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Subject: Forty-second session of the Data Buoy Cooperation Panel (DBCP-42),
Hybrid meeting, Saint Gilles, La Réunion Island, 10–13 November 2026

- Action required:
- (1) Participants to register via the self-registration option on the DBCP-42 website **by 15 September 2026**
 - (2) Provide national reports on current and planned buoy programmes to the Secretariat **by 30 October 2026**
 - (3) Check the list of national focal points for buoy programmes and notify required changes to the Secretariat

Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) and the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) of UNESCO, I am pleased to invite you to the forty-second session of the Joint WMO-IOC Data Buoy Cooperation Panel (DBCP-42). The session will be hosted by Météo-France in Saint Gilles, La Réunion Island, from 10 to 13 November 2026.

Please note that this will be a hybrid meeting conducted exclusively in English. Additionally, the DBCP Executive Board is scheduled to meet at the same venue on 10 November 2026.

Meeting Objectives and Outcomes

The primary goal of DBCP-42 is to enhance data and metadata availability, explore innovative data sources, and strengthen engagement with the buoy data user community. These efforts are critical to supporting the high-level objectives of the WMO Early Warnings for All (EW4All) initiative and the UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development.

Participation and Registration

Membership in the Panel is open to all Members of WMO and Member States of IOC-UNESCO. We also warmly welcome the participation of interested organizations and programmes. All participants are required to self-register via the DBCP-42 event [website](#) by **15 September 2026**.

To: Permanent Representatives of Members with WMO from coastal nations (limited distribution)

cc: Nelly Florida, Chair, DBCP / Lance Braasch, vice-chair, DBCP
Juliet Hermes, co-chair, GOOS OCG / Toshio Suga, co-chair, GOOS OCG
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Thelma Krug, Chair, GCOS Steering Committee / Sabrina Speich, GCOS Steering Committee
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National Focal Points and National Reports

To ensure the accuracy of our records and the success of the session, we request that Members and Member States complete the following items by **30 October 2026**:

- Update National Focal Points: Review and notify the Secretariat of any required changes to the list of national focal points for buoy programmes available on the [WMO Community](#) website.
- Submit National Reports: Provide a brief report on the implementation status of current and planned national data buoy systems, following the guidance provided on the DBCP-42 event page.

Science & Technology Workshop

A workshop themed “Sustaining El Niño Early Warnings: Maximizing Ocean Observing Impact Through Cost-Effective Tech, Shared Infrastructure, and Resources Efficiency” will be held during the session. We invite the submission of abstracts to the workshop coordinators by **20 September 2026**. Detailed information and the official call for papers are available on the event [website](#).

Documentation and Logistics

The event [website](#) will be updated periodically with provisional agendas, presentation templates, and technical information.

Please be advised that this is a self-funded event. The WMO is unable to provide financial support for attendance. For any inquiries, please contact Ms Champika Gallage (cgallage@wmo.int) at WMO or Ms Jing Li (ji.li@unesco.org) at IOC-UNESCO.

We thank you for your continued support of global marine activities and look forward to your participation in DBCP-42.

Yours faithfully,



Ms Ko Barrett
for the Secretary-General