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Subject: Second announcement and call for registration for the WMO International Conference on Automatic Weather Stations (ICAWS-2017)

Actions required: 1) To submit abstracts of papers (if not already done) via the WMO/CIMO website at your earliest convenience, but not later than **20 June 2017**
 2) To submit requests for financial support to the WMO Secretariat as soon as possible, but not later than **7 July 2017**
 3) To register for the conference by completing the web-based registration form, not later than **15 September 2017**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to refer to the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) circular letter ref. OBS/OSD/IMO/ICAWS-2017 dated 19 April 2017, announcing the International Conference on Automatic Weather Stations (ICAWS-2017) with the theme “Automatic weather stations for environmental intelligence – the AWS in the 21st century”.

The conference will be held in Offenbach am Main, Germany, at the kind invitation of the *Deutscher Wetterdienst* (DWD), at their headquarters, from 24 to 26 October 2017.

Further information is available on the conference website at:

<http://www.wmocimo.net>

I would like to thank all the authors who have already submitted their abstracts, and to inform you that the abstract submission deadline for ICAWS-2017 has been extended until **20 June 2017**. Those experts who are still wishing to present an oral or poster presentation at ICAWS-2017 are kindly reminded to complete the electronic version of the Abstract Submission Form, which is available online at the above-mentioned website.

Lead authors of papers selected by the International Programme Committee will be advised in early July 2017 with further instructions concerning the format and submission deadline for papers or posters for publication in the Conference Proceedings.

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

cc: Hydrological Advisers to Permanent Representatives)
 Presidents and vice-presidents of technical commissions)
 Presidents of regional associations)
 Members of CIMO and CBS) (for information)
 Director General, ASECNA)
 Executive Secretary, HMEI)

I wish to notify that registration for ICAWS-2017 will be available at the conference website, starting from 15 June 2017. Participants for the conference are invited to register via the website as soon as possible, but not later than **15 September 2017**. Please bear in mind that the conference facilities can accommodate a limited number of participants. Therefore, priority will be given to the experts with papers that have been accepted, and in case of a significant interest, participants will be selected on a first-come, first-served basis.

I am pleased to inform you that WMO has limited funds available for the provision of financial support to a few participants from least-developed and developing countries. Priority for this assistance will be given to those who are presenting papers at the conference. I kindly urge you to consider meeting the cost of travel expenses, such as air ticket and/or per diem for the participant(s) of your respective Service. Otherwise, please note that requests for financial assistance can only be considered within the limits of available resources **for those requests submitted by the relevant Permanent Representative of the participant and received before 7 July 2017**. Following selection related to the provision of financial assistance, the WMO Secretariat will liaise directly with those participants for whom financial requests were received from their Permanent Representative, and inform them of the decision made.

I look forward to the participation of your expert(s) at ICAWS-2017, the event that will enable exchange of experiences and knowledge on AWSs, and thus support strengthening collaboration among different communities contributing to the WMO Integrated Global Observing System (WIGOS).

I should be grateful if you would make this announcement widely known within your respective Service and beyond.

Yours faithfully,



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for the Secretary-General