



Our ref.: 6771966/2026/ESDP/WIS

2 September 2026

Subject: WIS2 Training Workshop in Melbourne, Australia - Postponement 15-19 February 2027

Action required: To nominate a representative from your service and inform the WMO Secretariat **not later than 10 October 2026**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I refer to my letter of 22 June 2026 (Our ref.: 6765523/2026/ESDP/WIS) concerning the WIS2 Training Workshop planned to be held in Melbourne, Australia, from 15 to 18 September 2026.

With respect to the above-mentioned, I wish to inform you that the workshop has been postponed, being held from 15 to 19 February 2027 due to a scheduling conflict with a regional meeting, which may affect the availability and participation of Members.

The workshop will continue to focus on strengthening the technical capacity of National Meteorological and Hydrological Services (NMHSs) in the Pacific region in support of the implementation and operationalization of WIS 2.0. The training will include practical, hands-on sessions covering WIS2 data publication and exchange, WIS2 node architecture and deployment, data integration, CAP alerting, monitoring and maintenance of WIS2 infrastructure, and related operational aspects, as outlined in the previous communication.

In this regard, you are kindly requested to nominate one representative from your Service to participate in the workshop, preferably an IT engineer or technical officer involved in software development, systems integration, data exchange, or computer programming related to WIS2 implementation and operations.

Members who have already submitted a nomination in response to the previous letter are kindly requested to confirm whether their nominated representative will remain available for the revised dates. If necessary, Members may also submit a new nomination.

To support the preparation and organization of the training, including technical planning and logistical arrangements, Members are requested to submit their nomination to the WMO Secretariat at wis@wmo.int with a copy to HTaiki@wmo.int at their earliest convenience, but preferably not later than **10 October 2026**.

Regarding insurance coverage for non-staff members, may I draw your attention to the following:

To: Permanent Representatives of Members Cook Islands, Fiji, Federated States of Micronesia, Kiribati, New Zealand, Niue, Papua New Guinea, Republic of Nauru, Republic of Palau, Republic of the Marshall Islands, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tokelau, Tonga, and Tuvalu, Vanuatu with WMO (limited distribution)

"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."

I take this opportunity to thank you for your support to WMO activities.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Ko Barrett', with a long, sweeping horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Ms Ko Barrett
for the Secretary-General