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Annex: 1

Subject: Confirmation of Focal Points for Regional Telecommunication Hubs (RTHs)

Action required: To nominate or update Focal Points for RTHs at your earliest convenience, but **no later than 30 July 2025**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to express our sincere appreciation for your valuable contribution to WMO activities, particularly through your longstanding role as a Regional Telecommunication Hub (RTH), a vital component in ensuring real-time data exchange among Members for over 50 years.

As you are aware, the WMO Information System 2.0 (WIS 2.0) officially entered its operational phase on 1 January 2025. This marks the beginning of a critical transition period (2025–2030) that will gradually replace the Global Telecommunication System (GTS).

As longstanding pillars of the global data exchange infrastructure, RTHs are expected to play a crucial role during the WIS 2.0 transition period. Their responsibilities include ensuring the reliable and efficient transmission of observational data and processed products, maintaining strong and resilient connectivity between WIS Centres, and swiftly identifying and addressing any issues that may arise in the flow of information.

Considering this important role, we kindly request that you verify your RTH focal point status [on the WMO Community Platform](#). If necessary, please update the information or nominate a new focal point. This designated contact will serve as the key liaison for coordinating technical and operational matters during the transition to WIS 2.0.

I kindly ask that you share the contact details, including the name and email address of the designated focal point with the WMO Secretariat at your earliest convenience, and **no later than 30 July 2025**, by email to wis@wmo.int.

I wish to take this opportunity to express my appreciation for your continued support of the WMO Information System activities.

Yours faithfully,

Ms Ko Barrett
for the Secretary-General

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cc: Hydrological Advisers

The detailed information on the RTH principal Global Information System Centre (GISC), RTH backup GISC and RTH area of responsibility can be found in [Attachment I.3.1](#) of the Manual on the Global Telecommunication System (WMO-No. 386).

LIST OF REGIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION HUBS (RTHs)

No.	RTH Region	RTH reference number	RTH city (country) (* = RTH/MTN) <i>Note: RTH – Regional Telecommunication Hub MTN – main telecommunication network</i>
1	I	11	Cairo* (Egypt)
2	1	12	Nairobi* (Kenya)
3	1	13	Lusaka (Zambia)
4	1	14	Pretoria (South Africa)
5	1	15	Dakar* (Senegal)
6	1	16	Algiers* (Algeria)
7	1	17	Brazzaville (Congo)
8	1	18	Niamey (Niger)
9	2	21	Tehran (Islamic Republic of Iran)
10	2	22	Tashkent (Uzbekistan)
11	2	23	Novosibirsk (Russian Federation)
12	2	24	Khabarovsk (Russian Federation)
13	2	25	Tokyo* (Japan)
14	2	26	Bangkok (Thailand)
15	2	27	New Delhi* (India)
16	2	28	Beijing* (China)
17	2	29	Jeddah* (Saudi Arabia)
18	3	31	Brasilia* (Brazil)
19	3	32	Buenos Aires* (Argentina)
20	3	33	Maracay (Bolivarian republic of Venezuela)
21	4	41	Washington* (United States of America)
22	5	51	Melbourne* (Australia)
23	5	52	Wellington (New Zealand)
24	6	61	Exeter* (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)
25	6	62	Norrköping (Sweden)
26	6	63	Toulouse* (France)
27	6	64	Offenbach* (Germany)
28	6	65	Moscow* (Russian Federation)
29	6	66	Rome (Italy)
30	6	67	Prague* (Czechia)
31	6	68	Vienna (Austria)
32	6	69	Sofia* (Bulgaria)