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Subject: Responding to Challenges Beyond the New Normal: A WMO Global Campus Collaborative Webinar Event from 20 to 22 January 2021

Dear Sir/Madam,

We would like to invite you to participate in a three day extended webinar, on matters of significant interest for the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) Regional Training Centres (RTCs) and Education and Training Partners (ETR Partners), "*Responding to Challenges Beyond the New Normal: A WMO Global Campus Event*", will take place from 20 to 22 January 2021, for three hours each day, beginning at 13:00 UTC.

The "new normal" is the situation we find ourselves in during this period of limited or no face-to-face interaction. We must find new ways to address learning needs that have been identified as WMO Member national meteorological and hydrological services (NMHSs) are faced with a rapidly changing world of new societal demands and technological innovations. These changes are placing new demands on the RTCs and ETR partners. We are challenged with creating new ways to connect with ever more students to ensure they receive adequate interaction and feedback to their questions and work assignments. We are challenged to use new technologies for discussion and exchange that establish our presence as teachers, coaches, and facilitators. We are challenged also with helping students adapt to these new learning environments, and to ensure they feel connected and supported. Learning assessment needs may require us to adopt new methods of measuring knowledge and skills. Evaluation of our teaching becomes even more critical to ensure we are succeeding in helping learners reach the intended learning outcomes and receive the guidance they need.

However, none of these challenges is new. They are only intensified by the current situation brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic. For this reason, we need to respond to not just the challenges of the "new normal", but to improving education and training delivery into the future.

As we did at the 13th WMO Symposium on Education and Training (SYMET-13), and as we have done in other events such as Global Campus meetings in Cairo and Lima, this three-day workshop is intended to help us move forward together, in the spirit of cooperation and sharing that is the cornerstone of the WMO Global Campus. We will have several priorities to address in these sessions.

1. To address our most pressing challenge, we will discuss at some length the progress we are making to develop capacity for increased, and higher quality, distance learning delivery.
2. To ensure our curricula meet current needs, we will be discussing how to better coordinate training activities to the WMO Strategic Plan, as well as Competency and Qualification standards and other WMO Guidance.
3. Finally, we will examine the actions that have already been identified as important, as well as new education and training challenges that you raise.

To: Directors/Representatives of WMO RTCs
ETR Partners

These will begin to further develop the agenda for the coming months and years, including the agenda for the 14th WMO Symposium on Education and Training (SYMET-14) in 2021.

To achieve this, we will be working in our Education and Training Programme (ETRP) Moodle virtual learning management environment at etrp.wmo.int, and using the opportunity of the three-day webinar to share and invite discussion. Concrete recommendations for interventions and follow-up are expected to result from the meeting. Recommendations will be invited for consideration each day of the event and compiled incrementally for the final day discussion, which is likely to be conducted in small groups. An event report will aid in prioritizing actions (see Annex I for the Webinar Schedule and Provisional Agenda, and Annex II for the Registration).

We should be grateful if you could register yourself and, for those making presentations, share them **no later than 9 January 2021**. Those who share their presentation late may not be able to be accommodated in the agenda but can still share within the event Moodle site.

The WMO Secretariat strongly encourages you and your key staff members to attend this important event. As always, we appreciate your ongoing contributions to WMO Members.

We look forward to your participation.

Yours faithfully,



Dr Wenjian Zhang
for the Secretary-General

Webinar Schedule and Provisional Agenda

Responding to Challenges Beyond the New Normal: A WMO Global Campus Event will take place from 20 to 22 January 2021, and last approximately 3 hours each day, beginning at 13:00 UTC.

The agenda will have several components, spread across the three half-day webinars. For the Day 2 sessions, you are invited to share about measures you have taken in your institution to increase your distance learning delivery. We are particularly interested in learning about the distance learning modes you have used, and the responses you have received so far from faculty and students. Due to the number of participants, the time for each speaker will be limited to 5-8 minutes, depending on the number requesting to present. Because of the time constraints, we ask you to prepare a 1-2-page paper, a poster, or a slide set to share further about your experiences. These will be hosted on the event Moodle site for reference and reviewed by all participants and used in the preparation of the proceedings that will be produced following the event.

