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Annexes: 3 (available in English and Russian only)

Subject: Nomination of experts to be considered for membership on the RA VI subsidiary bodies during the intersessional period 2014–2017

Action required: To return completed nomination form(s) to the WMO Secretariat not later than **10 January 2014**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to refer to the decisions of the sixteenth session of Regional Association VI (Europe) held in Helsinki, Finland, from 11 to 17 September 2013. In particular, I refer to the decision to re-establish the three Working Groups:

- **Working Group on Technology Development and Implementation (WG-TDI)** (Resolution 5.3/2 (RA VI-16) refers); chairperson – Mr Dieter Schroeder, Germany and vice-chairperson – Mr Ercan Büyükbas, Turkey;
- **Working Group on Climate and Hydrology (WG-CH)** (Resolution 5.3/3 (RA VI-16) refers); co-chairpersons – Ms Anahit Hovsepyan, Armenia (on climate matters) and Mr Dominique Berod, Switzerland (on hydrology matters);
- **Working Group on Service Delivery and Partnership (WG-SDP)** (Resolution 5.3/4 (RA VI-16) refers); chairperson – Mr Axel Thomalla, Germany and vice-chairperson – Mr Adriaan Perrels, Finland.

The terms of reference (TOR) of the working groups are provided in Annex I.

The session further decided that the working groups will be composed of task teams established by the RA VI Management Group with the task team leaders serving as core members of the working groups. Therefore, the Management Group at its planned meeting in early March 2014 will have to decide on the detailed work structure of the Association's subsidiary bodies for the period 2014–2017. To facilitate the work of the Management Group in this important task you are kindly requested to nominate experts from your Service or other relevant institutions, as necessary, to be considered as members of the various task teams and the three working groups.

To: Permanent Representatives of Members of Regional Association VI (EUR-731)

cc: Hydrological Advisers to Permanent Representatives of RA VI

Information on the main areas of expertise needed for the successful work of the subsidiary bodies is provided in Annex II. Please note that based on the nominations received from the RA VI Permanent Representatives, the selection of members for the different bodies will be done by the Management Group on proposal by the chairpersons of the working groups. In doing this, the Management Group will follow the principles agreed by the RA VI-16 session, namely:

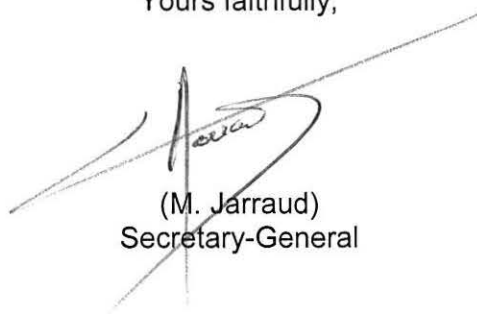
- To keep the size of the subsidiary bodies to an optimum, taking into consideration the availability of funds for supporting the activities of subsidiary bodies through the WMO Regional Programme;
- To establish task teams only for well justified priority tasks and to keep the structure of task teams flexible with the possibility of establishing new teams to address emerging tasks;
- To observe the requirements for geographical and gender balance.

I would like to draw your attention to the concerns expressed at the sixteenth session that, during the previous intersessional period, some experts nominated for membership to the different subsidiary bodies were not able to contribute to the assigned tasks due to lack of time. In this regard, I would kindly request you to make sure that the experts nominated by you receive the necessary support and recognition for their contribution to the regional activities that bring benefits to all RA VI Members.

Please find attached a form to be completed for all experts you may wish to propose for consideration (Annex III). The completed form(s) should be sent to the Secretariat as soon as possible, but preferably not later than **10 January 2014**. It would be of great assistance if each form be accompanied by one page curriculum vitae of the expert concerned.

Your cooperation on this matter would be highly appreciated.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Jarraud', is written over a large, light-colored diagonal line that spans across the signature area.

(M. Jarraud)
Secretary-General

RA VI Working Group on Technology Development and Implementation (WG-TDI)

Terms of reference

- (a) Under the guidance of the RA VI Management Group and in collaboration with appropriate bodies of technical commissions and the Secretariat, to provide overall technical guidance, assistance and support for the implementation of the WIGOS and WIS in Regional Association VI:
 - (i) To coordinate the activities under the Regional WIGOS Implementation Plan (R-WIP) and support WIGOS implementation activities to gain operational acceptance;
 - (ii) To coordinate and monitor the activities under the Regional WIS Implementation Plan and provide assistance to Members, as necessary, in establishing the planned national, regional and global WIS centres in order to meet the established deadlines;
 - (iii) To address relevant issues related to the implementation of the Regional Meteorological Data Communication Network (RMDCN) and advise Member countries on appropriate technical solutions to join RMDCN or tentative alternate solutions, as necessary;
 - (iv) To continue monitoring and guiding the migration to Table Driven Code Forms in Region VI with a view of meeting established target date for full implementation;
- (b) To monitor developments in Data Processing and Forecasting Systems (DPFS), including the regional collaboration in numerical modelling, and promote greater access to and exploitation of ensemble prediction products, severe weather forecasting and nowcasting techniques, and long-range forecasting;
- (c) To make recommendations to strengthen collaboration and represent the Region in the CBS Inter-Commission Team on Global Data-processing and Forecasting System (ICT-GDPFS);
- (d) To provide guidance on further harmonization of, and greater access to, weather radar data with the respective data policy;
- (e) To foster an efficient collaborative network of Regional Instrument Centres (RIC) in RA VI and promote enhanced compliance by Members with the requirements for calibration and maintenance of the observing instruments, including regular inter-laboratory calibration comparisons;
- (f) To liaise with the Working Group on Climate and Hydrology and the Working Group on Service Delivery and Partnership on matters related to technology development and implementation by engaging observers as necessary;
- (g) To propose, in cooperation with relevant bodies of the technical commissions, regional capacity development events in the areas covered by its terms of reference and contribute to the organization of such events.

