



## **MedCOF-3, SEECOF-12, PRESANORD-7 and GFCS Regional Consultation Meeting for South East Europe**

**17-22 November 2014  
Antalya, Turkey**

### **INFORMATION NOTE ON LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS - INF.1**

#### **BACKGROUND**

Regional Climate Outlook Forums (RCOFs) have been the major component of WMO Climate Information and Prediction Services (CLIPS) project activities and are widely recognized to be key elements in the implementation of GFCS at regional and national scale. The Mediterranean Climate Outlook Forum (MedCOF) covers the whole Mediterranean region, cutting across the two WMO Regional Associations, i.e. RAVI and RAI. MedCOF is aimed at developing consensus based seasonal outlook for the entire Mediterranean region, strengthening the NMHSs existing capabilities in seasonal forecasting, and promoting inter-regional cooperation and partnership. It has been agreed by the 34 participating countries that MedCOF will operate as an overarching entity in support of the South-East European Climate Outlook Forum (SEECOF) and the forum of Prévisions Climatiques Saisonnières en Afrique du Nord (PRESANORD). Therefore, it is a reasonable approach that these three RCOFs be organized together, starting with 2 days of MedCOF sessions and followed by 2 days of parallel sessions for SEECOF and PRESANORD. These RCOFs will be followed by a 2 days meeting of Consultation Meeting with the users of the GFCS priority sectors from South East Europe on 21 and 22 November 2014. 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 SEECOF Focal Points and at least one user of the four GFCS priority sectors, which are: (1) Agriculture and food security, (2) Water management, (3) Health and (4) Disaster Risk Reduction.

#### **LOCATION OF THE MEETING**

At the kind invitation of the Turkish State Meteorological Service (TSMS), the MEDCOF, SEECOF, PRESANORD and GFCS Regional Consultation Meeting with the South Eastern European Key Stakeholders will be held from 17 to 22 November, 2014 in Antalya, Turkey.

The address of the meeting venue is:

IC Hotels Santai Family Resort  
3 Kum Tepesi Mevkii Belek, Antalya, Turkey

<http://www.ichotels.com.tr/hotels.asp?hotelID=3&hotel=IC-Hotels--Santai>

The Hotel is 40 km away from Antalya City Centre and 30 km away from the Airport.



## **MEETING FORMAT**

Each of the events is planned as 2 days meeting that will start at 09:00 and continue till 17:00.

For more details see the provisional Agenda and the tentative Programme.

**REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS** will take place from 8:30 to 9:00.

## **ELECTRICAL CURRENT AND APPLIANCES**

The voltage in Turkey is 230 V which is the same voltage used in the most part of Europe. The electrical frequency in Turkey is 50 Hz.

The plugs used in Turkey are “C” (<http://www.iec.ch/worldplugs/typeC.htm>) or “F” (<http://www.iec.ch/worldplugs/typeF.htm>).

Plugs/sockets are usually an issue when it comes to traveling, so always make sure you travel with a universal plug adapter.

## **MOBILE PHONE CONNECTION**

Mobile telephones with GSM configurations are available. For more details, please visit the websites of the Turkish mobile carriers, Avea ([http://www.avea.com.tr/index\\_en.shtml](http://www.avea.com.tr/index_en.shtml)); Turkcell (<http://www.turkcell.com.tr/en>); and Vodafone (<http://www.vodafone.com.tr/index.php>) or contact your local service operator.

## **WORKING LANGUAGES**

The working language of the meeting will be English.

## **INTERNET FACILITIES**

Wireless internet will be available. The password will be provided to the participants during the meeting.

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

Citizens of a number of countries need to have a visa before arriving in Turkey. Most visitors with confirmed round-tickets can obtain their entry visas at the airports, although this does not apply to certain nationalities. Information and relevant procedures on this matter can be obtained at <http://www.mfa.gov.tr/visa-information-for-foreigners.en.mfa>.

The Government of Turkey has advised that applications for visas may be submitted to the nearest Turkish embassy or consulate. In those countries that do not have a Turkish embassy or consulate, participants may submit their application to a Turkish embassy or consulate in another country which covers the participant's country of origin. Participants are advised to contact an embassy or consulate as early as possible to obtain precise information on regulations and deadlines for submission of applications. A complete list of Turkish embassies and consulates can be found at <http://www.mfa.gov.tr/turkish-representations.en.mfa>.

If an invitation letter is necessary for your visa application, please directly contact the Local Contact Person at the following address:

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## HOTEL RESERVATION

Turkish State Meteorological Service has reserved 60 single rooms in the IC Hotels Santai Family Resort, the meeting venue, at negotiated rates. To this end, the participants are strongly advised to make their Hotel Reservation through contacting Mr. Murat ALTINYOLLAR, Local Contact Person, **not later than 5 November 2014**.

The negotiated rates for all inclusive concept, which includes breakfast, lunch, dinner and all drinks for 24 hours, are:

**Single Room: 56 Euros**

**Double/Twin Room: 84 Euros**

## LOCAL TRANSFER

The Responsible Event Management Company will arrange transfers from the airport to the venue hotel and back with 15 Euros per person. The participants, who would like to use transfer service are advised to provide Mr. Murat Altinyollar with their flight details.

## CURRENCY EXCHANGE

The currency of Turkey is Turkish Lira (TL)

The average exchange rate during the month of September 2014 is;

1 € = 2.85 TL and 1 USD = 2.21 TL

## LOCAL CLIMATE

Climatic statistics for Antalya for the month of November are as follows:

Mean precipitation : 138.8 mm

Mean humidity	: 64.0%
Mean temperature	: 9.6 °C
Maximum temperature	: 15.1 °C
Minimum temperature	: 5.2 °C
Mean sea temperature	: 15.6 °C

## **LOCAL CONTACT PERSON**

Mr. Murat Altinyollar is the local coordinator. Any questions or requests related to the local arrangements should be addressed to him at the following addresses:

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