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CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR FOR NMHSs OF THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES (LDCs) IN AFRICA

(Cotonou, Benin, 18 November 2011)

INTRODUCTION

1. In May 2011, the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries (LDCs) adopted the Istanbul Programme of Action for LDCs for the decade 2011-2020 (IPoA) whose main goal is to overcome the structural challenges facing the least developed countries in order to eradicate poverty, achieve internationally agreed development goals and enable graduation from the least developed country category.

2. Considering that weather-, climate- and water-related events and climate change have significant impacts on the socio-economic development of the LDCs, WMO and its global network of National Meteorological and Hydrological Services (NMHSs) have a major contribution towards implementing the IPoA through the Global Framework for Climate Services (GFCS) and the decisions and initiatives of the African Ministerial Conference on Meteorology (AMCOMET), among others.

3. It is within this context that WMO will organize a Capacity Development Seminar for NMHSs of the Least Developed Countries (LDCs) in Africa in Cotonou, Benin on 18 November 2011. The seminar, which is dedicated to Heads of NMHSs, will be held immediately following the “WMO Workshop for enhancing Coordination and Partnership in the LDCs in Africa” to be held from 16 – 17 November 2011.

OBJECTIVE

4. The main objective of the seminar is to enhance the capabilities of the NMHSs to mainstream their activities into the relevant national development plans and strategies, including poverty reduction. The workshop will consist of presentations followed by discussions focusing on:

- (a) How to position weather and climate services in the national development framework and needs analysis
- (b) How LDCs could benefit more from the Global Framework for Climate Services (GFCS)
- (c) Quality Management System (QMS), particularly in Aeronautical Meteorology, and

5. The provisional programme of the workshop is attached.

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Provisional programme

Wednesday, 16 November 2011

08:30 – 08:45	Seminar overview (WMO)
08:45 – 10:00	Positioning weather and climate services in the national development framework and Needs analysis (Expert)
10:00 – 10:30	Coffee Break
10:30 – 11:00	Global Framework for Climate Services (GFCS) – (WMO)
11:00 – 12:30	Quality Management System (QMS), particularly in Aeronautical Meteorology (WMO)
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch
14.00 – 16:00	WMO Integrated Global Observing System (WIGOS) and WMO Information System (WIS) - (WMO)
16:00 – 16:30	Coffee Break
15:30 – 16:30	Priority actions for the WMO Programme for LDCs (WMO)
16:30 – 18:00	Recommendations and workshop closure