

ESCAP/WMO TYPHOON COMMITTEE 12th Integrated Workshop

“Tropical cyclone related forecast, warning and DRR in the era of big data and social media: challenges and opportunities”

**30 October-03 November 2017
Jeju, Republic of Korea**

To: Directors of National Meteorological and Hydrological Services and National Disaster Risk Management Agencies of Typhoon Committee Members

Dear Sir/Madam,

The ESCAP/WMO Typhoon Committee (TC) at its 49th Session decided to convene the 12th Integrated Workshop (12th IWS) in 2017. With the kind offer of the Korea Meteorological Administration (KMA) and based on the hosting mechanism for Integrated Workshop, the 12th IWS will be held in Booyoung Jeju Hotel & Resort, Jeju, Republic of Korea, from 30 October to 03 November 2017. Following the consultation with the Advisory Working Group (AWG) and the TC Chairs, it was decided to adopt ***“Tropical cyclone related forecast, warning and DRR in the era of big data and social media: challenges and opportunities”*** as the theme of the 12th IWS.

IWS is an annual event for TC Members to review TC activities and work progress through the Advisory Working Group (AWG) and the three TC Working Groups (WGs) on Meteorology, Hydrology and Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR). During this Workshop, the Training and Research Coordination Group (TRCG) meeting will also be held in parallel with other WG meetings to discuss the latest training and research needs of TC and to draw up the TRCG work plan for the next 4-year cycle beginning in 2018.

Expert speakers will be invited to present keynote lectures on the first day of the 12th IWS. **Your consideration of nominating expert speakers for this theme, and other topics to be proposed by the Working Groups, will be much appreciated.** List of speakers will be provided in the updated tentative programme in due course.

In this connection, I would like to invite your nomination of AWG members and focal points/representatives of WGs (including TRCG) to attend the captioned event. Participants from Members other than AWG members are only required to attend the Workshop from Day 1 to Day 4 (30 October – 02 November 2017) while AWG members would also be expected to attend a post-event AWG meeting on 03 November. TC will consider providing funding support through the Typhoon Committee Trust Fund (TCTF) for the attendance of participants (1 participant from each Member at each Working Group, including TRCG) who are actively involved in the work of AWG, the three WGs, and TRCG covering passages to and from Jeju, Republic of Korea (air passages travelling on economy class and the most direct route) and daily subsistence allowances (DSA) for the period

of their stay for attending the Workshop. Considering the funding constraints, Members are encouraged to make arrangement for own funding for the nominated participants. Based on the information on the hotel rates provided by KMA, the DSA amount will be fixed at **US\$140** per day for the supported participants. Members may also wish to sponsor the attendance of additional participants through their own funding.

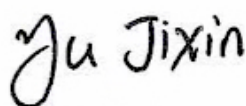
The Attendance Form should be completed online at: **<http://www.tciws12.com/>**. The Nomination form should be completed and returned to TCS (+853 88010530 or E-mail: info@typhooncommittee.org), on or before **23 September 2017**. Please also kindly indicate in the Nomination Form against each nominated participant whether funding support by TCTF is required.

An outline of the Tentative Programme, Information Note for Participants and Nomination Form are attached in Annex I, II and III respectively for your reference. Further information and documents in relation to the 12th IWS will soon be made available at the TC website (<http://www.typhooncommittee.org/12IWS.html>). Should there be any questions related to the organization of the 12th IWS, please contact **Ms. Denise Lau** (denise@typhooncommittee.org / info@typhooncommittee.org) or the **Local Organizing Committee of Republic of Korea** (Ms. KIM Su Jin/ sujin.kim@korea.kr)

As a reminder, Members Annual Reports will also be presented in the 12th IWS.

Your early response and nomination are highly appreciated.

Yours sincerely



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Encl: Annexes I to III

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