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Subject: ESA Climate Change Initiative (CCI) Research Fellowship programme

Dear Colleagues

On behalf of the European Space Agency (ESA), I am pleased to invite you to participate in the European Space Agency's (ESA) Climate Change Initiative (CCI) Research Fellowship programme.

The main objective of this initiative is to provide support to early career researchers who have a doctoral degree and who would like to further their scientific career in the context of Earth Observation and Climate research. Candidate researchers shall submit research proposals responding to the following Programmatic Area:

Climate Change Initiative:

- Exploiting Essential Climate Variable (ECV) products from CCI for improved understanding of climate change.
- Examining Cross-ECV consistency and multiple ECV use (those under the CCI Programme in particular).
- Enhancing interactions between CCI members and other laboratories/universities involved in climate research activities.

We welcome projects that address cross-ECV research topics ranging from teleconnections, tipping points, ice-ocean-atmosphere interactions, ocean surface currents, sea level budget closure, atmospheric trace gases, land-atmosphere exchange, terrestrial hydrology, to Climate and human health.

1. Call for Research Proposals Package

Please note that this Call for Research Proposals package was published on the ESA Climate website (<http://climate.esa.int>) on the date of this letter. The Call for Research Proposals package includes the following documents:

Appendix 1: Call for Research Proposals 2020 (Including its Annex A: ESA Climate Change Initiative, Annex B: Proposal Template and Annex C: PSS form)

Appendix 2: Draft Partnership Agreement



In order to respond to this Call, you must submit all of the documents described in Section 2.2 of the Call for Research Proposals (Appendix I).

Your attention is drawn in particular to the requirement to submit with your proposal a specific statement from the Host Institution confirming acceptance of the draft Partnership Agreement (Appendix 2). Offers which include reservations to the Partnership Agreement will not be considered for evaluation.

2. Institutions Entitled to Participate in the Call

Any projects carried out under this call will be funded under the Climate Change Initiative (CCI) element of ESA's European Earth Watch Programme (Earth Watch). Earth Watch is an optional programme of the Agency, and participation in a project is restricted to entities which have their registered office in one of the following Participating States: Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Romania, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom, and Canada.

3. Closing Date

Your proposal and all supporting documents must be sent by e-mail to: Climate.Office@esa.int by no later than 08th August 2020 (the Closing Date). Any questions relating to this Call must be sent, by email to the address above, not later than two (2) weeks before the Closing Date.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M. Borgeaud', with a horizontal line underneath.

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