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Subject: Invitation to participate in the WMO High-level Dialogue on Climate Science Information for Climate Finance and the 53rd Senior Official Field Exchange (SOFE), 14–18 September 2026, Beijing and Fuzhou, China

Action required: (1) Confirmation of your participation or nomination of one senior director from your NMHS **by 14 August 2026**
(2) Submission of the proposed presentation topic and brief introduction **by 14 August 2026**

Dear Sir/Madam,

Building on the success of the [WMO event on Climate Services to Enhance Access to Climate Finance for Senior Directors of National Meteorological and Hydrological Services \(NMHSs\)](#), held in September 2025, and in alignment with the WMO Strategic Plan, the Early Warnings for All (EW4All) initiative, and the objectives of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and the Paris Agreement to strengthen climate resilience and adaptation, WMO and the China Meteorological Administration (CMA) are jointly organizing the WMO High-level Dialogue on Climate Science Information for Climate Finance and the 53rd Senior Official Field Exchange (SOFE). Hosted by CMA, the event will take place from 14 to 18 September 2026 in Beijing and Fuzhou, China.

The event will comprise two segments. The first segment, to be held from 14 to 16 September, will consist of a high-level dialogue on strengthening the role of NMHSs in mobilizing climate finance, particularly at the national and regional levels, drawing on the WMO guidance in [Enhancing the Role of National Meteorological and Hydrological Services in Mobilizing Climate Finance at the National Level](#) (WMO-No. 1365). This segment will also support the leadership development of directors of NMHSs, strengthen strategic thinking and foster partnerships. The second segment, from 17 to 18 September, will be dedicated to the 53rd Senior Official Field Exchange to Fujian Province, providing participants with first-hand exposure to the implementation of MAZU, China's solution for the EW4All initiative and to disaster risk reduction practices through technical exchanges, field visits and peer learning.

The event aims to strengthen the leadership role of NMHSs in mobilizing climate finance by facilitating knowledge exchange, building partnerships and promoting practical approaches to integrating climate science into national climate investment planning.

Participants will include senior directors of NMHSs and representatives of multilateral development banks (MDBs), international organizations and the WMO Secretariat. The programme will feature keynote speeches, thematic presentations, interactive group discussions and field visits to facilitate knowledge exchange and collaboration. NMHS representatives are encouraged to share their experiences and lessons learned with respect to topics including:

To: Permanent Representatives of Algeria, Argentina, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bangladesh, Brazil, British Caribbean Territories, Cambodia, Dominican Republic, Ghana, Jamaica, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Libya, Malawi, Malaysia, Mauritania, Morocco, Namibia, Nepal, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Pakistan, Peru, Philippines, Rwanda, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia, Seychelles, Singapore, Solomon Islands, South Africa, Thailand, Togo, Uganda and Viet Nam with WMO (limited distribution)

cc: Hydrological Advisers

- (1) Successfully accessing climate finance with WMO support, particularly where the NMHS has played a leading role in inter-agency coordination;
- (2) Contributing to national climate policy processes, including the development and implementation of National Adaptation Plans (NAPs) and Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs);
- (3) Developing climate finance project proposals with technical support from WMO;
- (4) Addressing challenges in mobilizing climate finance and identifying opportunities for peer learning and targeted capacity development.

The event will be conducted entirely in English, without interpretation services. Participants are therefore expected to have sufficient English proficiency to actively engage in discussions and presentations.

Financial support for international travel will be available for a limited number of participants through the Trust Fund for the Belt and Road initiative and the Climate Risk and Early Warning Systems (CREWS) initiative. Sponsored participants will receive a reduced daily subsistence allowance (DSA) to cover accommodations and meals in China and will be responsible for any additional expenses. Participants selected for sponsorship will be informed separately by the WMO Secretariat.

The WMO focal point for this event is Ms Xinrui Wu (xwu@wmo.int), of the Science, Services and Capacity Development Department. Kindly submit nominations to Ms Wu at your earliest convenience before **14 August 2026**. Each nomination should include a brief description (approximately 200–300 words) of the proposed presentation, explaining its relevance to the event themes and highlighting the key lessons or experiences to be shared.

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."

I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation for your continued support for WMO activities.

Yours faithfully,



Prof. Celeste Saulo
Secretary-General