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Annexes: 2 (available in English only)

Subject: Invitation to the ninth Meeting of the Expert Team on Operational Weather Forecasting System (ET-OWFS), Exeter, UK, 28–30 October 2025

Action required: To confirm your participation, with or without funding at your earliest convenience, preferably by **20 June 2025**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to inform you that the ninth Meeting of the Expert Team on Operational Weather Forecasting System (ET-OWFS), will be held in Exeter, UK, from 28 to 30 October 2025.

The seventy-eighth session of the Executive Council (EC-78) adopted the resolutions to evolve WIPPS to meet growing user requirements, support the Early Warnings for All (EW4All) initiative, and follow up on the WMO Unified Data Policy. The ET-OWFS has played a crucial role in identifying and standardizing core data, particularly for products ranging from nowcasting to medium-range forecasting. As a result, the core data defined under the WMO Unified Data Policy has been substantially updated, with enhanced spatial and temporal resolution and the addition of new variables.

To advance the objectives of the EW4All initiative and support the implementation of the WMO Unified Data Policy, the expert team will consider the following priority actions: provision of impact-related indexes; evolution of WIPPS activities for numerical weather prediction (NWP) to integrate artificial intelligence (AI); and development of requirements for graphical WIPPS products and actions to enhance access to these products.

Under the chairmanship of Mr Ken Mylne (UKMO), the expert team has been re-established towards deliverables to the fourth session of the Commission for Observation, Infrastructure, and Information Systems (INFCOM-4) under the Standing Committee on the WMO Integrated Processing and Prediction System (SC-WIPPS) and plans to have a physical meeting focusing on key deliverables under the Action plan for the EW4All initiative, to provide seamless and impact-based forecasts.

It is highly recommended that the participation cost will be borne by your organization. If, however, it is not possible, WMO is prepared to consider, upon request, providing financial support which may consist of travel cost (most economic air fare according to the most direct route) and/or per diem. For administrative purposes, I should be grateful if you could kindly confirm your participation at the earliest convenience, but preferably no later than **20 June 2025**, and indicate whether any financial and/or travel assistance will be required. If financial and/or travel assistance is required, the expert shall complete, sign, and return the Request for Financial Assistance (RFA) form to the Secretariat at

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[mrequests@wmo.int](mailto:mrequests@wmo.int). If WMO meets the travel costs, the travel arrangements will be made by the Secretariat, and details will be sent to the representative in due course.

In addition, you are kindly requested to inquire about an entry visa to UK and check with the concerned travel agent if a transit visa is required. If necessary, WMO can provide a formal invitation letter in support of a visa application; for this purpose, the Request for Travel Visa Support form needs to be completed and sent to the Secretariat at [registration@wmo.int](mailto:registration@wmo.int).

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.*

The WMO Secretariat is available to assist you with any questions and technical support. Please do not hesitate to contact the Secretariat at [WIPPS@wmo.int](mailto:WIPPS@wmo.int).

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

Yours faithfully,



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