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To: National Meteorological Services Directors

Cc: National Focal Points

Subject: 3<sup>rd</sup> Regional Quality Management Systems (QMS) training workshop  
for Aviation Weather Services

Dear National Meteorological Services Directors,

I am pleased to invite your nominations to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quality Management Systems (QMS) regional training workshop to be held in Nadi, Fiji from the 1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> April.

Directors are invited thus to send the nomination of your appointed Quality Manager of your respective National Meteorological Services. As you will know, this training workshop will form the third and final such workshop of the QMS under the Finnish Meteorological Institute (FMI)-SPREP FPPICS project, begun in 2009 in Samoa, continued in Tonga in 2010, and concluding in Nadi this April. Your cooperation to send your usual QMS Manager who has participated in the previous years for consistency of the project and your NMS progress will be greatly appreciated.

FMI and SPREP have produced a draft agenda of the training workshop and this will be circulated to you electronically.

I am pleased to note additionally, that this important meeting will also have the attention and anticipated representation of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) and the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO). Much QMS progress in-country has been made according to the trainers and this is positive feedback on the value that this training opportunity provides for our countries in improving aviation weather services.

I urge your continued commitment to this opportunity at this final stage of this particular project component. Aviation weather services continue to play a crucial role for the safe transportation of people and goods in the region and further solidifies the importance of the role of NMS to partners in the transport and other key sectors. Please do not hesitate to send your nominations and any queries to the lead coordinator for this important meeting (contact details provided below).

Yours sincerely,

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