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Annex: 1 (available in English only)

Subject: Outcome of the WIS 2.0 Champion Selection Process

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to refer to my letter referenced 06826/2025/I/WIS dated 6 June 2025, regarding the call for candidates for the WMO Information System 2.0 (WIS 2.0) Champions.

Following the nomination period and subsequent interviews, I am pleased to inform you that your candidate, listed in the [annex](#) and nominated by your Service, has been selected to serve as a WIS 2.0 Champion.

WIS 2.0 champions will be integrated into the WMO Expert Network, and their role will focus on the following:

- (1) Advocating for WIS 2.0 adoption and implementation within National Meteorological and Hydrological Services (NMHSs) and all WIS Centres;
- (2) Providing technical guidance on WIS 2.0 standards, protocols and tools;
- (3) Supporting Members in their transition to WIS 2.0 operational requirements;
- (4) Fostering regional and global collaboration to enhance WIS 2.0 implementation.

To officially launch the WIS 2.0 Champion initiative, two online meetings will be organized during the week of 8 December 2025, taking into consideration the relevant time zones. The WMO Secretariat will share invitations and connection details with the selected champions in the coming days. These meetings will serve to discuss the next steps to be undertaken, define the tasks and responsibilities expected from the champions, and prepare for the training planned for 2026.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the selected candidates on their appointment and to thank your Service for supporting this important initiative. The engagement of qualified experts from across all WMO Regions is essential to ensuring a coordinated and successful global implementation of WIS 2.0.

I look forward to working closely with your Service to advance the WIS 2.0 implementation.

Yours faithfully,

Ms Ko Barrett  
for the Secretary-General

To: Permanent Representatives of Members of Belize, China, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Mexico, Morocco, New Zealand, South Africa, Trinidad and Tobago, Türkiye, Vanuatu with WMO (limited distribution)

**LIST OF SELECTED WIS2 CHAMPIONS**

COUNTRY	NAME
MOROCCO	CHEMSEDDINE ELGARRAI
CHINA	MINGJIAO GONG
BELIZE	DWAYNE SCOTT
NEW ZEALAND	BILL SELF
TÜRKIYE	YASIN ER
MEXICO	SALOMÓN RODRÍGUEZ WENCES
TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO	KIMBERLY SEATON
SOUTH AFRICA	RINAE TSHIBUBUDZE
INDONESIA	BOMA ANJANG PERTALA
KAZAKHSTAN	AIGERIM SMAGULOVA
VANUATU	ESTHER SAUL

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