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Action required: If you are planning to come to New York as part of your national delegation, please liaise with the WMO UN Affairs Office

Dear Sir/Madam,

The United Nations Headquarters in New York will host hundreds of world leaders, policymakers, experts and advocates in September for the high-level week of the 79th session of the [United Nations General Assembly](#) (UNGA). The first day of the high-level general debate of the United Nations General Assembly will be **Tuesday, 24 September**.

Permanent Representatives to WMO who would like to learn more about the events taking place during the UNGA high-level week, or **who are planning to come to New York as part of their national delegations, are invited to contact the WMO UN Affairs Office** ([wmony@wmo.int](mailto:wmony@wmo.int)).

### Summit of the Future

The [Summit of the Future](#) will be held **on 22 and 23 September 2024**. Its aim is twofold: to accelerate efforts to meet our existing international commitments and to take concrete steps to respond to emerging challenges and opportunities. This will be achieved through an action-oriented outcome document called the [Pact for the Future](#). The Pact will be negotiated and endorsed by countries in the lead-up to and during the summit. Two negotiated outcomes will be annexed to the Pact, a [Global Digital Compact](#) and a [Declaration on Future Generations](#). WMO is working to ensure language related to its mandate is reflected in the outcome documents.

The WMO-led *United in Science* report will launch just ahead of the Summit and will emphasize the transformative impact of new technologies and innovative approaches across hydromet activities, such as AI, space-based Earth observations, virtual realities, and transdisciplinary approaches, that can support achievement of the SDGs and other global goals.

### Future Actions Days

To generate additional opportunities for the engagement of all actors, the Secretary-General of the United Nations is convening the [Summit of the Future Action Days](#) on **20 and 21 September 2024** at the United Nations Headquarters in New York.

To: Permanent Representatives of Members with WMO

cc: Hydrological Advisers

The Action Days will kick off with a dedicated, youth-led Friday afternoon followed by a Saturday programme which will focus on three priority themes – digital and technology, peace and security, and sustainable development and financing. In addition to the three themes, there will also be a dedicated focus throughout the day on future generations. Expected participants include Heads of State, Ministers, senior United Nations officials and representatives from the private sector, civil society, and other actors.

### **Existential Threats of Sea-Level Rise**

The General Assembly has decided to hold a high-level meeting **on 25 September 2024** to address the [existential threats posed by sea-level rise](#). The event will consider the science of sea-level rise and its impacts on sustainable development and cultural heritage as well as the legal issues that relate to the existential threats that sea-level rise poses for some low-lying countries. WMO is working to ensure the activities of its members are represented in this event.

### **Climate Week NYC 2024 – It's time!**

[Climate Week NYC](#) is the largest annual climate event of its kind, hosting over 600 events and activities across the City of New York – in-person, hybrid and online. Each year, business leaders, political change-makers, local decision-makers and civil society representatives of all ages and backgrounds from around the world gather to drive the transition, speed-up progress, and champion change that is already happening.

Climate Week NYC is hosted by [Climate Group](#), an international non-profit whose purpose is to drive climate action, fast. Climate Group hosts the week's official programme, which brings together senior international figures from business, government, civil society, and the climate sector. This year, I will have the honour of speaking at the inauguration of Climate Week NYC **on 22 September 2024**.

**To ensure high visibility for our community during this important week, I urge you to work together, with our WMO UN Affairs Office ([wmony@wmo.int](mailto:wmony@wmo.int)), to prepare your participation and consider further potential opportunities for your engagement.**

Yours faithfully,



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