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Call for Proposals SAFE Prototype Activity

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of Space Applications For Environment (SAFE) secretariat, I would like to invite you to submit your new proposal for SAFE prototyping on the use of satellite remote sensing for environmental related applications, especially focusing three social benefit areas; Agriculture, Water Management and Forest Monitoring. Pre screening will be done by the SAFE Secretariat and successful proponents will be requested to present their proposal at the next SAFE Workshop going to be held in Tokyo on 1st December, 2014. Proposal and the presentation will be reviewed by a Review Board on this day and successful proposals will be recommended to APRSAF Space Application Working Group for approval to initiate. If you are interested in proposing a new prototype activity, please submit your proposal in attached format ('Application Form', 'Time Schedule' and 'Statement for participation' of SAFE Prototype) to SAFE secretariat (hamamoto.ko@jaxa.jp) **by 17th of October (Fri)**. In addition, please refer the information of application at the SAFE portal site;

http://www.eorc.jaxa.jp/SAFE/applicants/apply_proceed.html.

SAFE is a voluntary initiative endorsed at APRSAF-15 under the Earth Observation Working Group (EOWG). From the APRSAF-21, the EOWG is reconstructed as Space Application Working Group (SAWG), according to the new Working Group framework. SAWG aims to approach regional issues such as disaster management and environment, and to discuss how to solve them using space technology together with other technologies. The current focus of SAFE is in three important social benefit areas; Agriculture, Water Management and Forest Monitoring, using space technologies. Therefore, I would like to invite you to submit new proposal preferably in these three areas but proposals on other important environmental problems also welcome.

I am looking forward to seeing you with your new proposal at the SAFE workshop in Tokyo.

Best regards,

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