RA VI Working Group on Climate and Hydrology (WG-CH)

Terms of reference

- (a) Under the general guidance of the president and RA VI Management Group and in collaboration with appropriate bodies of technical commissions and the Secretariat, to provide overall guidance, assistance and support for the implementation of the GFCS in Region VI;
- (b) To seek cooperation with relevant regional bodies and organizations on issues related to implementing user-oriented climate and hydrology services for key sectors (e.g. agriculture, water resources, health) as well as disaster risk reduction (DRR) and to foster and promote best practices in establishing and implementing the GFCS at national level;
- (c) To promote enhanced utilization and broadening of WMO RA VI RCC-Network products and services, particularly in support of national GFCS implementation, based on an updated analysis of user requirements and feedback on their effectiveness;
- (d) To improve the link between the RCC Network and RCOFs and to assist in sustaining and strengthening of the RCOF mechanisms in RA VI, including the cooperation with other WMO Regions in the Mediterranean, in Asia and in polar areas;
- (e) To promote and guide the implementation of the RA VI Climate Watch System at regional, subregional and national level considering inclusion of hydrological and agrometeorological aspects;
- (f) To coordinate with Members and relevant partners the climate and hydrology data rescue activities in the Region and the establishment of high-quality data management standards including the implementation of modern Climate Data Management Systems (CDMS);
- (g) To support the regional implementation of hydrological data operations and management including the development of data collection networks;
- (h) To provide guidance to Members in tailoring agrometeorological services and products at local scale, taking into account climate change impacts on the whole agricultural production chain, including related education and training;
- (i) To contribute to the research, services and monitoring systems related to water scarcity and drought, considering the existing mechanisms as well as deficits gaps in drought information services, and support the regional and national aspects of the Integrated Drought Management Programme (IDMP) activities;
- (j) To monitor the regional developments related to hydrological modelling, forecasting and warning systems and promote regional cooperation and utilization of best practices;
- (k) To assist Members in the development and application of hydrology and water resources services for adaptation to climate change;
- (l) To sustain and develop further the European Hydrology Forum as an effective collaborative mechanism between the National Hydrological Services in Europe;
- (m) To foster closer collaboration between NMSs and NHSs at national level by studying and promoting best practices;

- (n) To coordinate regional activities with relevant WMO Technical Commissions, particularly the Commission for Climatology (CCI), the Commission for Hydrology (CHy) and the Commission for Agricultural Meteorology (CAgM), the Intergovernmental Board on Climate Services (IBCS) and other WMO and UN programmes;
- (o) To liaise with the Working Group on Technology Development and Implementation and the Working Group on Service Delivery and Partnership on matters related to climate and hydrology by engaging observers as necessary;
- (p) To liaise with the European Union bodies and other relevant regional partners to promote the above objectives.

RA VI Working Group on Service Delivery and Partnership (WG-SDP)

Terms of reference

- (a) Under the general guidance of the president and RA VI Management Group and in collaboration with appropriate bodies of technical commissions and the Secretariat, to provide overall guidance, assistance and support for the implementation of the WMO Strategy on Service Delivery in the Region;
 - (b) To provide guidance on best practices and methods in providing early warning services, strengthening the collaboration, partnership and outreach activities at the national and international levels between the Members' NMHSs and end-users, including disaster prevention and civil protection agencies;
 - (c) To provide guidance on best practices and methods of defining and determining the socio-economic benefits (SEB) of meteorological, climatological and hydrological service provision and promote implementation of SEB analysis by Members' NMHSs;
 - (d) To provide guidance on best practices with a view to improve Members' communication and public relation skills in addressing stakeholders and the public;
 - (e) To inform Members, through the Secretariat, on opportunities and projects provided by relevant programmes of the European Union, the World Bank and other partners and provide advice on related application processes so as to increase the engagement of the NMHSs and other relevant national institutions into weather-, climate- and water-related projects;
 - (f) To keep under review the regional developments in aeronautical meteorology, liaise with relevant regional stakeholders and advise Members on technical and institutional aspects of the future provision of services for aviation;
 - (g) To cooperate with technical commissions and their expert teams as to address the service delivery needs of the Region;
 - (h) To liaise with the Working Group on Technology Development and Implementation and the Working Group on Climate and Hydrology on relevant aspects of service delivery and partnership by engaging observers as necessary.
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Note: *In order to fulfil their tasks, the RA VI Working Groups will need adequate level of expertise in the agreed priority areas as indicated below. This list of areas of expertise is intended to help the NMHSs' Directors in nominating appropriate experts to be considered for members of the Working Groups and Task Teams.*

