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Subject: Request for enhanced contribution to S2S datasets by providing the data in near real time

Dear Sir/Madam,

I sincerely appreciate your Service's continued contribution and support to the sub-seasonal to seasonal prediction project (S2S) database for a further period of five years from 2024 to 2028.

As announced in a previous letter, by default, the content, format of the data supply and data availability remains the same. However, following the success of the real-time pilot initiative of the S2S project (during which S2S data were supplied in real time for 16 projects) which ended in 2023, the World Weather Research Programme (WWRP) encourages contributors to agree to reduce the current three-week delay to make data available to the S2S database to 48 hours or one week.

This request takes into consideration that some S2S data providers are extending their free and open data policies to include data in the sub-seasonal range with a view to increase the uptake and usefulness of these products. This aligns well with [Resolution 1 \(Cg-Ext\(2021\)\)](#) - WMO Unified Policy for the International Exchange of Earth System Data adopted by the Extraordinary World Meteorological Congress in October 2021 and the publication [WMO Unified Data Policy](#). This enables more free and unrestricted access to data, and availability in near-real time whenever possible. It also takes into consideration potential technical and policy constraints, with discussions taking place in coordination with the S2S panel.

I should be grateful to receive your reply on reducing the delay of data availability before **15 June 2024**, addressed to Mr Nico Caltabiano, Scientific Officer of the World Weather Research Division (avazcaltabiano@wmo.int) and Mr Manuel Fuentes, the S2S panel Chair (Manuel.Fuentes@ecmwf.int). In absence of objections to the proposal, the S2S panel will contact the contributors to organize follow-up actions.

I would like to express my sincere appreciation for your continued support of the WMO and WWRP activities.

Yours faithfully,

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for the Secretary-General

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