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Subject: Invitation to the sixth meeting of the Coordination Group for the Direct Broadcast Network for Near Real-time Relay of Low-Earth Orbit Satellite Data (DBNet), Geneva, Switzerland, 4-6 October 2022

Action required: To notify the WMO Secretariat whether Mr Léon Guy will be able to attend the meeting, at your earliest convenience, but not later than **15 August 2022**

Dear Dr Kamga Foamouhoue,

I am pleased to inform you that the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) will be hosting the sixth meeting of the Coordination Group for the Direct Broadcast Network for Near Real-time Relay of Low-Earth Orbit Satellite Data (DBNet) in Geneva from 4 to 6 October 2022, daily from 08:00 – 17:00 CEST (06:00 – 15:00 UTC). The DBNet meeting will be mainly conducted as a face-to-face event; however, remote access will be made available in case any participant is not able to attend in person.

The main objective of the sixth meeting of the DBNet Coordination Group is to discuss further the key priorities for DBNet identified at the DBNet-CG-5 in October 2021:

1. Extend the geographical coverage of DBNet, in particular capitalizing on the stations which due to their geographical locations would make very important contributions to the DBNet capabilities;
2. Advance the implementation of FY-3 data services, including usage of the public DB cloud platform solution proposed by CMA/NSMC;
3. Strengthen the dialogue with the WMO team responsible for transition from GTS to WIS 2.0, discussing the potential WIS 2.0 implementation aspects related to DBNet needs to better understand challenges, volume of the datasets for exchange as well as timeliness requirements;
4. Further develop the infrastructure to be compliant with JPSS-2 and EPS-SG (due to new downlink characteristics, hardware and/or software upgrades will be required);
5. Advance the implementation of HSIR sounder services (from IASI and CrIS) to increase uptake by the Numerical Weather and Environmental Prediction (NWEPE) community, including assessing the possibility of providing an extended/full channel set via DBNet;

cc: Mr Léon Guy, ACMAD

6. Further enhance the monitoring of the DBNet products, including the new "traffic light" tools developed by NWP SAF to display data outages and global/DBNet data consistency;
7. Consolidate the existing network for IR/MW sounding services, solving specific local problems.

A provisional agenda, working documents as well as logistic information for the meeting will be posted on the DBNet web-page: <https://community.wmo.int/meetings/6th-dbnet-coordination-group-meeting-dbnet-cg-6-geneva-switzerland-4-6-october-2022>.

In view of his expertise and past involvement in the matters to be discussed, I wish to invite Mr Léon Guy to this meeting, and I should be grateful if you would agree to his attendance.

It is hoped that the cost of his participation will be borne by your Organization. If, however, it is not possible, WMO is prepared to consider, upon request, providing financial support which may consist of travel cost (most economic air fare according to the most direct route) and/or per diem.

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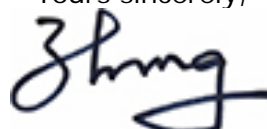
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For administrative purposes I should be grateful if you could kindly notify the WMO Secretariat (Ms Zoya Andreeva, zandreeva@wmo.int) at your earliest convenience, but not later than **15 August 2022**, whether Mr Léon Guy will be able to attend the meeting and if so, whether support for travel and/or per diem will be required.

I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support to the activities of WMO.

Yours sincerely,



Dr Wenjian Zhang
for the Secretary-General