Day 1

Opening remarks: WMO Reform and the important place of capacity development. Remarks will include:

- Welcome by the Event Chair
- Remarks by WMO Secretary-General or his representative
- Comments by Chair of WMO Executive Council (EC) Capacity Development Panel (CDP)
- Brief overview by Director of Education and Training Office
- Report by Chair of CDP Expert Team on Human Resources Development, Education and Training
- Overview of the WMO Strategic Plan by Assistant Secretary-General

Session 1: A summary of the WMO Strategic Plan and its objectives that directly relate to the work of RTCs, as well as new reporting requirements on the alignment of programmes and courses to the objectives. How we document connections to the WMO competencies frameworks and basic instructional packages will also be shared and discussed (WMO Secretariat).

Short Break

Session 2: A brief presentation and discussion on the opportunities presented by distance learning, types of distance learning approaches available, tools for enhancing the distance learning experience, challenges to implementing distance learning, and guidelines for transforming existing training to distance learning modes or developing a DL strategy from the ground up (ETR Office).

Session 3: Based on previously proposed actions, as well as new challenges that you share in advance of the event, we will elaborate the topics for actions requiring more detailed discussions to be held on Day 3 (ETR Office and Event facilitators).

Day 2

Session 1: Sharing of short reports from RTCs and ETR Partners in all regions on their responses to the transition to distance learning, demonstrating concerted methods for coping with quarantine measures, and benefits achieved in the process (Registered Presenters).

Short Break

Session 2: Continued sharing of short reports from RTCs and ETR Partners (Registered Presenters).

Day 3

Session 1: The Webinar will close with small group discussions on the actions identified on Day 1 and 2, some of which will lead to the agenda of SYMET 14, and others which can move forward even more quickly, under the initiative of the WMO Global Campus and at the recommendation of the new Executive Council Capacity Development Panel. Action Plans similar to those used in the Global Campus event hosted in Cairo, 2019, will guide the discussion and reporting. Those requiring simultaneous interpretation can remain in Plenary. Single-language groups are also possible (All Participants).

Short Break

Session 2: Update on the actions of the EC Capacity Development Panel Expert Team on Human Resources Development, Education and Training (CDP-ET-HRDET).

Session 3: In Plenary, we will share the outcomes of the small group discussions and have opportunities for questions and clarification before closing the meeting (Plenary).

Meeting results will be compiled and share for potential follow-up meetings of smaller teams, as well as through SYMET-14.

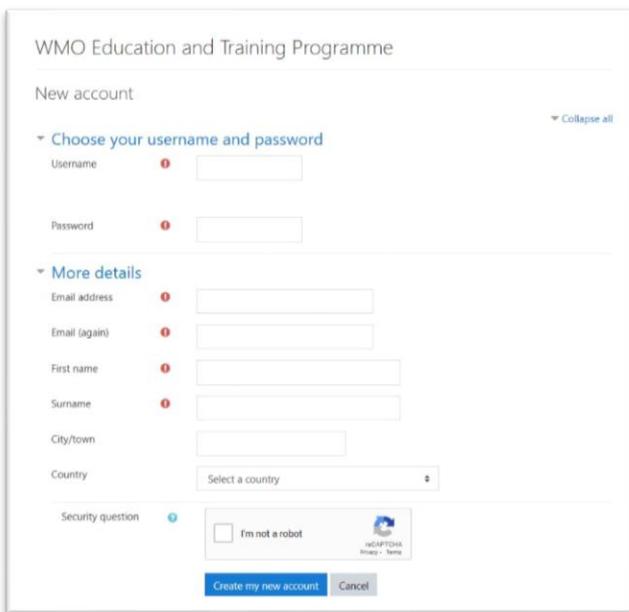
Registration

The event will be managed through the WMO Education and Training Programme (ETRP) Moodle platform. In order to participate in the event, you are requested to be registered in the <https://etrp.wmo.int>, self-enrol yourself in the event Moodle site, submitted the "Event Registration Form", and if you are planning to present in the webinar, submit your presentation in the event Moodle site. All necessary information including links and requirements for the webinar will be announced through the announcement forum in the event Moodle site.

