

Brainstorming Session on Meteorological Services for Improved Humanitarian Emergency Contingency Planning and Response

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WMO Headquarters
7 bis Avenue de la Paix
Geneva, Switzerland
Press Room (Ground Floor)

PROVISIONAL AGENDA			
0930 – 0945	<p>Opening and brief remark on WMO initiative on Meteorological Services for Improved Humanitarian Contingency Planning and Response</p> <p><i>Dr. Geoffrey Love – Director Weather and Disaster Risk Reduction Services Department</i></p>		
0945 – 0955	<p>Background and establishment of WMO Task team on “Meteorological Services for Improved Humanitarian Contingency Planning and Response”</p> <p><i>Dr. Maryam Golnaraghi – Chief of Disaster Risk Reduction</i></p>		
0955 – 1300	<p><u>Presentation by participating Humanitarian Agencies</u></p> <p><i>Format : 20-minute presentations by each agency and discussion</i></p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - OCHA - IFRC - WFP - UNICEF </td> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - UNOSAT - WHO - UNHCR </td> </tr> </table> <p><u>Issues to be considered :</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Humanitarian agencies' operational procedures in emergency contingency planning, emergency preparedness and response to extreme events</i> • <i>Meteorological and hydrological information needs to support emergency planning and response</i> • <i>Current sources and mechanisms to access to hydro-meteorological information</i> • <i>Information exchange mechanisms and needs of humanitarian agencies</i> <p><i>with a short Coffee break</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - OCHA - IFRC - WFP - UNICEF 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - UNOSAT - WHO - UNHCR
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1300 – 1400	Lunch (WMO Cafeteria)		
1400– 1500	<p><u>Presentations by WMO Technical Programmes on the operational network of WMO and National meteorological and Hydrological Services</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>WMO Global Data-Processing and Forecasting System (GDPFS), Dr. Peter Chen – Chief of Data Processing and Forecasting</i> • <i>Role of National Meteorological and Hydrological Services Ms. Haleh Kootval - Chief of Public Weather Services</i> • <i>WMO Information System (WIS) Mr. David Thomas – WIS Project Manager</i> <p><i>short Coffee break</i></p>		
1500 – 1630	<p><u>Discussions and next steps</u></p> <p><u>Issues to be considered :</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mapping of decision processes, and timing in emergency contingency planning and response of humanitarian agencies</i> • <i>Identification of needs and requirements for hydro-meteorological information (contents, timing, format, distribution mechanisms)</i> • <i>Designation of experts from the humanitarian agencies to participate in the WMO task team for development of plan for operational implementation</i> • <i>Way forward</i> 		