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Annex: 1

Subject: Circular letter of the Presidents of CAeM, CAgM, CAS, CBS, CCI, CHy, CIMO, JCOMM - Transition to the new Technical Commissions

Action required: To update biographical information in the Expert Data Base of the WMO Community Platform

Dear Sir/Madam,

As most of you are already aware, the World Meteorological Congress (Cg-18), held from 3 to 14 June 2019, decided to reform the current structure of WMO Constituent Bodies, including the Technical Commissions, moving from eight commissions to two – the Commission for Observation, Infrastructure and Information System (Infrastructure Commission) and the Commission for Weather, Climate, Water and Related Environmental Services and Applications (Services Commission), and the Research Board (See: https://public.wmo.int/en/governance-reform).

Cg-18 also established a Transition Team composed of the presidents and vice-presidents of existing and new technical commissions, the chairs and vice-chairs of the Research Board and the Hydrological Assembly and the presidents of regional associations, to, among other duties “ensure the orderly transition of normative functions of the technical commissions active during the seventeenth financial period and effective incorporation of their work and deliverables, that are relevant to the priorities identified in the Strategic Plan, into the new structures”.

While we are aware that many of you are still undertaking fundamental actions to contribute to the deliverables of the Technical Commissions we preside, we have agreed that this is the right time to express, in the name of the communities represented by our Technical Commissions, and of the whole of WMO, our sincere gratitude for the dedication, professionalism and enthusiasm with which you have contributed to make our scientific and technical work a success story, and which is held in high regard worldwide.

We are convinced that your knowledge and expertise will be needed more than ever in the new WMO structure. Last year, WMO invited Members and partners to
request their experts to update their biographical information in the Expert Data base of the WMO Community Platform (https://contacts.wmo.int). See the "how-to" guide for the WMO Expert Data Base (Click here to download guide).

This month, WMO will ask the Members and cooperating partners to use this Platform to nominate experts for the two new technical commissions and their standing committees (see annex). We therefore strongly encourage you to ensure your information is included and is up-to-date so that you can be considered for the work of the new commissions and the Research Board.

Yours faithfully,

Presidents of
Technical Commission
Permanent Representative (PR)*

WMO Community Platform

Register new experts
Expert Database
Already registered/active experts*

Nomination by PR/Agency Approver
Technical Commission experts (Expert Network***)

If selected as member of a group

Technical commission substructures (standing committees, study groups, expert teams)

*PRs can designate Agency Approvers who are able to change the institutional information and to nominate experts.

**The Expert Database is one component of the community platform and contains experts that may be nominated.

***The Expert Network contains nominated experts that may be selected as member of a technical commission substructure.