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Subject: Invitation to the Training Workshop “Strategic and Implementation Planning for Sustainable Observations”, taking place from 13 to 16 April 2026, in Pretoria, South Africa

Action required: To kindly confirm your participation in the above-mentioned workshop at your earliest convenience, but preferably no later than **15 March 2026**

Dear Sir/Madam,

WMO is pleased to invite you to participate as a resource person to the upcoming training workshop on “Strategic and Implementation Planning for Sustainable Observations”.

The training workshop will take place from 13 to 16 April 2026, in Pretoria, South Africa, as part of the Intra-ACP Climate Services and Related Applications (ClimSA) Programme’s efforts to strengthen the capacities of Regional Climate Centres (RCCs) and National Meteorological and Hydrological Services (NMHSs) of ClimSA focus countries (Angola, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Comoros, Jamaica, Kenya, Mauritius, Madagascar, Samoa, and Seychelles) across the climate services value chain.

The National Observing Strategy provides the overall strategic framework for implementing WMO Integrated Global Observing System (WIGOS). Its development serves as a guiding framework for NMHSs and their national and international partners to address the needs of the strategic and implementation planning on the weather and climate application areas over land while simultaneously strengthening their ability to plan investments in systems, science, and people. It also creates opportunities to establish effective partnerships that allow for shared infrastructure and knowledge, while ensuring that observing systems remain robust, sustainable, and environmentally responsible.

Based on their National Observing Strategy, Members should develop realistic and achievable National WIGOS Implementation plans to put national WIGOS framework in place towards performing their WIGOS and related operations in a cost-effective and fit-for-purpose manner.

The workshop aims to provide a platform for NMHSs and relevant stakeholders to review principles for developing National Observing Strategies and National WIGOS Implementation plans and knowledge sharing, as well as to identify opportunities for innovative and sustainable observing solutions. The workshop is proposed to be organized as a hybrid event with online and in-person participation.

I have the pleasure of inviting you to participate in the aforesaid workshop. You are kindly requested to confirm your participation to WMO Staff member Mr Saeed Vazifekhah, scientific and project officer at Sectoral Services (SS) Section, at svazifekhah@wmo.int, and copying Mr Rabia Merrouchi, scientific officer at Technical Coordination Unit (TCU), at RMerrouchi@wmo.int, at your earliest convenience, but preferably before **15 March 2026**.

To: Hydrological advisors of Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Comoros, Madagascar, Mauritius and South Africa with WMO (Limited distribution)

cc: Permanent Representatives of Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Comoros, Madagascar, Mauritius and South Africa with WMO (Limited distribution)

The agenda of the meeting as well as the logistical details will be provided to the participants in due course. For further information on technical content, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Merrouchi.

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 sincerely appreciate your continued support of WMO activities and look forward to your valuable contribution to this training workshop.

Yours faithfully,



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