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Annex: 1

Subject: Invitation to attend the WWRP PDEF face-to-face meeting in Vienna, Austria

Dear Sir/Madam,

I have the pleasure of inviting you, as a member of the World Weather Research Programme (WWRP) Working Group on Predictability, Dynamics and Ensemble Forecasting (PDEF), to participate in the PDEF face-to-face meeting to be held at the Hotel Klaus im Weinviertel, Wolkersdorf, in Vienna, Austria, from 27 to 28 April 2026.

The meeting will take place in person, with remote access available for those unable to attend in person. The objective is to review activities, develop a forward work plan, and align activities with the goals of the WWRP Implementation Plan for 2024–2027. The meeting is scheduled ahead of the European Geosciences Union (EGU) conference and will be followed by the Diabatic workshop.

If required, WMO may provide travel support in the form of the most direct and economical air ticket, and Daily Subsistence Allowance (DSA) to cover accommodation and meals. Participants are responsible for arranging any necessary visas. Further logistical details will be shared 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.

To: Participants listed in the Annex

Should you require further information or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact WMO Staff member Dr Hellen Msemo at hmsemo@wmo.int, at the WWRP Secretariat Scientific Officer.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E de Coning'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'E' and a long, sweeping tail.

Dr Estelle De Coning
Chief

Weather and Societal Impact Research Section

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS**WWRP PDEF meeting****Vienna, Austria – from 26 to 28 April 2026**

Name	Organization	Country	Role
Laure RAYNAUD	Météo France	France	PDEF Co-chair
Thando NDARANA	University of Pretoria	South Africa	PDEF member
Manuel FUENTES	ECMWF	UK	PDEF member
Lam HOANG	VNMHA	Viet Nam	PDEF member
Xuguang WANG	University of Oklahoma	USA	PDEF member
Helen Ann TITLEY	Met Office	UK	PDEF member
Sergey FROLOV	NCAR	USA	PDEF member
Sarah-Jane LOCK	ECMWF	UK	PDEF Co-chair
Thomas SPENGLER	University of Bergen	Norway	PDEF member
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