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SUBJECT: Invitation to nominate experts for participation in the Fifth Session of the Mediterranean Climate Outlook Forum (MedCOF-5), 14th Session of South East Europe Climate Outlook Forum (SEECOF-14), and the 9th Session of Northern African Climate Outlook Forum (PRESANORD-9), Marrakech, Morocco, 23-26 November 2015.

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 and World Meteorological Organization (WMO) of generating operational consensus seasonal outlooks through the Mediterranean Climate Outlook Forum (MedCOF, http://medcof.aemet.es). It has been agreed by the participating countries, that MedCOF will operate as an overarching entity in support of two other RCOFs existing in the region, SEECOF and PRESANORD, focusing on large scale forcings that are shared by the whole basin. Therefore, it has been agreed that these forums will be held back to back, i.e. start with 2 days MedCOF session followed by the parallel sessions of SEECOF and PRESANORD.

In relation to this, it is my pleasure to inform you that the Fifth Session of MedCOF (MedCOF-5), followed by the sessions of the SEECOF-14 and the PRESANORD-9 will take place in Marrakech, Morocco, on 23-26 November 2015, kindly hosted by the Direction de la Météorologie Nationale of Morocco (DMN). The sessions will focus on generating a consensus forecast across Mediterranean Region for the winter 2015-16,

You are kindly invited to nominate an expert from your NMHS to participate in MedCOF-5 and, if appropriate, also to SEECOF, PRESANORD, by sending the duly filled in and signed Nomination form (attached), at your earliest convenience, but **preferably not later than 21 October 2015**. WMO will explore the possibility of providing financial support to participants, if so required. The provisional agenda, information note on local arrangements and other relevant information on the Workshop will be provided to the nominated participants in due time. I would also like to thank you for your constant support and active contribution to the success of MedCOF.

With my best regards,

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