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Subject: Expert invitation to WMO State of the Climate Workshop, 9-11 July 2024

Action required: Confirm your participation in the mentioned workshop by returning the duly completed and signed Request for Financial Assistance form (RFA) as soon as possible, but not later than **by 7 June 2024**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to inform you that the Workshop on Renovating the State of the Climate will be held in Offenbach, Germany, from 9 to 11 July 2024. Additional details regarding this event can be found in the attached Concept Note (Annex I).

I have the pleasure in inviting you to participate in this event. It would be helpful if you can find internal resources to support your participation fully or partially, but if required, WMO will consider providing support within the resources available.

For administrative purposes, I would appreciate it if you would kindly notify the WMO Secretariat (cransom@wmo.int), **no later than 7 June**, of:

- (1) Your participation in this event
- (2) If funding is required, returning the duly completed and signed Request for Financial Assistance form (RFA) (Annex III)

Yours sincerely,

Prof. Christopher Hewitt
Director
Climate Services Branch

To: Invited Experts (limited distribution)

Concept Note

WMO Workshop on State of the Climate Modernization

The [State of the Climate](#) reports are among WMO’s flagship products, prepared by annual and multi-year timescales at global and regional levels. To ensure the quality and relevance of these reports, WMO, in collaboration with Deutscher Wetterdienst, is organizing an international workshop on the State of the Climate Modernization in Offenbach, Germany from 9 to 11 July 2024.

Key stakeholders in the State of the Climate reporting are invited to participate in this workshop to discuss scientific issues as promoting synergy, co-production, and linkages with other reports and to prospect the implementation of new methodologies, tools, data sources and production styles.

Thematic areas



Headline
climate
indicators



Attribution
science



Socio-
economic
impact
indicators,
data, and
methods



Communication



Capacity
development

Expected Outcomes

- a) **Recommend updated list of climate indicators** and approach for updating attribution in real time and delayed modes.
- b) **Minimize overlaps amongst the existing reporting mechanisms**, enhance synergies, and make use of digital platforms.
- c) **Enhance international collaboration** including WMO, IPCC and other international groups on communicating climate updates at UNFCCC COP including climate indicators, global temperature and its comparison to the levels stipulated in the Paris Agreement, high impact events and other associated climate action measures.
- d) **Identify means for capacity building** including on methodologies and tools for the regional and national state of the climate reporting.

Key Deliverable

Recommendations for inclusion in a strategy document on the above to be submitted to the WMO Executive Council in June 2025.

Structure

Day 1: Plenary

Overview of main outcomes from the WMO expert meeting of the modernization of the State of the Climate reporting held at WMO, 8-10 November 2023. Selected topics for presentations:

- Climate Indicators: Current list and potential additions
- Attribution: Current state of the art and what benefit we can get from in reporting the results

- Data challenges and opportunities: Challenges on data availability (physical, extremes events impacts and socio-economic indicators)
- Capacity development: Regional and National SoC reporting

Day 2: Working Groups

- a) Physical Science
- b) Data and methods
- c) Communication
- d) Capacity Development

Day 3: Plenary

List of recommendations arising from the parallel sessions to be included in a final strategy document. List of authors for developing the strategy document to be submitted to the WMO Executive Council in June 2025.

Organizing Committee

Chair: John Kennedy, Scientific Coordinator for the WMO State of the Global Climate

Markus Ziese, Deutscher Wetterdienst (DWD)

Robert Vautard, Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)

Jessica Blunden, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

Henry Reges, Community Collaborative Rain, Hail and Snow Network (CoCoRaHS)

Robert Dunn, UK Meteorological Office

Chris Hewitt, World Meteorological Organization (WMO)

Lauren Stuart, World Meteorological Organization (WMO)

Hindumathi Palanisamy, World Meteorological Organization (WMO)

Omar Baddour, World Meteorological Organization (WMO)

Claire Ransom, World Meteorological Organization (WMO)

Financial support for attendance

Participants to this workshop should bear their own funding support. However limited resources can be made available to participants who request support, in particular participants from developing and least developed countries, and affiliated experts in WMO State of the Climate Expert Teams, working on key topics.

Tentative list of nominated experts requiring approval

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REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

WMO Workshop on State of the Climate Modernization
Offenbach, Germany
9 to 11 July 2024
Services Department

- ☐ Return it to mrequests@wmo.int
- ☐ With a copy of your **passport**
- ☐ **As soon as possible, but not later than 7 June 2024**

1. PARTICIPANT

Please complete the following MANDATORY information exactly as it appears in your passport. Please complete this form in block letters by typing only **(no handwriting)**

Gender	Male <input type="checkbox"/>	Female <input type="checkbox"/>
FAMILY NAME		
MAIDEN NAME (if applicable)		
First Name		
Nationality		
Place of birth	Date of birth (DD/MM/YY)	
Passport number	Validity (DD/MM/YY)	
Holding US visa	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable <input type="checkbox"/>
Schengen visa	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable <input type="checkbox"/>
Address		
City	Postal code	
Country	Nearest departure airport	
Mobile phone number	Office phone number	
E-mail		

2. ASSISTANCE REQUESTED FROM WMO

FOR TRAVEL

Assistance requested: ☐ Yes ☐ No

FOR DAILY SUBSISTENCE ALLOWANCE (DSA)

50% of DSA will be recovered by the organization if no accommodation invoice is provided.

