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Annex: 1 (available in English only)

Subject: Invitation to the Second Session of the African Ministerial Conference on Meteorology, Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe 15-19 October 2012

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to refer to the First Conference of Ministers Responsible for Meteorology, which took place in Kenya in April 2010. The Nairobi Ministerial Declaration established the African Ministerial Conference on Meteorology (AMCOMET) as a high-level mechanism for the development of meteorology and its applications in Africa. The Nairobi Declaration further requested that AMCOMET should meet regularly and at least every two years.

I am pleased to inform you that the African Union Commission (AUC) has confirmed that at the kind invitation of the Government of the Republic of Zimbabwe, the Second Session of AMCOMET will be held in Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe on 15–19 October 2012. The organization of the conference is a partnership of the AUC, the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) and the Government of Zimbabwe. I am further pleased to inform you that all Ministers Responsible for Meteorology in Africa have been invited.

The Second Session of AMCOMET will have two segments:

- The Experts Segment (15-17 October), attended by technical experts, preferably the Heads/Directors of National Meteorological Services, of respective countries who will prepare a report for consideration by Ministers;
- The Ministerial Segment (18-19 October), attended by Ministers Responsible for Meteorology in African Countries.

To: Permanent Representatives of Members of Regional Association II (AMN-555)
Permanent Representatives of Members of Regional Association III (AMS-486)
Permanent Representatives of Members of Regional Association IV (ASE-614)
Permanent Representatives of Members of Regional Association V (PSW-433)
Permanent Representatives of Members of Regional Association VI (EUR-725)

cc: Hydrological Advisers to Permanent Representatives

The Second Session of AMCOMET will consider, among other documents, the AMCOMET Constitution, Rules of Procedures and the Draft African Strategy for Weather and Climate Services as mandated by the Nairobi Ministerial Declaration and the African Union Summit. The session will also debate on the implementation of Global Framework for Climate Services (GFCS) in Africa. Your contribution to the above-mentioned topics during the Expert Segment would be extremely beneficial.

I have the pleasure, therefore, to invite you to participate at the Second Session of AMCOMET. The provisional agenda is attached for your attention.

I thank you for your continued support and look forward to a positive response.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a stylized, cursive name that appears to be 'J. Lengoasa'.

(J. Lengoasa)
for the Secretary-General



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DRAFT AGENDA

Expert Segment, 15-17 October 2012

1. Opening Ceremony
 2. Organizational Matters
 - 2.1. Election of Officers
 - 2.2. Adoption of the Agenda
 - 2.3. Organization of Work
 3. Overview of AMCOMET Activities 2012–2012
 4. AMCOMET Institutional and Governance Mechanisms
 - 4.1. Draft Constitution
 - 4.2. Rules and Procedures
 5. Weather and Climate Services in support of Disaster Risk Reduction and Adaptation in Africa (*Panel Discussion: ISDR, WMO and IPCC*)
 6. Consideration of the Draft African Strategy for Weather and Climate Services
 7. Consideration of the Draft Implementation Plan of the African Strategy for Weather and Climate Services
 8. Consideration of Other Aspects of the Implementation of the Nairobi Ministerial Declaration
 - 8.1. ICAO Requirements on Quality Management Systems
 - 8.2. Regional Climate Centre in Central Africa
 9. Partnerships in support of the AMCOMET process
 10. Consideration of the Conference Statement, Recommendations and Conclusions
 11. Closure
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THE SECOND SESSION OF AFRICAN MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE ON METEOROLOGY (AMCOMET)

VICTORIA FALLS, ZIMBABWE

DRAFT AGENDA

Ministerial Segment, 18-19 October 2012

1. Opening of the Second Session of AMCOMET
 2. Organizational matters:
 - 2.1. Election of Officers
 - 2.2. Adoption of the Agenda
 - 2.3. Organization of Work
 3. Report of the Chair
 4. Consideration of the Expert Segment Report
 5. Adoption of AMCOMET Institutional and Governance Mechanisms
 - 5.1. Constitution
 - 5.2. Rules of Procedures
 6. Adoption of the African Strategy for Weather and Climate Services
 7. Guidance for the Implementation of the African Strategy for Weather and Climate Services and the Global Framework for Climate Services (GFCS)
 8. Ministerial and Invited Partner Statements
 9. Date and Venue of the Third AMCOMET Session
 10. Adoption of Report of Ministerial Segment
 11. Closure of the Session
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