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Dear Colleagues,

You are cordially being invited to attend a Workshop titled, “Continuity and Architecture Requirements for Climate Monitoring” to be held in Geneva, Switzerland from 13-14 January 2011.

Co-sponsored by the Global Climate Observing System (GCOS) and the World Meteorological Organization (WMO), this Workshop is intended to:

- Advance the understanding of GCOS continuity requirements building on the GCOS Climate Monitoring Principles (GCMPs), and of risks associated with planning and implementing a robust global satellite-based climate observing capability;
- Engage representatives from the climate community to consider in some depth continuity priorities in relation to individual and collections of the GCOS Essential Climate Variables (ECVs); and
- Use this analysis to specify architectural enhancements that will enable the WMO Global Observing System (GOS) to better meet the needs for sustained climate observations from space.

Attached to this invitation is a document describing, in more detail, the context and scope, foundational documentation and driving requirements, issues and rationale, and a preliminary agenda for the Workshop.

You are personally being invited, as you represent one or more, of the target participant groups listed in the attached material.

Please respond to Alice Blunt (ablunt@wmo.int) by Friday, 10 December 2010 with your availability. If you have questions regarding the technical content of the Workshop, please feel free to contact any member of the Programme Committee (e-mail addresses shown on the agenda).

To: Distribution List

cc: Secretariat Staff

This Workshop will immediately follow the Expert Meeting on Updating the GCOS Satellite Supplement which will take place Monday through Wednesday of the same week.

With best regards,



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