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Subject: Nomination of national focal points for matters related to the Global Climate Observing System (GCOS) and related Climatological matters (Regional Basic Synoptic Network)

Action required: To provide the WMO Secretariat with a name and contact of national focal point

Dear Sir/Madam,

In line with *The 2022 GCOS Implementation Plan* (GCOS-244), there will be an increased engagement with participating countries.

This process has started with a review of the membership of the national focal points on matters related to Global Climate Observing System (GCOS) and to other climatological matters such as the Regional Basic Synoptic Network, hereinafter called GCOS national focal points.

This review established that the GCOS national focal point for your country is probably no longer active as we have not received any reply, or an email address that was reachable.

I would therefore be grateful if you could provide us with their updated contact details, if the previous GCOS national focal point is still valid. Otherwise, we would kindly ask you to nominate a new GCOS national focal point following the formal procedure by updating your Country Profile Database (CPDB) through the WMO [Community Platform](#).

Please do not hesitate to contact the GCOS Secretariat (abombelli@wmo.int) directly should you encounter any problems with the CPDB.

Please note that the GCOS national focal point's role can also be assigned to your WMO Integrated Global Observing System (WIGOS) national contact point, should their expertise match the terms of references, listed here below:

- Liaise within the National Meteorological and Hydrological Services on GCOS related networks (including the GCOS Surface Network and GCOS Upper-Air Network) issues related to data availability and quality;
- Inform the Commission for Observation, Infrastructure and Information Systems (INFCOM) Lead Centres for GCOS on current and potential problems that might impact data availability and quality;
- Respond to requests from the GCOS Secretariat and Lead Centres regarding metadata, and data availability and quality.

Yours faithfully,

Prof. Celeste Saulo
Secretary-General

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