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Subject: Invitation to attend the joint WWRP Sub-seasonal applications for Agriculture and Environment (SAGE) Project and Working Group on Tropical Meteorology Research (WGTMR) meeting in Qingdao, China

Dear Sir/Madam,

I have a pleasure of inviting you to attend the joint WWRP Sub-seasonal applications for Agriculture and Environment (SAGE) Project and Working Group on Tropical Meteorology Research (WGTMR) meeting, which will be held at Shandong University, Qingdao, China, from 26 to 29 May 2025. Additional details regarding this event can be found in the attached Concept Note ([Annex I](#)), and the list of participants ([Annex II](#)).

If required, WMO will provide you with travel support to attend the event in the form of the most direct and economic air ticket, and Daily Subsistence Allowance (DSA) that will cover your accommodation and meals.

You are responsible for obtaining the necessary visas to enter China and any other countries that you may be transiting, if appropriate.

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.

Should you require further information or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact Dr Nico Caltabiano (avazcaltabiano@wmo.int), WWRP Scientific Officer.

Yours sincerely,

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To: Invited participants to the SAGE-WGTMR meeting

WWRP Joint Meeting of WWRP Sub-seasonal applications for Agriculture and Environment (SAGE) Project and Working Group on Tropical Meteorology Research (WGTMR)

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WMO will be organizing the joint WWRP Sub-seasonal applications for Agriculture and Environment (SAGE) Project and Working Group on Tropical Meteorology Research (WGTMR) meeting that will be held in Qingdao, China, from 26 to 29 May 2025.

The meeting will be conducted as an in-person event. However, remote access will be available for participants who are unable to attend in person.

The main objective of the meeting is to:

Discuss the progress of SAGE and plan activities for 2025-2026, according to the project plan, including those proposed by the SAGE Task Teams, as well as plan new WGTMR activities for 2025-2026. The meeting will include a workshop focused on AI/ML prediction on sub-seasonal times.

A provisional agenda, working documents, and logistic information for the meeting will be made available to participants ahead of the meeting through the SAGE and WGTMR SharePoint folders.

The list of participants can be found in [Annex II](#).

Should you need any assistance with visa requirements, please contact Dr Nico Caltabiano (avazcaltabiano@wmo.int), WWRP Scientific Officer.

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List of participants

Name	Organization	Country	Role
Prof. Steve WOOLNOUGH	University of Reading	United Kingdom	SAGE Co-chair
Dr Victor MARCHEZINI	CEMADEN	Brazil	SAGE Co-chair
Dr Emma HUDSON-DOYLE	Massey University	New Zealand	SAGE member
Dr Rachel LOWE	Barcelona Supercomputing Center	Spain	SAGE member
Dr Marisol OSMAN	University of Buenos Aires	Argentina	SAGE member
Dr Roger Christopher STONE	University of Southern Queensland	Australia	SAGE member
Dr Cristiana STAN	George Mason University	USA	SAGE member
Dr Arun KUMAR	NOAA	USA	SAGE member
Dr Ziqiang HAN	Shandong University	China	SAGE member
Dr Parthasarathi MUKHOPADHYAY	IITM	India	SAGE and WGTMR member
Dr Dewald van NIEKERK	North-West University	South Africa	SAGE member
Dr Yuhei TAKAYA	MRI-JMA	Japan	SAGE member
Dr Masilin GUDOSHAHA	IGAD	Kenya	SAGE member
Dr Zhuo WANG	University of Illinois	USA	WGTMR Co-Chair
Dr Hui YU	Shanghai Typhoon Institute	China	WGTMR Co-Chair
Dr Jason Paul DUNION	NOAA	USA	WGTMR member
Dr Michelle Simões REBOITA	Universidade Federal de Itajubá	Brazil	WGTMR member
Dr Juliane SCHWENDIKE	University of Leeds	United Kingdom	WGTMR member
Dr Marie-Dominique LEROUX	Météo-France	France	WGTMR member
Mr Andre KAMGA FOAMOUHOUE	ACMAD	Niger	WGTMR member

Dr Hatsuki FUJINAMI	Nagoya University	Japan	WGTMR member
Dr Kunio YONEYAMA	JAMSTEC	Japan	SSC liaison
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