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Annex: 1 (available in English only)

Subject: Announcement of the Statements of Guidance webinar – for registration and wide dissemination

Dear Sir/Madam,

The [WIGOS Rolling Review of Requirements \(RRR\)](#) is a continuous, systematic, transparent, and user-driven process to support the high-level design and evolution of the WMO Integrated Global Observing System (WIGOS), that ensures global observations evolve to meet changing needs in weather, climate, water and environmental services.

Following the regulations in the Manual on WIGOS (WMO- No. 1160), Members, both directly and through the participation of their experts in the activities of regional associations and technical commissions, shall contribute to the RRR process.

The key outputs of the RRR process are the Statements of Guidance (SoGs) for each of the six Earth System Application Categories (ESACs) which provide clear, consensus-based recommendations for sustaining and improving observing systems.

The execution of the modernised RRR process since 2023 has led to the recent completion of the SoGs for Atmospheric Applications, Ocean Applications and Cryospheric Applications, which are now available in the WMO Library.

Presentation and discussion of the these recently published SoGs is taking place at Webinar on **26 May 2026, at 12:00 UTC**.

More about the webinar can be found at the webinar's website:

[WIGOS RRR- Statement of Guidance release - webinar](#)

The webinar is being conduct in Zoom platform, free of charge. To follow it please register at: https://wmo-int.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_TWLFzwPiRCCB-tFFNnALcQ.

I am encouraging you to register for the webinar and I will be very grateful if you could make this announcement widely known within your communities.

Yours faithfully,

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To: INFCOM experts, SERCOM Management Group, Research Board members, IOC/UNESCO/GOOS Secretariat director, GOOS Observations Coordination Group chair, GCOS-GOOS-WCRP Ocean Observations Physics and Climate Panel chair

cc: Permanent Representatives of Members with WMO, Hydrological Advisers

AGENDA

(TIME IN UTC)

12:00 – 12:15 Welcome and introduction – Michel Jean (P-INFCOM)

- Welcome note from Ocean Community - Joanna Post (IOC/GOOS director)
- Welcome note from Cryosphere Community - Shawn Marshall (AG-GCW chair)
- Welcome on behalf of WMO Secretariat - Anthony Rea (Senior Director ESDP)

12:15 – 12:25 Introduction to WIGOS RRR, the purpose and intended use of SoG – Rosemary Munro (ET-EOSDE)

12:25 – 12:30 Contributing to and benefiting from WIGOS RRR – users' perspective – Ian Lisk (P-SERCOM)

12:30 – 12:35 Contributing to and benefiting from WIGOS RRR – users' perspective – Amanda Lynch (C/RB)

12:35 – 13:00 SoGs key messages and recommendations

- SoG Atmospheric Applications – Erik Andersson (ESAC Atmosphere Coordinator)
- SoG Oceanic Applications – Emma Heslop (ESAC Ocean Coordinator)
- SoG Cryospheric Applications – Jeff Key (ESAC Cryosphere Coordinator)

13:00 - 13:20 Discussion (Michel lead, panellists: Rose, Erik, Emma and Jeff)

13:20 – 13:30 Wrapping up, key takeaways and closing remarks – Michel Jean (P-INFCOM)