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**ANNUAL MEETING OF DIRECTORS OF METEOROLOGICAL SERVICES Doc. 1(b)** Belize City, BELIZE, 11 NOVEMBER 2015

NOTES ON THE AGENDA

1. **Introduction AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

 The 2015 Meeting of Directors of Meteorological Services will take place on Wednesday 11 November 2015, in Belize City, Belize. The Provisional Agenda will be submitted to the Meeting for approval at the opening, but it may be amended at any time during the course of the Meeting.

2. STATUS OF ACTIONS FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

 A summary of the decisions of the November 2014 Meeting of the Directors of Meteorological Services (Husbands, Kingston,Jamaica) will be brought to the current meeting. The status of actions taken to implement these decisions will be presented in this document, but more detailed discussions on these actions will be presented under other agenda items, as appropriate.

**3. TRAINING**

 The Principal of the Caribbean Institute for Meteorology and Hydrology will present this agenda item, providing information on the courses conducted during 2015 and the performance of the students. The Principal will also provide notification of the courses to be conducted during 2016.

4. OPERATIONAL MATTERS

(a) WMO Annual Global Monitoring

 The results of the regional component of the Annual Global Monitoring of the Global Telecommunication System for 2014 will be presented.

(b) Satellite Matters

 In March 2016 the GOES -R satellite is expected to be launched, the new satellite will completely revolutionized the way and the amount of satellite data which is received. The meeting will be informed of what is needed to receive the data directly from the new satellite and the alternatives.

4. OPERATIONAL MATTERS (Cont’D)

(c) The Observing System Capability Analysis and Review (OSCAR) Tool

Towards the end of 2015, the World Meteorological Organization will be implementing the surface-based capabilities of the Observing System Capability Analysis and Review (OSCAR) Tool, which will replace WMO No. 9 Volume A - *Observing Stations* and *WMO Catalogue of Radiosondes.* The Meeting will be informed on the expected changes.

(d) WIS Registration and the Provision of Metadata

The Meeting will be reminded of correspondence from WMO in February 2012 and the need for updating their metadata records in Global Information System Centre (GISC) Washington.

**5. OUTCOME/HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SEVENTEENTH WMO CONGRESS**

 The Directors will be informed about the outcome of the Seventeenth WMO Congress and the impacts of the decisions of Congress on the operations of National Meteorological and Hydrological Services in the next intersessional period.

**6. The IMPACTS OF WEATHER DURING 2015**

 Directors will give a brief review of the socio-economic impacts of weather events on their countries, which should have qualitative and quantitative elements, as well as operations of the Meteorological Services during weather events. A brief presentation will be provided of the 2015 Hurricane Season by the Headquarters Unit. No document will be provided by the Headquarters Unit for this agenda item. Directors have been invited to submit their reports to the Caribbean Meteorological Organization Headquarters at least one week before the start of the Meeting.

7. PRESENTATION

 A presentation will be made by Mr Jason Geer of the Weather Company on "*Enabling National Meteorological Services to issue CAP (Common Alerting Protocol) alerts via The Weather Company’s Local Alert Platform*". The platform will permit authorities listed in the WMO Register of Alerting Authorities to create and distribute CAP formatted alerts to the WMO Alert Hub via an Application Programming Interface (API).

8. other matters

 Miscellaneous issues not covered in the Agenda may be brought up under this item.

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