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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to you in my capacity as the First Vice President of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) and the Executive Council focal point for the **Scientific Advisory Panel (SAP)**. I wish to express my sincere thanks to you for your willingness to serve WMO as a member of SAP. I am very pleased that the World Meteorological Congress decided to establish this new body to provide independent scientific advice to the Organization.


The last World Meteorological Congress in June 2019 approved a new WMO **Strategic Plan**. As for strategic priorities, our organization aims to enhance preparedness and reduce loss of life from hydrometeorological extremes, enhance adaptive capacity and resilience to climate risk and enhance socio-economic value of weather, climate, hydrological and related environmental services. We specifically aim at enhancing service delivery capacity and ensuring availability of essential information and services in developing countries.

The Congress adopted a major **governance reform** of the Organization and established the new constituent bodies: the Technical Commission for Observation, Infrastructure and Information Systems, the Technical Commission for Services and the Research Board. These bodies are designed around the value cycle to further the development of Earth system observations and predictions and to foster multi-disciplinary science for services approach to provide scientific advances serving society. We are currently in period of transition from the old to the new structure and are preparing for the first inaugural joint session of these three bodies at the beginning of April 2020. We anticipate that this session would also identify topics for which SAP advice could be sought.

In order to begin the work of the SAP I would like to invite you to participate in a teleconference to introduce you to relevant aspects of WMO's work and to start preparing for a first session in spring 2020. The Secretariat will contact you shortly to identify suitable dates for the teleconference and for the spring session.

I am looking forward to working with you in the coming years.

Yours faithfully,



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First Vice-President of WMO

To: Members of the WMO Scientific Advisory Panel