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Subject: *Valuing Weather and Climate: Economic Assessment of Meteorological and Hydrological Services* (WMO-No. 1153)

Action required: To circulate this information to relevant staff members and inform them of the Website where the publication is located

Dear Sir/Madam,

Since the 1950s, the interest in the economic valuation of hydrometeorological services has been growing in the hydrometeorological, climate and economics communities. As part of a process of improving the understanding of SEBs of hydrometeorological services, the World Meteorological Organization's (WMO) high-level international conference "Secure and Sustainable Living: Social and Economic Benefits of Weather, Climate, and Water Services", held in Madrid in 2007, agreed on a Statement and Action Plan that sets out a comprehensive strategy for the enhancement, development and application of improved methodologies for evaluating the benefits from the operation of NMHSs.

The Executive Council, at its sixty-fourth session (Geneva, Switzerland, 2012), requested the preparation of an authoritative publication by WMO and the World Bank Group (WBG) on methodologies for assessing the benefits of meteorological and hydrological services of National Meteorological and Hydrological Services (NMHSs). Work on this publication started in April 2013, and it was completed in May 2015 with a launch during the seventeenth session of the World Meteorological Congress (Cg-17) in Geneva, Switzerland, on 28 May 2015.

The publication has drawn on the knowledge and expertise of a large number of authors from various fields of meteorology, hydrology, economic and other social sciences and has benefited from a thorough review process. In addition, to the WMO and the WBG, the Climate Services Partnership (CSP), with support from United States Agency for International Development (USAID), has participated in the preparation of this publication.

I am pleased to inform you that the publication entitled, *Valuing Weather and Climate: Economic Assessment of Meteorological and Hydrological Services* (WMO-No. 1153), is now available in English and can be accessed freely via the WMO Library website at the following link: http://library.wmo.int/opac/index.php?lvl=notice_display&id=17225. Preparations to have this publication translated and produced into other languages are currently underway, and these language versions will be available in due course.

To: Permanent Representatives (or Directors of Meteorological or Hydrometeorological Services) of Members of WMO (PR-6853)

cc: Hydrological Advisers to Permanent Representatives

It is hoped this publication will be useful to make more evident and enhance the SEBs that NMHSs of the world deliver daily to society and will help mobilize and optimize financing to ensure NMHSs can fulfil their critical role in an even more effective way.

Should you or your Service wish to receive a paper copy of this publication, you are kindly requested to contact Ms Haleh Kootval, Chief of the Public Weather Services Programme at WMO, via e-mail at: HKootval@wmo.int.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'J' followed by a long, sweeping horizontal line that extends to the right.

(J. Lengoasa)
for the Secretary-General