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Subject: WMO State of Global Water Resources report

Action required: Nomination of Focal Points for the 2024 WMO State of Global Water Resources report

Dear Sir/Madam,

WMO is preparing the 2024 State of Global Water Resources (SoWR) report to be published in the third quarter of this year. We greatly appreciate our Members' contributions which have been instrumental in producing this crucial report during the last three years. It provides an insight into the global water resources status supporting operational water management, policy development, and climate action.

The participation of Permanent Representatives, Hydrological Advisers, and Water Report Focal Points is vital. The report enhances the visibility of Members' hydrological activities and demonstrates collective expertise in producing a reliable assessment based on the best available data. Last year we noted a significant increase in the number of Members sharing in situ data and products (from seven in 2022 to 54 in 2024), a promising trend. The [State of Global Water Resources report 2023](#) (WMO-No. 1362) was featured in over 2 500 media outlets, underscoring the significant public interest in comprehensive annual assessments of global water resources.

To further strengthen the report, Members are requested to nominate focal points (unless the previously nominated ones listed in the [WMO Expert Network](#) are still valid) to support its development. In line with the definition of Associate Expert contained in [Annex IV](#) to the [Rules of Procedure for Technical Commissions](#) (WMO-No. 1240), focal points are expected to dedicate five days per year to the related duties and will be responsible for:

- (1) Sharing observational data (for example, streamflow, groundwater and soil moisture);
- (2) Assisting in reviewing and validating the draft report.

Your nomination of focal points will also ensure their automatic inclusion in the WMO Expert Network as Associate Experts.

For effective data management, WMO encourages data sharing through the following global centres:

- Global Runoff Data Centre (GRDC) — streamflow
- International Soil Moisture Network (ISMN) — soil moisture
- International Groundwater Resources Assessment Centre (IGRAC) — groundwater
- Hydrology of Lakes and Reservoirs (HYDROLARE) — lakes and reservoirs

To: Permanent Representatives of Members with WMO

cc: Hydrological Advisers

- The Global Freshwater Quality Database (GEMStat) — water quality

Dr Sulagna Mishra (Scientific Officer, WMO Secretariat) coordinates the report's preparation. It would be appreciated if you would send your focal point nominations, together with their CVs, to Dr Mishra ([smishra@wmo.int](mailto:smishra@wmo.int)) with a copy to Dr Stefan Uhlenbrook, Director Water, Hydrology and Cryosphere ([suhlenbrook@wmo.int](mailto:suhlenbrook@wmo.int)) and Nilay Dogulu, Consultant ([ndogulu@wmo.int](mailto:ndogulu@wmo.int))

I take this opportunity to thank you for your support of the WMO activities.

Yours faithfully,



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