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Subject: Invitation to the 18th meeting of the RA I Dissemination Expert Group (RAIDEG), Geneva, Switzerland, 10-11 September 2025

Action required: To notify the WMO Secretariat whether you will be able to attend the meeting, at your earliest convenience, but not later than **15 May 2025**

Dear Sir/Madam,

The World Meteorological Organization (WMO) would first of all like to thank you for your availability to serve on the RA I Dissemination Expert Group (RAIDEG).

I am pleased to inform you that the eighteenth meeting of RAIDEG will take place at the WMO Headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland, on 10 and 11 September 2025. This meeting is organized by WMO in cooperation with the European Organization for the Exploitation of Meteorological Satellites (EUMETSAT).

Additional details regarding the events can be found in the attached Concept Note ([Annex I](#)).

I have the pleasure in inviting you to participate in the meeting and would be grateful if you could attend.

It is hoped that the cost of your participation will be borne by your organization. If, however, it is not possible, WMO is prepared to consider, upon request and within available resources, providing financial support which may consist of travel cost (most economic air fare according to the most direct route) and/or per diem.

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,

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cc: Permanent Representatives of Democratic Republic of Congo, Ghana, Kenya, Madagascar, Morocco, Niger, Senegal, South Africa, Tanzania of WMO (limited distribution)

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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.

For administrative purposes, I would appreciate it if you could kindly notify the WMO Secretariat (Mr Heikki Pohjola, hpohjola@wmo.int) at your earliest convenience, but not later than **15 May 2025** of:

- (1) Your participation in the meeting;
- (2) If WMO assistance in relation to funding is sought.

Yours faithfully,



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Concept Note

The 18th meeting of the RA I Dissemination Expert Group (RAIDEG)

WMO Headquarters, Geneva, Switzerland

10-11 September 2025

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WMO will be organizing the 18th meeting of the RA I Dissemination Expert Group (RAIDEG), at WMO HQ in Geneva, Switzerland, on 10-11 September 2025.

The meeting will be conducted face-to-face; however, remote access will be made available in case any participant is not able to attend in person.

Following recommendations from the EUMETSAT User Forum in Africa and the WMO Regional Association I (Africa), the RA I Dissemination Expert Group (RAIDEG) was established by WMO in cooperation with EUMETSAT, as part of the strategy to improve satellite data accessibility and user awareness in developing countries.

The main objectives of the upcoming RAIDEG meeting are to discuss on the first Meteosat Third Generation (MTG) data dissemination, products and user experience in Regional Association I (Africa).

A provisional agenda of the RAIDEG meeting will be posted on the following web-page: [18th Meeting of the RA I Dissemination Expert Group \(RAIDEG-18\) | World Meteorological Organization](#).

The list of the invited participants is attached to this letter.

Should you need any assistance with visa requirements please contact Ms Zoya Andreeva, zandreeva@wmo.int.

List of invited participants

**The 18th meeting of the RA I Dissemination Expert Group (RAIDEG)
WMO Headquarters, Geneva, Switzerland**

10-11 September 2025

RAIDEG Members

Members	Country	Responsible for
Maixent Kambi	Democratic Republic of Congo	Central Africa
Georges Gulemvuga	Democratic Republic of Congo	CICOS
Kwame Adu Agyekum	Ghana	JCOMM
Sarah Kimani (Chair)	Kenya	IMTR (WMO-CGMS VLab CoE)
Rivo Randrianarison	Madagascar	Indian Ocean region
Tareq Soubai	Morocco	Northern Africa, DGM (WMO-CGMS VLab CoE)
Ali Abani (Vice Chair)	Niger	ACMAD
Diakaria Kone	Niger	EAMAC/ASECNA (WMO-CGMS VLab CoE)
Abdoulaye Diouf	Senegal	Western Africa
Jannie Stander	South Africa	SAWS (WMO-CGMS VLab CoE)
Nico Kroese	South Africa	Southern Africa
Shamim Mushi	Tanzania	East Africa