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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, PRESANORD and GFCS Regional Consultation Meeting for South East Europe. Antalya, Turkey, 17-22 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 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 all these sessions are to produce a Consensus based Climate Outlook for the winter 2014-2015, and to promote its utilization by major stakeholders and user groups.

Furthermore, the Global Framework for Climate Services (GFCS) will convene a **Regional Consultation Meeting (RCM) with users communities across South East Europe (SEE) on 21-22 November** at the same venue. The objective of the Consultation meeting is to assess the status of, and needs for, climate services including those at the country level. It is addressed to the providers and users of the climate services; therefore, it is expected to be attended by the representatives from NMHSs, representatives of the priority areas of the GFCS (agriculture and food security, water, health and disaster risk reduction), UN and international organizations, regional organizations, non-governmental organizations, academia and relevant stakeholders.

You are kindly invited to nominate two participants, i.e. an expert from the NMHS to participate in MedCOF-3 and also in SEECOF-12 and GFCS RCM, and a national representative from one of GFCS priority sectors to ensure participation of the priority areas most relevant to your country in the GFCS Regional Consultation Meeting. 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**. Please communicate the contact details of the representative of the priority sector to the GFCS Office (flucio@wmo.int, and elarrode@wmo.int). Should you have any immediate questions, please don't hesitate to contact the respective focal points.

Please, be informed, that WMO will explore possibility of providing financial support to one participant from each country upon request. GFCS Office will be providing additional sum to allow user representatives to attend the GFCS meeting on 21 to 22 November.



In due course you will receive further information regarding all these events, including travel arrangements, the 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 and SEECOF countries
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