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Subject: International Data Rescue portal (I-DARE)

Action required: To nominate a focal point for additional clarification and guidance

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to inform you that the WMO Commission for Climatology (CCI) Expert Team on Data Rescue (ET-DARE) has successfully developed a pre-operational version of the International Data Rescue portal, named I-DARE. The initiative was endorsed by the Commission for Climatology at its sixteenth session (CCI-16) as a means to establish a global facility allowing a single entry point to inform on Data Rescue activities worldwide. In particular, I-DARE is intended to provide an overview of data to be rescued and Data Rescue projects in the countries and regions. In addition, the portal is meant to provide a library of useful resources such as guidelines, tools and technologies and references relevant to data rescue.

During the seventeenth session of the World Meteorological Congress (Cg-17) a side event was organized to demonstrate the value and the functionalities of the portal. The event was well attended and provided an opportunity to collect useful feedback and suggestions for improvements.

The web link of the portal is <http://www.idare-portal.org/>. Users can register via the Login tab on the menu bar, sub-tab Register. After acceptance by the moderator of the portal, users can log in and add metadata of datasets that need to be rescued or that are being rescued. Metadata that can be added are, for example, the country or region to which the data apply, the period of the data, the meteorological parameters, a point of contact, and so forth. Newly added metadata will be indicated by a new sign on the map on the homepage of the portal, and can be found via a search facility.

In view of making this tool of benefit to Members, ET-DARE needs feedback from the users. In this regard, we would like to request you to nominate a contact person from your Service with whom WMO and CCI ET-DARE can liaise for additional clarification and guidance for populating Data Rescue project information and Metadata on the portal. More information on the portal can be obtained by e-mail request to Dr Peter Siegmund ([peter.siegmund@knmi.nl](mailto:peter.siegmund@knmi.nl)), associate member of the CCI Expert Team on Data Rescue and project leader of I-DARE.

Yours faithfully,



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Secretary-General

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