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Subject: 1st meeting of the Task Team on Fire Weather Services (TT-FIR) at the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) Global Fire Hub Management Plenary, FAO Headquarters in Rome, Italy, 11-13 June 2025

Action required: (1) Confirmation of your participation in the event  
(2) Indication of the need for WMO assistance to fund participation

Dear Sir/Madam,

As a follow-up to our Fourth online meeting of TT-FIR, we are pleased to invite you to participate in a collaborative intervention bringing together the Global Fire Management Hub of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the Task Team on Fire Weather Services (TT-FIR) of the WMO. This event will take place in person, from 11 to 13 June 2025 at the FAO Headquarters in Rome, Italy.

As wildfires become more frequent and severe due to climate and land-use changes, the need for integrated, cross-sectoral action is greater than ever. The Global Fire Management Hub provides a platform for international cooperation in advancing Integrated Fire Management (IFM), while the TT-FIR is leading efforts to strengthen global fire weather early warning and advisory services. This joint intervention reflects a shared commitment to building resilience through informed, science-based, and inclusive strategies. The main objective of this meeting is to host a plenary session at the FAO Global Fire Hub Plenary on fire warnings systems and to advance the work of the TT-FIR to develop a comprehensive, multidisciplinary approach to fire weather services. Please see the concept note [here](#). The list of experts of the TT-FIR can be found in the [Annex](#).

Upon request, WMO will provide financial support (air ticket and/or per diem) towards your participation in the meeting.

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.*

To: Experts of the Task Team on Fire Weather (TT-FIR)

cc: Permanent representatives of Members with WMO (Limited Distribution)

Your participation and expertise will be invaluable to shaping the TT-FIR strategy and fostering synergy between meteorological and fire management communities. I would be grateful if you could send your confirmation and any queries to Adanna Robertson-Quimby via email (arobertson@wmo.int), as soon as possible, but not later than 15 May 2025.

I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued cooperation and support to the WMO activities.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J. Stander', with a stylized, looping flourish at the end.

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