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Subject: Nomination of a focal point for your designated Global Data-processing and Forecasting System Centre(s)

Action required: To inform the WMO Secretariat no later than **6 January 2020**

Dear Sir/Madam,

The Global Data-processing and Forecasting System (GDPFS) is a worldwide network of centres, operated by WMO Members, making defined products and services - for applications related to weather, climate, water and the environment - available among WMO Members. GDPFS is a three-tier system: The designated World Meteorological Centres (WMCs), Regional Specialized Meteorological Centres (RSMCs) including Regional Climate Centres (RCCs) and the National Meteorological Centres. As of today, there are 158 designated centres composed of WMCs and RSMCs (incl. RCCs) operated by 41 Members.

As you may recall, the WMO Executive Council at its seventieth session, through its [Decision 40 \(EC-70\)](#), contained in the *Abridged Final Report of the Seventieth Session*, (WMO-No. 1218), endorsed the recommendation of the Commission for Basic Systems (CBS) Management Group regarding the organization of WMC workshops involving operations and research to ensure collaboration among the centres. The first WMC workshop was held in Beijing, China, from 26 to 29 March 2019. The workshop's recommendations were approved at the eighteenth session of the World Meteorological Congress through its [Resolution 58 \(Cg-18\)](#), contained in the *Abridged Final Report of the Eighteenth Session*, (WMO-No. 1236), in particular, to ensure that adequate coordination mechanisms exist between WMCs/RSMCs to support Members. To facilitate this process, it is necessary for each Member to identify a focal point, bearing in mind that a Member may have more than one designated centre. In addition, it would be appreciated if you could also provide the web addresses (URL) of your designated GDPFS Centre(s) along with your permission to post them on the WMO website.

In this regard, I should be grateful if you could nominate a focal point for your WMCs and/or RSMCs including RCCs on or before **6 January 2020**.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation for your continued support in promoting the WMO Programmes and activities.

Yours faithfully,

(W. Zhang)  
for the Secretary-General

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