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Prof. Celeste Saulo
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Dear Prof. Celeste Saulo,

Subject: Expression of Interest for the Position of President of WMO Regional Association V (RA V)

I hope this letter finds you well. On behalf of the Tonga Meteorological Service (TMS), Ministry of MEIDECCC, I am writing to formally express my interest in the President position for the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) Regional Association V (RA V). We believe that Tonga's extensive experience and commitment to advancing meteorological services in the Pacific region, along with our dedication to regional and international collaboration, uniquely position us to contribute meaningfully to the work of the WMO at the international regional and national levels.

The Tonga Meteorological Service, as the national meteorological agency, has long been at the forefront of delivering essential weather, climate, and hydrological services to support disaster risk reduction, sustainable development, and climate change adaptation in the Pacific Islands region. Our work is aligned with WMO's goals of promoting the effective use of meteorological and hydrological data, enhancing early warning systems, and addressing the challenges posed by climate change, especially in Small Island Developing States (SIDS) like Tonga.

As a member of WMO since its inception, Tonga has always been an active participant in RA V's activities, and we have contributed to various initiatives aimed at enhancing the capacity and resilience of meteorological services across the region. We are committed to further strengthening this collaboration and to contributing to RA V's objectives by providing strong leadership and fostering partnerships that will enable the region to respond more effectively to emerging challenges.

In particular, the Tonga Meteorological Service is keen to support WMO's strategic priorities related to capacity building, regional cooperation, climate monitoring and early warning systems, early warning for all initiatives and the integration of disaster risk reduction with sustainable development efforts. We are confident that our leadership in these areas, coupled with our dedication to the WMO's mission, will be an asset to the work of RA V and the wider WMO community.

We would be honored to take on the President position for RA V and contribute our knowledge, experience, and expertise to the vital work being carried out by the WMO. Our commitment to fostering collaboration, enhancing the use of scientific data, and building resilience in the Pacific Islands region makes Tonga a strong candidate for this role.

Thank you for considering this expression of interest. We look forward to the opportunity to further discuss how Tonga can contribute to the continued success of RA V and the WMO's overall mission. Should you require any additional information or documentation, please do not hesitate to contact me at laitiaf@met.gov.to ; soanelaitiafifita@gmail.com or +6767711964; +67635009.

Yours sincerely,



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