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Subject: The Common Alerting Protocol (CAP) Jump-Start Training Workshop,  
Hong Kong, China, 30 October 2018

The Common Alerting Protocol (CAP) Implementation Workshop,  
Hong Kong, China, 31 October – 1 November 2018

The Filtered Alert Hub Workshop, Hong Kong, China, 2 November 2018

Action required: Members to consider participating at the Workshop

Dear Sir/Madam,

As you may be aware, the WMO Executive Council (EC) endorsed the Common Alerting Protocol (CAP) standard to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of alerting systems, and consequently encouraged WMO Members to adopt the CAP standard.

In this regard, I am pleased to inform you that the next annual CAP Implementation Workshop will be hosted by the Hong Kong Observatory (HKO), Hong Kong, China from 31 October to 1 November 2018. This implementation workshop is intended for information sharing among experts involved in developing the CAP standard as well as implementers of this standard. WMO is one of the five co-sponsors and co-organizers of this workshop. Other sponsor organizations are the International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM), the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), and the Organization for the Advancement of Structured Information Standards (OASIS).

The CAP Implementation Workshop will be preceded by the CAP Jump-Start Workshop on 30 October 2018. In addition, a workshop on Filtered Alert Hub (FAH) will be held at the same venue on 2 November 2018.

CAP is an important component of *the WMO Alert Hub*, which is currently under development to support the WMO Global Multi-hazard Alert System (GMAS). It may be noted that 55 WMO Member countries implemented the CAP standard and we encourage other Members to adopt the standard to disseminate warnings.

The Implementation Workshop will provide a forum for implementers of CAP and associated organizations to discuss how best to expand adoption of the CAP standard and to share practices among users of the standard. It will also introduce GMAS and include discussions on the role of GMAS to connect major authorized Early Warning platforms through CAP and expose Members to best practices for implementation of CAP and its application in early warning systems.

To: Permanent Representatives (or Directors of Meteorological or Hydrometeorological Services) of Members of WMO

cc: Hydrological Advisers to Permanent Representatives

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The Call for Participation which contains information on the organization of the workshop can be accessed at:

<https://www.preparecenter.org/resources/cap-workshop-2018-call-participation>.

Details and documentation concerning the 2018 CAP Implementation Workshop will be posted at the following website:

<https://www.preparecenter.org/resources/cap-workshop-2018>

It should be noted that both the documentation and presentations for these events will be in English only. Participants wishing to make a presentation at the Workshop should contact the Program Committee by sending an e-mail to Mr Eliot Christian ([eliot.j.christian@gmail.com](mailto:eliot.j.christian@gmail.com)), who will coordinate with the PWS Programme of WMO in the development of the Workshop Programme.

While we encourage the participation of Members, especially those who have already implemented CAP to attend and share experiences, it should be noted that WMO has no funding provision for the above-mentioned workshops.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support in promoting the Programmes and activities of WMO.

Yours faithfully,



(W. Zhang)

for the Secretary-General