

The course will also include two live events to be attended via Web technologies at the start and close of the course, as well as weekly online communications with course instructors and fellow students. The live sessions and online communications will allow students to ask questions, share their regional issues and experiences, and learn more deeply by discussing the course content with their peers and the instructors.

In addition to mastering the course content, each student will be required to complete a short final assignment, such as creating and sharing a short case study or report on local/regional climatology and hydrologic forecast systems. Successfully completing the course assignment and the online quizzes for each module will earn students a certificate of completion.

It is estimated that the dedication needed to successfully complete this course is a total of 35 to 45 hours, or an average of about 6 to 8 hours/week. Supervisors of participants should be encouraged to release them of work responsibilities during those hours.

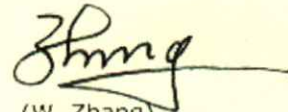
I would appreciate it if you could nominate up to two candidates to participate in this course. Please take into account that the number of available places is limited, as there will only be two professors answering questions from the students and reviewing their exercises on a continuous basis. However, should you wish to nominate more than two candidates, you are welcome to do so and we will take them into consideration should some additional places become available.

Those who are interested, please download the Application Form and have it signed by your immediate Supervisor and Division Chief, and submit to the PPDC Secretariat on or before **12 SEPT**, 2017.

Accepted candidates will be contacted directly with additional instructions related to the course. Please be extremely careful in filling the postal address information in the Nomination Form, as this is the address where course material will be mailed to.

I am confident that you will find this activity extremely interesting in improving the hydrological forecasting skills of your Country.

Yours sincerely,



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for the Secretary-General