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Annex: 1 (available in English only)

Subject: Financial support for the purpose of attending the second sessions of the Commission for Weather, Climate, Water and Related Environmental Services and Applications (SERCOM-2) to be held in Geneva from 17 to 21 October 2022 and of the Commission for Observation, Infrastructure and Information Systems (INFCOM-2) from 24 to 28 October 2022

Action required: To notify if your principal delegate needs financial support for the purpose of attending SERCOM-2 and/or INFCOM-2

Dear Sir/Madam,

We wish to refer to the letter dated 12 July 2022 (ref.: 14920/2022/S/CS/SERCOM-2/INFCOM-2), attached for ease of reference, notifying the date of the second sessions of the Commission for Weather, Climate, Water and Related Environmental Services and Applications (SERCOM 2) and of the Commission for Observation, Infrastructure and Information Systems (INFCOM-2).

It is hoped that the cost of your delegation's participation in sessions will be borne by your country. If, however, it is not possible, we would like to draw your attention that, according to [Resolution 27 \(EC-73\)](#) – Rules governing the payment of travel expenses and subsistence allowances in respect of non-staff members of WMO, principal delegates from developing countries¹ are entitled to reimbursement of the costs of transportation or to a payment of subsistence allowances for the period of attendance at the sessions. Furthermore, principal delegates from least developed countries² are entitled for both travel expenses and subsistence allowance to enable their full participation in sessions of technical commissions.

WMO will therefore consider providing, upon request and within available budget, financial support for the designated principal delegates. For administrative purposes we should be grateful if you could kindly let us know if your principal delegate needs such assistance at your earliest convenience, but not later than **10 September 2022**, and indicate session(s), i.e. either SERCOM-2 or INFCOM-2, or both, for which principal delegate the assistance is required.

¹ World Bank list of low-income economies is available at:
<https://datahelpdesk.worldbank.org/knowledgebase/articles/906519-world-bank-country-and-lending-groups>

² The latest UN established List of Least Developed Countries is available at:
https://www.un.org/development/desa/dpad/wp-content/uploads/sites/45/publication/ldc_list.pdf

To: Permanent Representatives of Members with WMO who are members of the technical commissions

If WMO meets the travel costs, the travel arrangements will be made by the Secretariat and details will be sent to your designated principal delegate in due course.

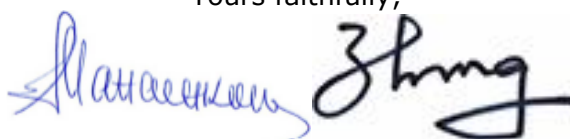
Regarding insurance, we wish to inform you of WMO's insurance coverage for non-staff members, which, according to the [Resolution 27 \(EC-73\)](#), is as follows:

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, 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 a limited coverage for medical, emergency and supplementary official travel expenses.

Travellers should also note that WMO Regulations and Rules do not cover additional costs arising from the prolongation of stay of experts or other costs arising from travel restrictions imposed by national authorities. As with related health insurance provisions it is incumbent on the traveller to ensure that they retain the necessary travel insurance protection to cover unexpected occurrences such as border closures or other travel restrictions.

Yours faithfully,



Dr Elena Manaenkova and Dr Wenjian Zhang
for the Secretary-General

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12 July 2022

Subject: Notification of the date of the second sessions of the Commission for Weather, Climate, Water and Related Environmental Services and Applications (SERCOM-2) and of the Commission for Observation, Infrastructure and Information Systems (INFCOM-2)

- Action required:
- (1) To nominate delegates to participate in the sessions and arrange for their credentials
 - (2) To pre-register delegates to the online Event Registration System (ERS)

Dear Sir/Madam,

I have the honour to inform you that the second session of the Commission for Weather, Climate, Water and Related Environmental Services and Applications (SERCOM-2) will be held in Geneva, Switzerland, from 17 to 21 October 2022, followed by the second session of the Commission for Observation, Infrastructure and Information Systems (INFCOM-2) from 24 to 28 October 2022. In the weekend between the two sessions, a conference on the theme “The Weather, Climate and Water Emergency — Early Warning Systems for All” will be an opportunity to examine the Early Warning System value cycle and its component parts in more detail with a view to developing ideas on how to collectively address these to respond to the challenging commitment, made by the Secretary-General of the United Nations earlier this year, that every person on Earth will be protected by early warning systems (EWS) within five years. The participation of all actors in the global weather enterprise is encouraged, including the ‘Big Tech’ companies.

Both sessions of the Technical Commissions and the Technical Conference will be held as physical meetings with the possibility of online participation. In this regard, I would like to encourage you to include in your delegation(s) experts from relevant fields of expertise that are of particular importance for your country/territory and to pay specific attention to the necessary expertise in the weather, climate and hydrology domains. In addition, WMO General Regulation 20 ([Basic documents No. 1](#) (WMO-No. 15)) requests Members to provide credentials for their delegations for the sessions with a clear indication of the principal delegate and his/her alternate, noting that for technical commission sessions, the Secretary-General may accept the credentials of persons who are part of the Member’s delegation provided that those credentials have been signed by the Member’s Permanent Representative with WMO (in consultation with the Member’s Hydrological Adviser in the case of hydrological experts). In this connection, I should welcome in due course the credentials of your delegations, signed by, or on behalf of, an appropriate governmental authority of the Member, specifying whether they are valid for SERCOM-2, INFCOM-2, or both sessions.

I would like to draw your attention to the fact that, following [Resolution 27 \(EC-73\)](#) — Rules governing the payment of travel expenses and subsistence allowances in respect of non-staff members of WMO, a limited amount of funds is available for principal delegates

To: Ministers of Foreign Affairs of Members of the World Meteorological Organization

cc: Permanent Missions to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva
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from low income countries, members of the commissions, for the reimbursement, upon request, of costs of transportation and/or for the payment of a subsistence allowance for the purpose of attending sessions of the technical commissions.

The provisional annotated agendas for both sessions will be accessible on the respective session website: <https://meetings.wmo.int/sercom-2> for SERCOM-2 and <https://meetings.wmo.int/infcom-2> for INFCOM-2.

In view of their official status with WMO, Permanent Representatives are kindly invited to act as focal points for the online registration of their delegations to the INFCOM-2 and SERCOM-2 sessions. The [link](#) to the online Event Registration System (ERS), the username and password that were sent to Permanent Representatives by e-mail, remain valid for all upcoming WMO meetings.

Please note that online registration will close on 14 October 2022. For further information concerning online pre-registration, please do not hesitate to contact the WMO Secretariat by e-mail at: registration@wmo.int.

Please also note that the submission of information through the online event registration system does not exempt Members from the need to provide valid credentials for the participating delegation.

In view of the limited time available during the online session to discuss documents, Permanent Representatives and session delegates are invited to provide their comments and proposed changes to the documents in advance of the Session via plenary@wmo.int, preferably one week before the Session.

Accept, Sir/Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.



Prof. Petteri Taalas
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