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Annex: 1

Subject: Invitation to attend the WWRP Urban-PREDICT Project Steering Group Meeting and CARE2026 Conference in Hong Kong, China from 5 to 10 October 2026

Dear Sir/Madam,

I have the pleasure of inviting you to attend the WWRP Urban-PREDICT Project Steering Group meeting of the World Weather Research Programme (WWRP), which will take place from 5 to 7 October 2026. This will be followed by the CARE Conference from 8 to 10 October 2026. The events will be hosted by the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (HKUST) in Hong Kong, China. The list of participants can be found in the [Annex](#).

WMO will provide you with travel support to attend the event in the form of the most direct and economy-class air ticket, as well as Terminal Expenses (TER), which cover transportation to and from the airport at both the departure and arrival points.

Kindly notice that you are responsible for obtaining the necessary visas to enter China and any other countries 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 Dr Hellen Msemo, Scientific Officer, at hmsemo@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 Urban-PREDICT Face-to-Face Meeting and CARE2026 Conference****Hong Kong, China – From 5 to 10 October 2026**

Name	Organization	Country	Role
Soledad Garcia FERRARI	University of Edinburgh	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	Co-chair
Gabriela Marques DI GIULIO	University of Sao Paulo	Brazil	Member
Gilbert SIAME	University of Zambia	Zambia	Member
Fei CHEN	HKUST	Hong Kong, China	Co-chair
María Eugenia IBARRARÁN VINIEGRA	Universidad Iberoamericana Puebla	Mexico	Member
Shouraseni Sen ROY	University of Miami	United States of America	Member
Olga WILHELMI	NCAR	United States of America	Member
Negin Nazarian	University of New South Wales	Australia	Member
Mariano RE	Instituto Nacional del Agua	Argentina	Member
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