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Annex: 1

Subject: Participation of your expert in the second meeting of the Expert Team on MetOcean Requirements (ET-MOR-2), Melbourne, Australia, 3–5 February 2026

Action required: WMO Secretariat to be notified at your earliest convenience, **but not later than 14 November 2025** of the attendance of your expert in the meeting and whether financial assistance is requested

Dear Sir/Madam,

I have pleasure in informing you that the second meeting of the Expert Team on MetOcean Requirements (ET-MOR-2) will be held in Melbourne, Australia, from 3 to 5 February 2026.

The ET-MOR-2 will, among other topics, focus on:

- Strategic, operational and governance matters associated with ET-MOR, links with its parent body SC-MMO, and links with other Expert Teams under SC-MMO
- External links of ET-MOR, for example, IOC, UNDOCS, GOOS
- Progress on and implementation of outcomes from ET-MOR initiatives, such as, Southwest Indian Ocean Task Team
- United Nations/WMO initiatives, for instance, Early Warnings for All (EW4All), Rolling Review of Requirements for observations

The preliminary agenda will be circulated in due course.

The membership of ET-MOR and invited experts (see [annex](#)) includes one or two experts from your country or organization who has been nominated with your approval to serve on this group. I should, therefore, be grateful if you would kindly examine the possibility of your expert attending the meeting.

In accordance with World Meteorological Organization (WMO) General Regulation 31, ([Basic Documents No. 1](#) (Convention, General Regulations, Staff Regulations, Financial Regulations and Agreements) (WMO-No. 15)) the "expenses of attendance of members of subsidiary bodies of constituent and additional bodies at sessions of these bodies shall normally be borne by the Members or the international organization to which those members belong". It is, therefore, anticipated that these expenses will be borne by your Government, should your expert attend.

To: Permanent Representatives of Members with WMO (limited distribution: Japan, South Africa, Kenya, Norway, Canada, USA), Director of agencies in Australia, Germany, Ireland, India, Brazil and independent ET-MOR member

cc: Members of ET-MOR, Chair SC-MMO

If it is not possible for your Government or Organization to meet all the expenses for the attendance of your expert, WMO, upon request, could consider providing financial support for this purpose. However, in view of the very limited funds available to support sessions of subsidiary bodies of constituent bodies, I should be grateful if you could consider the possibility of meeting at least part of the costs involved.

For administrative purposes I should be grateful if you could kindly notify the WMO Secretariat (email: wmo@wmo.int with copy to Mr David Wyatt at dwyatt@wmo.int and Mr Zhichao Wang at zwang@wmo.int), at your earliest convenience, **but not later than 14 November 2025** whether your expert will be able to attend the above-mentioned meeting and whether any financial assistance will be required, indicating the details of the assistance required, travel costs, per diem or both, should be indicated.

Kindly note that if your expert's travel costs will be borne by WMO, then travel arrangements will be made by the WMO Secretariat and details will be sent to your expert in due course.

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.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and contribution to WMO marine activities.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Ko Barrett', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Ms Ko Barrett
for the Secretary-General

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(Updated as of 8 Oct. 2025)

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