IMPORTANT: If you already have a user account in the <https://etrp.wmo.int>, please do not create another user account, just log in to the platform, skip the Step-A, and continue with Step-B. If you do not remember your login, you can easily reset your account by following the "[Lost password?](#)" link.

Step-A: Create an account on the ETRP Moodle Platform

1)- If you do not have a user account in the <https://etrp.wmo.int> Moodle platform, you need to create one by following the "[Create new account](#)" link at the login page. The Moodle site will allow you to your own account through an email-based self-registration process (<https://etrp.wmo.int/login/signup.php>).

The image shows a screenshot of the 'New account' registration page on the WMO Education and Training Programme Moodle site. The page title is 'WMO Education and Training Programme'. Under the heading 'New account', there is a 'Collapse all' link. The form is divided into two sections: 'Choose your username and password' and 'More details'. The 'Choose your username and password' section includes fields for 'Username' and 'Password'. The 'More details' section includes fields for 'Email address', 'Email (again)', 'First name', 'Surname', 'City/town', and 'Country' (a dropdown menu). At the bottom, there is a 'Security question' section with a checkbox for 'I'm not a robot' and a reCAPTCHA logo. At the very bottom, there are two buttons: 'Create my new account' and 'Cancel'.

Username: Although it is not required, we recommend you use **your email address** as the username by using the lowercase letters and symbols.

Password: Create a password to access the ETRP Moodle platform.

Email: Use a private email address and repeat it for confirmation.

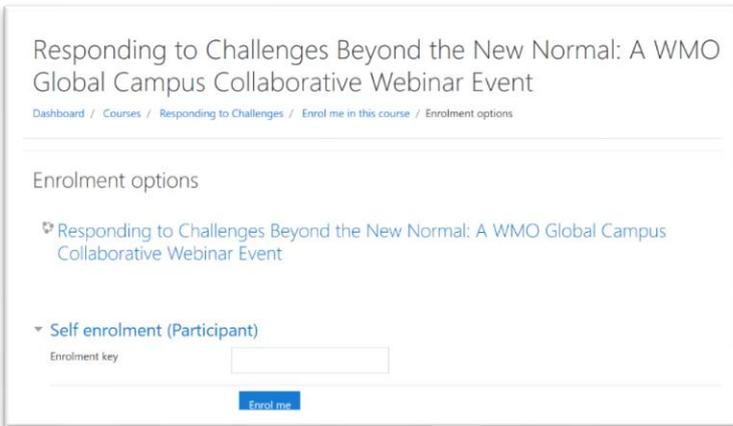
Security question: You need to check the box "I am not a robot" before clicking the "**Create my new account button**".

2)- Once you clicked the "Create my new account" button an automatic email will be sent by the system to the email address you provided. You just need to go to your inbox, open the email, and click the given link to confirm your new account. NOTE: If you do not see the confirmation email in your inbox, please check your spam folder, as some firewalls may consider this confirmation email as spam.

Congratulations! You are now a registered user in the ETRP Moodle Platform!

Step-B: Self-enrolment in the Webinar Event Moodle Page

- 1)- If you were not logged in to the **ETRP Moodle platform**, you will be asked to do so.
- 2)- Once you are logged in, all you need is to go to the **Webinar Event Moodle Page** by clicking the link or copy and paste the following link in your browser (**<https://etrp.wmo.int/course/view.php?id=201>**).
- 3)- You will then be asked to provide a one-time enrolment key. Enter the **ETR-2021-Event-Webinar** and click **"Enrol me"** button.



Enrolment key:

ETR-2021-Event-Webinar

- 4)- From this point all you need to remember to access to the **Webinar Event Moodle Page** is your login to the WMO Education and Training Programme (ETRP) Moodle at **etrp.wmo.int**. You will find a short cut to the event page in your personal **DASHBOARD**.

Congratulations! You are now enrolled in the Webinar Event Moodle Page!

Step-C: Submitting your "Event Registration Form"

- 1)- Now, you now have a user account and enrolled in the event page. From now on, you will receive important announcements from the WMO ETR Office Secretariat in your email that you registered.
- 2)- In order to complete the registration process, the last thing all you need to do is to submit the **"Event Registration Form"**.

