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Subject: Workshop on Hydrological Data Exchange, Standardization, and Interoperability, Cape Town, South Africa, 25-27 November 2024

Action required: To confirm your availability to attend the meeting, at your earliest convenience, but not later than **4 November 2024**

Dear Sir/Madam,

WMO, in collaboration with the South African Weather Service, the Department of Water Service and the SADC Water Division, will hold a technical workshop on Hydrological Data Exchange, Standardization, Interoperability in Cape Town, South Africa, from 25 to 27 November 2024.

Participants invited to attend this meeting are mainly from WMO RA I, in particular from the Southern African Development Community (SADC), selected countries outside of SADC willing to exchange their hydrology data, river basins, experts working with hydrological data and metadata expert groups and experts leading the development of OSCAR/Surface and WDQMS for hydrology, and organizations supporting WHOS implementation and development.

It is my pleasure to invite you to participate in this event. We apologize for the short notice, noting that most of the participants were pre-informed.

The aim of the workshop is to enhance hydrology integration into WMO systems through WIS/WHOS and WIGOS, align work plans across teams, and initiate pilot projects with basin organizations. This includes training on station registration and data quality monitoring, equipping participants to exchange hydrological data via WHOS and WIS2.0, discussing data standards, showcasing WHOS pilot successes, and exploring HydroSOS and EW4All connections among others.

WMO has reserved limited funds to cover the travel and per diem expenses for a few participants to attend in person. In order to arrange the event in a timely manner, you are

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kindly requested to confirm your participation in the workshop at your earliest convenience, but not later than **4 November 2024**. Kindly inform Mr Washington Otieno (wotieno@wmo.int) and return the completed Request for Financial Assistance with a scan of your passport to mrequests@wmo.int, if you are requesting financial assistance from WMO. Kindly note that those whose travel will be covered by WMO, will be contacted separately to complete the necessary administrative process. You are strongly encouraged to seek funding from your institution since WMO has a very limited budget to facilitate the participation of participants.

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

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, and 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 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 limited coverage for medical, emergency, and supplementary official travel expenses.

Further information and a detailed agenda regarding the meeting will be sent in due course.

We look forward to a continued collaboration with you on the activities related to hydrology data exchange, access, and management.

I wish you a successful workshop in Cape Town, South Africa.

Yours faithfully,



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