, 22–23 September 2022

Action required: Kindly notify whether support for travel and/or DSA for participation is required, **before 13 September 2022**

Dear Sir/Madam,

As you are aware, the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) plans to organize sessions of the Regional Conference (RECO) in all Regional Associations (RAs) before the nineteenth session of the World Meteorological Congress (Cg-19) in May-June 2023.

The purpose of RECO is to provide a technical forum for the WMO Secretariat and National Meteorological and Hydrological Services (NMHSs) to address the emerging issues and challenges, strengthen regional cooperation and enhance partnerships for the implementation of WMO resolutions/decisions and regional priorities.

Given the large number of major events and meetings scheduled between now and Cg-19, WMO is planning to convene RECO in Regional Association V (RA V) in two phases; the first in September 2022 and the second in October 2022. RECO will be held in hybrid format for those who are unable to travel or would prefer to join the meeting remotely.

I am pleased to inform you that, at the kind invitation of the Government of Australia, Phase 1 of the RECO in RA V, with a focus on services, will be held in Brisbane, Australia, on 22 and 23 September 2022. This is preceded by the Asia-Pacific Ministerial Conference on Disaster Risk Reduction from 19 to 22 September 2022. The Conference will be conducted in English and the provisional programme will be posted on the WMO website shortly.

In view of the limited funds allocated for the organization of this Conference, it is hoped that your Government/Service 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 and Small Island Developing States.

Regarding WMO's insurance coverage for non-staff members, I would like to draw your attention to the following:

Non-staff members of WMO who are authorized to travel at the Organization's expense and/or who are receiving a DSA from WMO must ensure they are fully responsible for expenses incurred in the event of death, illness or injury during official travel and attendance at meetings on behalf of the Organization. They are, therefore, fully responsible for arranging life, health, accident, as well as any other forms of insurance with an adequate level of coverage for the duration of such meetings and events.

To: Permanent Representatives of Members of RA V with WMO

WMO liability is limited to the performance of services or attendance at a meeting on behalf of the Organization, is covered by an injury and illness benefit insurance which provides a limited coverage for medical, emergency and supplementary official travel expenses.

For administrative purposes, I would be grateful if you could notify the WMO Secretariat (rap@wmo.int) of the participant(s) from your Service and whether financial support for their participation is required as soon as possible, **preferably by 13 September 2022**.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support to the WMO activities.

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

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a series of fluid, connected strokes that form a stylized representation of the name 'Petteri Taalas'.

Prof. Petteri Taalas
Secretary-General