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Dear Sir, Madam,

We are pleased to inform you that, at the kind invitation of the Government of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, a four-day Scientific Conference and the first African Regional Consultative Meeting of the National Committees for the UNESCO International Programme (IHP) will be held in Spring 2006. These events are jointly organized by UNESCO IHP and the Federal Ministry of Water Resources for Nigeria and take place from 27 February to 2 March 2006 in Abuja, Nigeria.

We therefore have the pleasure of inviting you to participate in both the International Conference, entitled "*Water Security and Hydrological Extremes: Towards Sustainable Development in Africa*" and a half day meeting with the participation of AMCOW, NEPAD and the Donors and Development partners.


In light of this you may wish to provide a statement to be included during one or both of these events related to your water programmes in Africa.


The first draft of the programme is attached for your information.

You are kindly requested to confirm your participation in these events by the end of January 2005 by email to the following addresses: k.lepresle@unesco.org, r.wright@unesco.org, ihpncng@yahoo.com, and olufemiodumosu@yahoo.com. Please copy your email to all of the above mentioned addresses. For information regarding hotel accommodation during your stay, please contact either ihpncng@yahoo.com or olufemiodumosu@yahoo.com.

We look forward to your positive response and participation in these events.

Yours sincerely,


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