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Annex: 1 (available in English only)

Subject: Invitation to the in-person Write-Shop to finalize the White Paper for Cryosphere related services, Geneva, WMO HQs, 07 - 08 April 2025

Action required: To procure necessary travel clearances (Visa, permissions) to be able to attend the in-person meeting

Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to invite you to a two day in-person technical session at WMO headquarters in Geneva on 7th and 8th April 2025 to finalize the White Paper on Cryosphere related services.

The objectives of this White Paper are to:

1. Review the current status of cryosphere-related services to address the needs to respond to accelerating impacts of climate change-driven changes in the cryosphere in polar and high mountain environments;
2. Identify the current and emerging/future user requirements for cryosphere-related services, and do a gap analysis (current status vs. future user needs); and
3. Formulate recommendations for strengthening cryosphere-related services for WMO Members and other stakeholders; support priority setting of activities related to S.O 1.5.

We encourage self-funded trips, however, in case that is not possible, WMO will support travel of **ONE participant per working group** with **return flight tickets and daily subsistence allowance (DSA)** according to standard WMO rules.

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.

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I would appreciate if you could kindly notify Dr Sulagna Mishra (smishra@wmo.int), if you face any difficulties in receiving the Visa or if there are any changes in your travel plans.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Uhlenbrook', written in a cursive style.

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