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Annex: 1

Subject: Invitation to the In-person Technical Meeting of the WMO Annual State of Global Water Resources report team, Geneva, WMO HQs, 5 – 6 February 2026

Action required: To procure necessary travel clearances (Visa, permissions) to be able to attend the in-person meeting

Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to invite you to a two days in-person technical sessions at the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) headquarters **in Geneva, from 5 to 6 February 2026**, to discuss the next steps of development of the State of Global Water Resources Report for 2025 and beyond.

During the session, we will also meet the WMO hydrology team, and the agenda is to:

1. Discuss the learnings from the 2024 report, analyse the bottlenecks and ways to overcome them in 2025 report;
2. Discuss technical details for improving and extending the report (finer resolution, validation process, other variables, chapter configuration, focus areas, and so forth;)
3. Finalizing a timeline, data collection protocol and content of the Water Report 2025;
4. Discuss the half – decadal Water Report, Standardization of input data for the hydrological models;
5. Any other business

Kindly note that self-funded trips are encouraged, however, should this not be possible, WMO will support travel for **ONE participant per working group with return flight tickets and daily subsistence allowance (DSA)** according to standard WMO rules.

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, 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".*

To: Experts of the WMO Annual State of Global Water Resources Report (limited distribution)

I would appreciate if you could kindly notify Dr Sulagna Mishra ([smishra@wmo.int](mailto:smishra@wmo.int)), if you face any difficulties in receiving the Visa or if there are any changes in your travel plans.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'S. Uhlenbrook', is positioned above the printed name.

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Report Team,  
Geneva, WMO HQs, 5 – 6 February 2026**

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