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Annex: 1

Subject: Invitation to the Virtual WMO Workshop on Core Satellite Data for Hydrology, on 24 and 25 February 2026

Action required: To confirm the participation of your representative at your earliest convenience, but preferably no later than **10 February 2026**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to inform you that the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) will host the Virtual WMO Workshop on Core Satellite Data for Hydrology on **24 and 25 February 2026**. The Workshop will be held online via MS Teams, with daily sessions lasting two and a half hours.

The 2021 Extraordinary World Meteorological Congress (Cg-Ext(2021)) approved the [WMO Unified Policy for the International Exchange of Earth System Data](#), agreeing to maintain a two-tiered approach to the international provision and exchange of Earth system data via the following practice:

- (1) Members shall provide on a free and unrestricted basis the **core** data that are necessary for the provision of services in support of the protection of life and property and for the well-being of all nations, at a minimum those data described in the [Annex 1 to Resolution 1 \(Cg-Ext\(2021\)\)](#), which are required to monitor and predict seamlessly and accurately weather, climate, water and related environmental conditions;
- (2) Members should also provide the **recommended** data that are required to support Earth system monitoring and prediction activities at the global, regional and national levels and to further assist other Members with the provision of weather, climate, water and related environmental services in their States and Territories. Conditions may be placed on the use of recommended data.

Building on the outcomes of previous WMO Core Satellite Data Workshops, which successfully defined core and recommended satellite data for the global Numerical Weather Prediction (NWP) and Nowcasting, at this Workshop WMO will be focusing on hydrological application area.

The primary objective of the Workshop is to establish a list of core and recommended satellite data for the hydrological application area. The target audience includes representatives from satellite operators and the hydrological user community.

Expected outcomes of the Workshop are as follows:

- (1) To get to know the user requirements for satellite data with regards to hydrology;

To: CGMS Members listed in the Annex

- (2) To address the main obstacles to increased exchange of satellite data and specific opportunities to overcome those challenges;
- (3) To determine the initial sets of satellite data for hydrology to be designated as "core" and "recommended" for formal inclusion in the Manual of the WMO Integrated Global Observing System (WIGOS).

I wish to invite you or your representative(s) to attend the Workshop.

I would be grateful if you could kindly confirm the participation of your agency representative in the Workshop by registering via the [online form](#) at your earliest convenience, but preferably **no later than 10 February 2026**. For more information please see the dedicated [web page](#) or contact Mr Heikki Pohjola at [hpohjola@wmo.int](mailto:hpohjola@wmo.int) and Ms Zoya Andreeva at [zandreeva@wmo.int](mailto:zandreeva@wmo.int).

I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support to the activities of WMO.

Yours faithfully,



Ms Ko Barrett  
for the Secretary-General

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