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Annex: 1 (available in English only)

**Subject:** Participation of your expert in the first meeting of the Expert Team on Weather and Climate Science for Aviation Applications (ET-WCS) of the Standing Committee on Services for Aviation to be held in Geneva, Switzerland from 16 to 18 April 2024

**Action required:** WMO Secretariat to be notified by **29 January 2024** whether your expert will attend the meeting

Dear Sir/Madam,

I have the pleasure of informing you that the first meeting of the Expert Team on Weather and Climate Science for Aviation Applications (ET-WCS) of the Standing Committee on Services for Aviation (SC-AVI) will be held at the WMO headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland, from 16 to 18 April 2024, at 0900 to 1700 Central European Standard Time (CEST).

The meeting will review work progress of all activities as described in the Operating Plan of ET-WCS. Special focus will be made on the outcome of a recent series of Aeronautical Meteorology Scientific Webinars held online in June 2022 and December 2023, as well as preparations for an Aeronautical Meteorological Scientific Conference to be held in person later in 2024. The Expert Team will review progress made in respect of Phase 2 of an Aviation Research and Development Project (AvRDP2) and its plans for trials and experimentations to be conducted in 2024 and 2025. The Expert Team will also consider scientific research in respect of climate change and variability and the impacts on aviation. The Operating Plan of ET-WCS will be updated as a result of the deliberations and reported to the SC-AVI accordingly.

The membership of this team (see [annex](#)) includes an expert from your country who has been nominated with your approval to serve on this team. I should, therefore, be grateful if you would kindly examine the possibility of his/her attending the session.

In accordance with [General Regulation 31](#) (*Basic documents, No. 1* (WMO-No. 15)), the "expenses of attendance of members of subsidiary bodies of constituent and additional bodies at sessions of these bodies shall normally be borne by the Members or the international organization to which those members belong". It is, therefore, hoped that these expenses will be borne by your government, should your expert attend in person.

If it is not possible for your government to meet the expenses for the in person attendance of your expert, WMO is prepared to consider providing financial support for this purpose. However, in view of the limited funds available to support sessions of subsidiary bodies of constituent bodies, I should be grateful if you could consider the possibility of meeting at least part of the costs involved.

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

cc: Members of SC-AVI ET-WCS

For administrative purposes I should be grateful if you could kindly notify the WMO Secretariat, not later than **29 January 2024**, whether your expert will be able to attend the above session and whether any financial assistance will be required. If so, details of the assistance required, i.e. travel costs or per diem, or both, should be indicated. If WMO should meet travel costs, travel arrangements will be made by the Secretariat and details will be sent directly to your expert in due course.

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

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*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.*

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

Yours faithfully,



Prof. Celeste Saulo  
Secretary-General

**MEMBERSHIP OF THE EXPERT TEAM ON  
WEATHER AND CLIMATE SCIENCE FOR AVIATION APPLICATIONS (ET-WCS)**

(Correct as on 18 December 2023)

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