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30 April 2025

Subject: Invitation to the 16th session of the Consultative Meeting on High-level Policy on Satellite Matters (3-4 March 2026, WMO HQ)

Action required: To confirm your participation at your earliest convenience but preferably no later than **15 November 2025**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to inform you that the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) will be hosting the sixteenth session of the Consultative Meeting on High-level Policy on Satellite Matters (CM-16) in Geneva, Switzerland, on 3 and 4 March 2026. The meeting will be mainly conducted as a face-to-face event; however, remote access will be made available if participants are not able to attend in person.

The primary objective of the meeting is to foster a high-level dialogue between WMO and space agencies leadership, focusing on WMO's strategic plans, long-term objectives, and the role that space agencies will be playing in their successful implementation. The purpose of this dialogue is to address the following key topics:

- Vision of the space-based observing system
- Data policy considerations for satellite data, including core data definition
- Socio-economic benefits of satellite programmes
- Dialogue with private sector
- Satellite support to WMO major strategic priorities:
  - Early Warnings for All
  - Global Greenhouse Gas Watch
  - Use of AI/ML technologies
  - Earth System Monitoring and Prediction

I would be grateful if you could kindly confirm your attendance or nominate your representative to participate in the meeting at your earliest convenience, but preferably no later than **15 November 2025** by notifying the WMO Secretariat (Ms Natalia Donoho, [ndonoho@wmo.int](mailto:ndonoho@wmo.int)).

To: CGMS Members listed in the Annex

More information will be posted in due course on the dedicated webpage: [16th Session of Consultative Meetings on High-Level Policy on Satellite Matters \(CM-16\) | World Meteorological Organization](#).

I wish to thank you for your continued support in promoting the activities of WMO.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ko Barrett', with a stylized flourish extending from the end.

Ms Ko Barrett  
for the Secretary-General

CGMS Members			
Last name	First name	Position	Organisation (A-Z)
SHAN	Zhongde	Administrator	CNSA
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Cc CAO	Xiaozhong	Deputy Administrator	
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