RA VI Working Group on Technology Development and Implementation (WG-TDI)

Areas of expertise

- (a) WIGOS – national and regional implementation aspects; improvement and integration of observing networks;
- (b) WIS – implementation of national and regional components of WIS, including GTS and migration to table-driven code forms (TDCF);
- (c) Regional Meteorological Data Communication Network (RMDCN);
- (d) Data Processing and Forecasting Systems (DPFS), including numerical modelling, severe weather forecasting and nowcasting techniques, and long-range forecasting;
- (e) Exchange of weather radar data;
- (f) Calibration and maintenance of the observing instruments, including inter-laboratory calibration comparisons.

RA VI Working Group on Climate and Hydrology (WG-CH)

Note: *WG-CH will comprise two expert groups (EG): EG-Climate and EG-Hydrology. The two EGs will work in close collaboration.*

Areas of expertise

- (a) GFCS – national and regional implementation aspects, including:
 - (i) User-oriented climate and hydrology services for key sectors (e.g. agriculture, water resources, health) as well as disaster risk reduction (DRR);
 - (ii) WMO RA VI RCC-Network products and services;
 - (iii) Sustaining and strengthening of the RCOF mechanisms in RA VI, including the cooperation with other WMO Regions in the Mediterranean, in Asia and in polar areas;
 - (iv) Climate Watch System – implementation at regional, subregional and national level considering inclusion of hydrological and agrometeorological aspects;
- (b) Climate Data Management Systems (CDMS);
- (c) Hydrological data operations and management including the development of data collection networks;
- (d) Agrometeorological services;
- (e) Water scarcity and drought, including regional and national aspects of the Integrated Drought Management Programme (IDMP) activities;
- (f) Hydrological modelling, forecasting and warning systems;
- (g) Application of hydrology and water resources services for adaptation to climate change.

RA VI Working Group on Service Delivery and Partnership (WG-SDP)

Areas of expertise

- (a) WMO Strategy on Service Delivery – national and regional implementation aspects;
 - (b) Best practices and methods in providing early warning services, strengthening the collaboration, partnership and outreach activities at the national and international levels between the Members' NMHSs and end-users, including disaster prevention and civil protection agencies;
 - (c) Socio-economic benefits (SEB) of meteorological, climatological and hydrological services;
 - (d) Communication and public relation skills in addressing stakeholders and the public;
 - (e) Opportunities and projects provided by relevant programmes of the European Union, the World Bank and other partners including related application processes;
 - (f) Aeronautical meteorology – regional developments, technical and institutional aspects of the future provision of services for aviation.
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NOMINATION FORM

**FOR EXPERTS TO BE CONSIDERED FOR MEMBERS OF
RA VI SUBSIDIARY BODIES**

1.	Country:				
2.	Title:	Prof <input type="checkbox"/>	Dr <input type="checkbox"/>	Ms <input type="checkbox"/>	Mr <input type="checkbox"/>
3.	Expert's full name:				
4.	Organization:				
5.	Position:				
6.	Sex:	Male <input type="checkbox"/>	Female <input type="checkbox"/>		
7.	Full Address:				
	Tel: (office)			Fax:	
	E-mail:				
8.	Proposed participation in:	WG-TDI <input type="checkbox"/> WG-CH <input type="checkbox"/> WG-SDP <input type="checkbox"/>			
		<i>Note: The nominated expert will be considered for either a core-member to one of the working groups or for a member to appropriate Task Team to be established by the Management Group</i>			
9.	Please describe briefly the expertise of the proposed expert:				
9.1	Primary field of expertise: (e.g., hydrology, climate, telecommunications, observing networks, forecasting, etc.)				
9.2	Specific expertise (please refer to Annex II):				

9.3	Previous participation in RA VI activities or other WMO activities:			
9.4	Language proficiency:			
		Excellent	Good	Fair
	English	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	French	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Russian	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10.	Please confirm availability of the expert in different working arrangements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electronic forms (e-mail, e-forum, Webex, teleconference, etc.) <input type="checkbox"/> • Meetings¹ <input type="checkbox"/> • Preparation of inputs to WG or TT deliverables <input type="checkbox"/> 			
11.	Any comments and proposals:			

Date:

(Signature of Permanent Representative)

This form is to be completed and returned via e-mail to the WMO Secretariat to: Mr Dimitar Ivanov (divanov@wmo.int) copy to Ms Natalia Berghi (nberghi@wmo.int), **as soon as possible, but preferably not later than 10 January 2014.**

¹ It is envisaged to organize 2 to 3 meetings of each WG during the intersessional period; meetings of task teams will be held only if necessary and WMO financial support for those meetings is not envisaged.