DSA requested: ☐ Yes ☐ No

If you are unable to travel after the ticket has been issued, you must inform the WMO travel agency (wmo.ch@contactcwt.com) **prior to departure. Please also inform mrequests@wmo.int and travel@wmo.int.**

3. PAYMENT METHOD (please select only one method)

If the DSA must be paid to you via your institution, please mention it.
If you are unsure, please check with your institution before returning your RFA

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☐ **Through UNDP Office** USD only

4. INFORMATION ON SUPPORT RECEIVED IN ADDITION TO WMO ASSISTANCE**4.1 Declaration**

No additional support received ☐ OR Additional support received ☐

4.2 Information

In case additional support is received, please indicate type of funding and estimated value:

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5. APPLICABLE RULES AND INSTRUCTIONS

The travel shall be conducted in accordance with relevant WMO rules and instructions. An excerpt of these is provided in the Annex to this form. Please read it carefully.

By signing this form, I confirm that:

- ☐ The information I have provided is correct;
- ☐ I shall comply with the relevant WMO rules and instructions;
- ☐ It is my responsibility to make arrangements for health insurance;
- ☐ It is my responsibility to ensure that the required medical clearance is obtained before traveling;
- ☐ It is my responsibility to obtain all necessary visas;
- ☐ If I do not attend/participate in the meeting, I will return any travel advance that I have received, and if the travel advance exceeded the amount of reimbursable travel expenses, I shall refund WMO the difference.

Signature of the participant: **Date:**

ANNEX

Excerpt from applicable rules and instructions

In accordance with WMO travel rules, air travel shall be provided in economy class, for the most economical and direct route.

If you are unable to travel after the ticket has been issued, you must inform the WMO travel agency (wmo.ch@contactcwt.com) **prior to departure**. Please also inform mrequests@wmo.int and travel@wmo.int as soon as your travel is cancelled.

Visas

It is the traveller's responsibility to ensure that all required official travel documents are valid and accurate in order to obtain the necessary visa(s) for the destination, transit stops prior to departure.

Medical clearance

Medical clearance is a mandatory requirement for all travellers whose official travel is paid for by WMO in order to certify that they are medically fit to travel. It is the traveller's responsibility to ensure that the required medical clearance and vaccinations are obtained before travelling.

Insurance

As per the regulations related to insurance in the chapter 6 of the Standing Instruction on WMO official travel, non-staff members retain the primary obligation to ensure that they have the appropriate medical and travel insurance coverage when travelling on behalf of WMO, which means that if any health or travel related eventuality should occur the non-staff members should seek assistance and claim their coverage from an insurance policy that they have taken out, as per the following regulation :

"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, which is directly attributable 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".

Travellers should note that WMO Regulations and Rules do not cover additional costs arising from the prolongation of stay of experts or other costs arising from travel restrictions imposed by national authorities. As with related health insurance provisions it is incumbent on the traveller to ensure that they retain the necessary travel insurance protection to cover unexpected occurrences such as border closures or other travel restrictions.

Insurance policy in relation to travel by car

Official travel by private vehicle will not be covered under the WMO Staff compensation and/or Benefits insurance policies. Travellers who choose to use a private vehicle for official travel should arrange for sufficient coverage with their car insurance provider for damages caused to both the vehicle and the occupants. This applies to personal vehicles as well as rental cars.

Ticket purchased through our WMO travel agency

The proposed itinerary is based on official travel dates and the traveller must accept or refuse this itinerary within 24 hours.

Once the proposed itinerary is confirmed, the traveller must ensure that an "Electronic Ticket" is received.

Deviations from the proposed official itinerary

For any deviation from the official itinerary proposed by WMO travel agency, the traveller should **directly** contact the travel agency, either by phone or e-mail to make the necessary arrangements.

- CWT e-mail: wmo.ch@contactcwt.com
- CWT phone number: (24/7) +41 58 515 00 78

Any additional cost resulting from a private deviation request will be borne by the traveller.

Deviations for personal convenience can be undertaken by the traveller purchasing their own tickets based on the WMO financial liability as per the standard cost or the cost of the itinerary proposed by the travel agency if such an itinerary has been requested. In these cases, the actual cost of the self-purchased ticket will be reimbursed by WMO.

Self-purchase of official travel tickets

Individuals travelling on behalf of WMO or whose official travel is paid for by WMO are authorized to purchase their own tickets. In this case,

- (a) Tickets can be purchased by travellers and will be reimbursed up to the actual cost paid by the traveller provided that the cost is within the financial liability as per the standard cost or the cost of the itinerary proposed by the travel agency, if such an itinerary has been requested;
- (b) In the event that there are changes to the planned official travel, the traveller is responsible for managing any associated change and refund requests by dealing directly with the ticket provider and for covering any extra charges related to these changes;
- (c) Travellers who have purchased their own tickets and are unable to travel for reasons of *force majeure* may be reimbursed the cost of the purchased tickets. Requests for reimbursement shall be justified in writing by the traveller and approved by the certifying officer;
- (d) Claims for reimbursement must be supported by the invoice paid by the traveller and/or proof of the official travel, if any.

Travel claims

Individuals travelling on behalf of WMO or whose official travel is paid for by WMO shall, within two calendar weeks after completion of the official travel, submit a completed official travel reimbursement claim, with supporting documents, including hotel invoices, and boarding passes. Recovery of official travel advances (or "due to") shall be initiated if an individual travelling on behalf of WMO fails to submit a duly completed claim together with the supporting documents, or if, on review of the claim, it is determined that the official travel advance exceeded the amount of reimbursable official travel expenses.
