REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS, VIEWS AND FEEDBACK ON THE DRAFT METEOROLOGY POLICY AND DRAFT METEOROLOGY BILL

The Kenya Meteorological Department domiciled in the Ministry of Environment and Forestry, is charged with the mandate of providing timely and accurate early warning weather and climate information for safety of life, protection of property and conservation of environment. To fulfil its mandate, the Department undertakes weather and climate observations, data exchange, data processing, analysis and forecasting and dissemination of weather information and products.

The Department’s responsibilities include:

- Operation of a network of meteorological stations for the collection of data required for application purposes;
- Issuance of weather forecasts and dissemination of these forecasts to the general public;
- Provision of meteorological services, weather forecasts and warnings and other information for the needs of civil and military aviation;
- Publication of reports of weather and climate and supply of meteorological information and services for the needs of Kenyan communities and in particular for the application in agriculture, transport, water resources management, construction, tourism and industry, and energy; and
- Issuance of weather forecasts for marine activities over the western Indian Ocean and inland water bodies.

The Ministry of Environment and Forestry has developed two vital documents to guide the delivery of meteorological services in Kenya. These are:

1. National Meteorology Policy.
2. National Meteorology Bill.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Public Participation Act 2018 and the Constitution, the Ministry invites WRITTEN comments, views and feedback from the public on the draft Meteorology Policy and Bill. The comments, views and feedback may be submitted through the Ministry of Environment and Forestry postal address;

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or via email address psoffice@environment.go.ke, with a copy to director@meteo.go.ke, info@meteo.go.ke on or before Tuesday, 28 May 2019.

It is hereby notified to the general public that the draft Meteorological Policy and Bill can be downloaded from the websites of the Ministry of Environment and Forestry (www.environment.go.ke) and the Kenya Meteorological Department (www.meteo.go.ke). Hard copies of the Documents may also be accessed from the Director’s office at the Kenya Meteorological Department Headquarters, Dagoretti Corner on Ngong Road and at the offices of the County Director of Meteorological Services in the 47 Counties.