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Subject: Invitation to the RA V Workshops (hybrid), a Training Workshop on Regional WIGOS Centres functions and tools and a Workshop on Regional Basic Observing Network design and implementation, to be held from 19 to 23 May 2025, in Bali, Indonesia

Action required: To confirm participation preferably not later than **28 March 2025**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to inform you that the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) is organizing two workshops (hybrid) for Regional Association V (RA V), a Training Workshop on Regional WIGOS Centres (RWC) functions and tools, from 19 to 21 May 2025, and a Workshop on Regional Basic Observing Network (RBON) design and implementation, from 21 to 23 May 2025, in Bali, Indonesia, at the kind invitation of the Government of Indonesia, to be hosted by the Indonesian Meteorological, Climatological and Geophysical Agency (BMKG). The training workshop aims at improving the understanding and skills of relevant National Focal Points (NFPs) of RA V Members, especially of those that are new to RWCs operations, for an efficient use of the WIGOS tools in the context of the RWCs functions and in accordance with the roles and responsibilities of RWCs and NFPs of their affiliated countries.

The RBON workshop aims at progressing with the development of RBON within the region, that includes finalization of the mapping of key regional challenges and the Application Areas, identification of high-level priority variables and their observational requirements, discussion of the operational and emerging observing techniques for RBON, as well as planning for gap analysis, for development of compliance monitoring procedures and tools, and drafting the RBON roadmap, in collaboration with relevant stakeholders, such as the data users and the WMO Regional Centres in RA V.

The training primary target audience are the NFPs for WIGOS Data Quality Monitoring System (WDQMS) from the RA V Members, as well as staff from the RWCs in the Region, while the RBON workshop targets primarily the relevant RA V experts on WIGOS, in particular with expertise in observing network design, such as the Members of the RA V Expert Team on WIGOS (ET-WIGOS) and representatives of data users from WMO operational regional centres dealing with weather forecasts or monitoring the climate conditions within the Region. In addition, Chair of the RA V Working Group on Infrastructure (WG-I) is also considered a relevant participant.

Although in-person participation is encouraged, remote participation to both workshops will be possible as well. Please also note that additional national experts involved in WIGOS related activities, such as NFPs for WIGOS and NFPs for OSCAR/Surface are also invited to attend the training workshop remotely, in principle, or in-person if replacing the NFP for WDQMS, as needed. More detailed information, such as workshop programme and logistics, will be made available on the WIGOS webpage, in due time:

<https://community.wmo.int/en/activity-areas/WIGOS>

To: Permanent Representatives of Members of Regional Association V: Australia, Fiji, Malaysia, New Zealand, Niue, Solomon Islands and Tuvalu of WMO (Limited distribution)

cc: National Focal Points for WIGOS, WDQMS and OSCAR/Surface of the above-mentioned Members

To facilitate preparations for the training workshop you are kindly requested to review the nomination of your NFP for WDQMS and to provide an update, if required or to nominate your NFP for WDQMS if not done so yet, at your earliest convenience. You may also wish to consider reviewing the nominations of your NFP for WIGOS and NFP for OSCAR/Surface and informing us accordingly. For your information, the list of current NFPs and their Terms of Reference are available from the WIGOS webpage at:

<https://community.wmo.int/en/activity-areas/WIGOS/implementation-WIGOS>

Please also note the current leadership of RA V WG-I and the membership of RA V ET-WIGOS:

Karl Monnik	Chair WG-Infrastructure	Australia
Regina Yasmin	Lead ET-WIGOS, Focal Point of RWC Indonesia	Indonesia
Leonard Bale	Co-leader ET-WIGOS, Focal Point of RWC Fiji	Fiji
Kevin Alder	ET-WIGOS Core, NFP WDQMS	New Zealand
Noor Azra Ahim	ET-WIGOS Core, NFP WDQMS	Malaysia
Jannele Inkster	ET-WIGOS Associate	Australia
Solomon Sammy	ET-WIGOS Associate, NFP WDQMS	Solomon Islands
Andre Siohane	ET-WIGOS Associate	Niue
Charlie Vulum	ET-WIGOS Associate	Papua New Guinea
Max Sitai	ET-WIGOS Associate	Solomon Islands
Rex L. Abdn, Jr	ET-WIGOS Associate	Philippines
Sean Tukutama	ET-WIGOS Associate	Niue
Tavau Vaaia	ET-WIGOS Associate	Tuvalu

I should be grateful if you could kindly confirm the participation of your experts in the training workshop at your earliest convenience, but preferably not later than **28 March 2025**, by email to the WMO Regional Office for Asia and the South-West Pacific at rap@wmo.int with a copy to wdqms@wmo.int and indicate whether your representatives' attendance will be in-person or remotely, and if any financial assistance will be required for travel and/or DSA.

Please note that providing financial assistance to some in-person participants will be considered (no more than one representative per Member from a very limited number of Members), for their travel and/or daily subsistence allowance (DSA), upon request. In case of financial assistance provided by WMO, the necessary travel arrangements will be made by the Secretariat and details will be sent directly to the participants in due course.

Regarding insurance coverage for non-staff Members, may I draw your attention to the following:

Non-staff Members of WMO who are authorized to travel at the Organization's expense and/or who are receiving a DSA from WMO must ensure they are fully responsible for expenses incurred in the event of death, illness or injury during official travel and attendance at meetings on behalf of the Organization. They are, therefore, fully responsible for arranging life, health, and accident, as well as any other forms of insurance with an adequate level of coverage for the duration of such meetings and events.

WMO liability is limited to the performance of services or attendance at a meeting on behalf of the Organization, is covered by an injury and illness benefit insurance which provides limited coverage for medical, emergency, and supplementary official travel expenses.

I wish to thank you for your support to WMO activities.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Ko Barrett', with a long, sweeping horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Ms Ko Barrett
for the Secretary-General