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Subject: Call for Candidates – WIS 2.0 Champions Network (selection process)

Action required: To submit applications at your earliest convenience, but preferably before
30 July 2025

Dear Sir/Madam,

The WMO Information System 2.0 (WIS 2.0) entered its operational phase on 1 January 2025, marking the beginning of a crucial transition period (2025–2030) that will ultimately replace the Global Telecommunication System (GTS).

To ensure the successful implementation of WIS 2.0 and support Members in this transition, WMO is establishing a global network of WIS 2.0 Champions across all Regions. This initiative directly supports the WIS 2.0 Implementation Plan endorsed by the Executive Council through [Resolution 34 \(EC-76\) – Implementation plan update of the WMO Information System 2.0](#). The primary objectives for the WIS 2.0 advocacies are to:

- (1) Advocate for WIS 2.0 adoption and implementation in National Meteorological and Hydrological Services (NMHSs) and all WIS Centres;
- (2) Provide technical guidance on WIS 2.0 standards, protocols and tools;
- (3) Support Members in transitioning to WIS 2.0 operational requirements;
- (4) Foster regional and global collaboration for WIS 2.0 enhancement.

I hereby invite you to propose a candidate from your country to participate in the selection process for the WIS 2.0 Champions Network. Following the application period, nominees will be asked to complete a form detailing their qualifications and experience. Based on this information, a selection committee will review all submissions and shortlist candidates accordingly. Selected candidates can be invited to participate in interviews to further assess their suitability. The final group of advocates will then be chosen to ensure balanced regional representation, gender balance, and appropriate technical expertise.

Selected Champions will be formally integrated into the WMO Expert Network, with a status equivalent to WMO Expert Team members. The role includes an allocation of 20 working days per year dedicated to WMO activities, subject to your approval. While these positions are not remunerated, they offer significant professional development opportunities and international recognition.

The ideal candidate should possess:

- Strong technical understanding of WIS 2.0 principles, technologies, and web standards;
- Experience with Linux Operating System, software development, data exchange, or IT systems relevant to NMHS operations;

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cc: Hydrological Advisers

- Excellent communication and collaboration skills;
- Institutional support to fulfil the responsibilities of the role.

Further information about the WIS 2.0 Champions Network, its role, and its responsibility is available on the [community webpage](#).

I particularly encourage the proposals of professionals in their initial to midcareer stages and who demonstrate strong leadership potential and technical aptitude in this domain. This opportunity will provide valuable international exposure and professional development for emerging talents within your organization for the benefit of our entire community.

I kindly ask you to circulate the community webpage link within your institution and relevant national agencies to identify suitable candidates. Selected champions will receive specialized training on WIS 2.0 technologies, including the WIS2 in a box reference implementation, and will join a global community of practice supported by the WMO Secretariat and leading technical experts.

Applications must be submitted at your earliest convenience, but preferably before **30 July 2025** via email to wis@wmo.int including:

- (1) The full name of the candidate;
- (2) Email address;
- (3) Confirmation of availability to participate in an initial training workshop.

Your support in proposing qualified candidates will significantly contribute to the successful global implementation of WIS 2.0 and ensure that the specific needs and challenges of your Region are well represented in this important initiative.

Thank you for your continued collaboration and support to WMO activities.

Yours faithfully,



Ms Ko Barrett
for the Secretary-General