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SUBJECT: Invitation to nominate an expert for participation in the Mediterranean Climate Outlook Forum (MedCOF), South East European Climate Outlook Forum (SEECOF), Northern Africa Climate Outlook Forum (PRESANORD) 26-29 November 2019, Cairo, Egypt

Dear Colleague,

As you recall, the State Meteorological Agency of Spain (AEMET) is coordinating the effort made by the 34 countries of the Greater Mediterranean Region with support of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) to generate operational seasonal climate outlook through the Mediterranean Climate Outlook Fora (MedCOF, <u>http://medcof.aemet.es</u>).

In relation to this, I am pleased to inform you that the 11th session of the MedCOF will be held back to back with the 20th Session of the SEECOF, and the 13th session of PRESANORD in Cairo, Egypt, from 26 to 29 November 2018. It is remarkable that for the first time these sessions will be conducted in conjunction with the session of the Arab Climate Outlook Forum (ArabCOF). The joint organization of the aforementioned events will help building synergies between all these forums, and will give an opportunity of close collaboration and knowledge sharing among the regional forums. It will also facilitate the participation of attendants from countries involved in more than one Regional Climate Outlook Forum, and allow more efficient use of available resources. All these events are kindly hosted by the Egyptian Metheorological Authority (EMA).

You are kindly invited to nominate an expert from your NMHS to participate in the above mentioned events, by sending the duly filled in and signed Nomination form (attached), at your earliest convenience, but **not later than 17 September 2018**. Given the severe financial constraints, you are kindly requested to consider covering fully or partially expenses of your country participant. But, if it is absolutely impossible, WMO will explore possibility of covering at least partially participation expenses of a number of participants, within the limited resources available.

The provisional agenda, information note on local arrangements and other relevant information will be provided to the nominated participants in due time.

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I would also like to thank you for your strong interest, constant support and active contribution to the success of RCOFs as an important component of Climate Services Information System at regional level.

With my best regards, Miguel-Angel/Lépez González President of the State Meteorological Agency of Spain (AEMET) Permapent Representative of Spain with WMO

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