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SUBJECT: Invitation to nominate experts for participation in the Third Session of the Mediterranean Climate Outlook Forum (MedCOF-3), SEECOF-12 and PRESANORD-7. Antalya, Turkey, 17-20 November 2014.

Dear Colleague,

As you recall, the State Meteorological Agency of Spain (AEMET) is coordinating the effort made by the 33 countries of the Greater Mediterranean Region and World Meteorological Organization (WMO) of generating operational consensus seasonal forecastings through the Mediterranean Climate Outlook Forum (MedCOF, <http://medcof.aemet.es>), which convened its Inaugural Session in November, 2013 in Belgrade, Serbia.

It is my pleasure to inform you that the Third Session of MedCOF (**MedCOF-3**) will take place in Antalya, Turkey, on 17-18 November 2014, kindly hosted by the Turkish State Meteorological Service (TSMS). MedCOF-3 will be followed by the parallel sessions of the South East European Climate Outlook Forum (SEECOF-12), and the Northern African Climate Outlook Forum (PRESANORD-7) on 19-20 November. The main objectives of these sessions are to produce a Consensus based Climate Outlook for the winter 2014-2015, and to ensure its utilization by major stakeholders and user groups. In addition, the Global Framework for Climate Services (GFCS) will convene Regional Consultation Meeting for South East Europe on 21-22 November at the same venue. In due course you will receive further information about these events.

You are kindly invited to nominate an expert from your NMHS to participate in MedCOF-3 and, if appropriate, also in SEECOF or PRESANORD. The attached Nomination Form is to be returned to Mr Francisco Espejo (fespejog@aemet.es) and Mrs Anahit Hovsepyan (ahovsepyan@wmo.int) preferably not later than 20 October 2014. Should you have any immediate questions, please don't hesitate to contact these focal points.

Please be informed that WMO will explore the possibility of providing financial support to one participant from each country upon request. In due course you will receive further information regarding all these events, including travel arrangements, programme, local arrangements, etc.

I would also like to thank you for your constant support and active contribution to the success of MedCOF as a key element of GFCS implementation at regional level.

With my best regards,


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**To: Permanent Representatives of the MedCOF countries
Presidents of Regional Associations I and VI**

