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Subject: A Dialogue for Climate Services Users and Providers: towards implementation of the Global Framework for Climate Services (GFCS), International Conference Centre Geneva (CICG), Geneva, Switzerland, 26–27 October 2012

Action required: Notify the Secretariat of your attendance

Dear Sir/Madam,

The World Climate Conference-3 (WCC-3), held in 2009, decided to establish a Global Framework for Climate Services (GFCS), an international framework to guide the development and application of climate services. The vision of the GFCS is to enable society to better manage the risks and opportunities arising from climate variability and change, especially for those who are most vulnerable to such risks.

Following WCC-3, a High-Level Taskforce (HLT) of independent advisors constituted to further develop the GFCS concept and scope out the next steps to be followed, produced key recommendations for the development of the GFCS. These recommendations were adhered to by the experts nominated by governments, the United Nations system and other international agencies and regional institutions who assist the WMO Executive Council in developing the Implementation Plan of the GFCS. The Plan is to be considered, together with the GFCS governance mechanism, by an Extraordinary Session of the World Meteorological Congress (Cg-Ext.(2012)) to be held from 29 to 31 October 2012 at the International Conference Centre of Geneva (CICG).

As part of the preparation of this Congress, a “Dialogue for Climate Services Users and Providers: towards implementation of the Global Framework for Climate Services” is being organized from 26 to 27 October 2012, at the same venue. The Dialogue will provide an opportunity for users and providers to learn from one another about the challenges and opportunities for the production and enhanced utilization of climate services in decision making, particularly in the four priority areas of GFCS (agriculture and food security, health, water and disaster risk reduction). In addition, the Dialogue will assist in the implementation of the GFCS. A concept note on the Dialogue is accessible at <http://cg-ext-2012.wmo.int/gfcs-user-conference>. The detailed programme will be available shortly on this page.

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In this regard, it is my pleasure to invite you to attend this important event which will provide an opportunity to further contributing to shaping the Global Framework for Climate Services.

I look forward to your participation in this event.

Yours faithfully,

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(J. Lengoasa)  
for the Secretary-General