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Annex: 1

Subject: Invitation to attend the World Weather Research Programme's (WWRP) Working Group on Societal and Economic Research Applications (SERA) Meeting in Hong Kong, China from 8 to 10 October 2026

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to invite you to attend the WWRP's Working Group on Societal and Economic Research Applications (SERA) meeting, which will take place in Hong Kong, China, from 8 to 10 October 2026. A list of people invited to this meeting is provided in the [Annex](#).

If required, WMO could support you to attend the event in the form of the most direct and economic class air ticket, and a Daily Subsistence Allowance (DSA) that will cover your accommodation and meals.

You are responsible for obtaining the necessary visas to enter Hong Kong SAR and any other country that you may be transiting, if appropriate.

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, 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 a 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 Ms Isha Bhasin by email at ibhasin@wmo.int

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Estelle de Coning', written in a cursive style.

Dr Estelle de Coning
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LIST OF PARTICIPANTS**WWRP Working Group on Societal and Economic Research Applications (SERA)****Hong Kong, China, from 8 to 10 October 2026**

Name	Organization	Country	Role
Dr Carla Mooney	Bureau of Meteorology	Australia	Project Co-chair
Ms Isadora Jimenez	Lobelia Earth	Spain	Project Co-chair
Dr Gilbert Siame	University of Zambia	Zambia	Project member
Dr Everisto Mapedza	N/A	Zimbabwe	Project member
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