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Annex: 1 (available in English only)

Subject: Nomination of experts using the WMO Community Platform -  
Expert Data Base

Actions required: (1) Notification of Membership in Technical Commissions and of  
delegation for Joint Session  
(2) Encourage experts to update their biographical data in the WMO  
Expert Data Base and register new experts  
(3) Nominate experts for the work of the commissions using the Expert  
Database

Dear Sir/Madam,

Pursuant to [Resolution 7 \(Cg-18\)](#) - Establishment of WMO Technical Commissions for the Eighteenth Financial Period (*World Meteorological Congress: Abridged Final Report of the Eighteenth Session* (WMO-No. 1236)), as well as the meeting of the Transition Team, I am pleased to announce the finalization of the proposed substructures of the two new technical commissions. During the upcoming joint session of the new technical commissions (4-8 April 2020) the transition from eight to two technical commissions will be completed. The joint session is expected to approve the proposed substructures, (See <https://public.wmo.int/en/governance-reform> for information on the WMO Constituent Body Reform).

In line with Regulation 141 (b) and Article 19 (b) of the Convention, every Member has the right to be represented in a technical commission and therefore attend its session, vote and propose candidates for the office of the president. Your government must inform the Secretary-General of its intention at least 60 days before the session as indicated in the WMO letter of 8 August 2019 (ref.: 20630/2019/CER/New-Technical-Commissions).

In this regard, if not already done so, we would ask you to work with your Ministry of Foreign Affairs to prepare a letter from your government indicating if it intends to be represented on one or both technical commissions. A separate letter was sent on 20 December 2019 to your Ministers of Foreign Affairs announcing the venue for the joint session and formally requesting the nomination of national delegates (ref.: 32893/2019/SG/LCP/CNF/JM-TC-2020). Support for the participation of experts from developing countries for the technical segment will be considered upon request.

Technical experts are crucial for the work of the commissions. Experts nominated for the previous commissions have been migrated into the new Expert Data Base (<https://contacts.wmo.int/>) of the WMO Community Platform. These experts have been asked to login and update their profiles. We would also encourage you to designate and register new experts from your country, including experts in hydrology in consultation with the Hydrological Advisers in line with the new General Regulation 143, as well as qualified experts from the

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Members of WMO

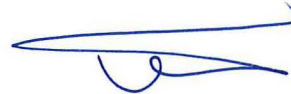
cc: Hydrological Advisers to Permanent Representatives

private sector and academia. Up-to-date, detailed biographical information for all experts, including an indication of their skills and experience will greatly facilitate the selection process.

As a WMO Permanent Representative, you and others you designate as "Agency Approvers", are requested to nominate registered experts for the work of the technical commissions using the special feature of the Expert Data Base. You can designate Agency Approvers using the Database, or by sending us a letter indicating their name and email address. The selection of experts for specific commission activities will draw upon your nominations (see Annex). This process will be coordinated by the presidents of technical commissions with support from their respective Management Groups, the Secretariat and the presidents of regional associations and will be carried out in accordance with the *Rules of Procedure for Technical Commissions* (WMO-No. 1240), to ensure technical, regional and gender balance.

I kindly invite you to use the Expert Data Base of the WMO Community Platform to nominate experts who will participate in the work of the commissions. More information regarding the Community Platform and nominating experts using the Expert Database can be found on the [WMO Community Platform](#) page.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a long horizontal stroke followed by a loop and a shorter horizontal stroke.

(P. Taalas)  
Secretary-General

