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**Subject:** Invitation for nomination of candidate members for the Executive Council Panel on Polar and High Mountain Observations, Research and Services (EC-PHORS)

**Action required:** To provide the WMO Secretariat with the nominations of candidates for members of PHORS, **no later than 28 May 2024**

Dear Sir/Madam,

The seventy-seventh session of the Executive Council (EC-77) updated the terms of reference of the [Panel on Polar and High Mountain Observations, Research, and Services](#) (PHORS), as available in the *Rules of Procedure for the Executive Council and for the Bodies Reporting to the Executive Council* (WMO-No. 1256). The Executive Council expects that the Panel provides advice on advocacy, strategy, partnerships, and coordination across WMO Programmes on matters relevant to polar, high mountains and, globally, to vulnerable regions where the largely irreversible changes in snow, glaciers, permafrost, ice sheets, sea ice and freshwater ice amplify the impacts of climate change with significant consequences.

As decided by EC-77, the Panel is composed of up to 25 members representing WMO bodies, nominated by WMO Members, as well as nominated by relevant partners.

In recognition of the diversity of the scientific domains within the scope of the Panel, its members are selected to make effective contributions to recommendations to the Executive Council, to foster engagements with key partners and to maintain effective linkages with all WMO bodies. Please note that the mandate of PHORS includes a dedicated focus on the role of WMO in the Antarctic.

**In accordance with the process for the appointment of members of PHORS approved by EC-77, there are currently two vacancies on the Panel.**

You are hereby invited to nominate one suitable candidate to the Panel, representing your strategic interests on matters related to the impacts of changes in the cryosphere, globally, and to weather, climate, water, and the environment in polar and high mountain regions. The nomination should be sent **no later than 28 May 2024**, by email to [wmo@wmo.int](mailto:wmo@wmo.int) and with a copy to [cryosphere@wmo.int](mailto:cryosphere@wmo.int). The nomination should include the following documents:

- (1) A letter of nomination indicating the areas of interest of the candidate and the potential contributions to the activities coordinated by PHORS;
- (2) The nominated candidate's most recent curriculum vitae, with emphasis on activities relevant to the terms of reference of PHORS.

To: Permanent Representatives of Members with WMO (limited distribution)  
Scientific Committee on Antarctic Research  
Council of Managers of National Antarctic Programmes

Based on your expressions of interest and in consultation with the EC-PHORS Co-Chairs, the WMO Secretariat will prepare a prioritized list of candidates for members of the Panel. The PHORS Co-Chairs will make recommendations on membership for decision by the Executive Council (or to the President of WMO in the intersessional period for future vacant positions).

I would like to thank you for your ongoing support to WMO Programmes and activities, and for the contribution made to advancing the goals of WMO on matters relevant to polar and high mountain regions through the work of PHORS and its substructures.

Yours faithfully,

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

Ms Ko Barrett  
for the Secretary-General