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Annex: 1 (available in English only)

Subject: Invitation for the third meeting of the Worldwide Met-Ocean Information and Warning Service (WWMIWS) Sub-Committee (WWMIWS-SubC-3), Buenos Aires, Argentina, from 22 to 25 September 2026

Action required: To kindly confirm whether your expert will attend the meeting at your earliest convenience, but preferably not later than **17 April 2026** and, if so, whether any financial assistance is requested

Dear Sir/Madam,

I have the pleasure to inform you that the third meeting of the Worldwide Met-Ocean Information and Warning Service (WWMIWS) Sub-Committee (WWMIWS-SubC-3) will be held in Buenos Aires, Argentina, from 22 to 25 September 2026.

The WWMIWS-SubC-3 will, among other topics, focus on:

- (1) Advancing global implementation of the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS), including achieving the full global implementation of Iridium SafetyCast and adoption of SafetyNET II;
- (2) Updating international standards on maritime safety information, including, (a) final approval of revisions to the International Maritime Organization (IMO) Maritime Safety Information (MSI) documents in coordination with the World-Wide Navigational Warning Service Sub Committee (WWNWS-SC) for submission to the fourteenth session of the Sub-Committee on Safety of Navigation, Communication and Search and Rescue (NCSR 14) in 2027, and (b) *Weather Reporting* (WMO-No. 9), [Volume D](#);
- (3) Coordinating on S-41X implementation;
- (4) Progressive improvements to METAREA services via individual self-assessments.

The preliminary agenda will be circulated in due course.

To: Permanent Representatives of Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, China, France, Greece, India, Japan, Mauritius, New Zealand, Norway, Pakistan, Peru, Russian Federation, South Africa, United States of America, United Kingdom with WMO (limited distribution)

cc: Chair SC-MMO
Mr Neil Salter, Chair, NAVTEX Panel
Mr Trond Ski, Chair, EGC Panel
Mr Christopher Janus, Chair, WWNWS-SC
Mr Phillip Lane, IMSO
Mr Javier Yasnikowski; Mr Ismael Cobos Delgado and Mr Osamu Marumoto, IMO
Mr John Dodd, Inmarsat
Mr Mark Lawson, Iridium
Mr Falong Liu, CTTIC

The members of WWMIWS-SubC and invited experts (listed in the [annex](#)) include one or two experts from your country or organization who have been nominated with your approval to serve in this group. I should, therefore, be grateful if you would kindly examine the possibility of one of your nominated experts attending the meeting.

In accordance with WMO [General Regulation 31](#) (*Basic Documents No. 1* (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.

If it is not possible for your government or organization to meet all the expenses for the attendance of your expert, WMO is prepared to 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.

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 should be grateful if you could kindly notify the WMO Secretariat (email: wmo@wmo.int with copy to mmo@wmo.int) at your earliest convenience, but preferably not later than **17 April 2026**, on whether your expert will be able to attend the above-mentioned meeting and whether any financial assistance will be required. Details of the assistance required, travel costs or per diem, or both, should be indicated. 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.

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

Yours faithfully,



Ms Ko Barrett
for the Secretary-General

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(Updated as of 1 March 2026)

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Name	METAREA/Role	Member/Partner
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Matias de Oto	VI	Argentina
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Amit Bhardwaj	VIII(N)	India
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ZHAO Wei	XI (S)	China
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Neil Salter	IMO NAVTEX Coordinating Panel Chair	UK
Trond Ski	IMO EGC Coordinating Panel Chair	Norway
Christopher Janus	Chair WWNWS-SC	USA
Javier Yasnikouski; Ismael Cobos Delgado; Osamu Marumoto		IMO
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