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Subject: Survey on meteorological and oceanographic priorities for the Joint WMO-IOC Collaborative Board

Action required: To distribute the survey link to relevant contact points nationally for reply by **30 September 2025**

Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of the Joint World Meteorological Organization (WMO)-Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) Collaborative Board (JCB), I am reaching out to you to request your valuable participation in a survey designed to collect your insights and suggestions on the JCB current priority work areas and future direction. This survey was requested by parallel requests from the seventy-ninth WMO Executive Council, [Resolution 11 \(EC-79\)](#) – Joint WMO-IOC Collaborative Board and from the thirty-third IOC Assembly, [Decision 4.6 \(IOC Decision A33/4.6\)](#) – Joint WMO-IOC Collaborative Board (JCB) Strategic Advice on Joint Work to Achieve Common Objectives.

JCB was created in 2019 as a guidance body with the primary objective to promote high-level collaboration and broad engagement of the relevant bodies of IOC and WMO with the intent to work together to advance all aspects of the value chain related to observations, prediction capabilities, data management/access, research, global and regional services and capacity development. JCB works on topics of interest to both organizations to maintain, strengthen and promote links among the weather, water, climate and ocean communities in order to achieve the visions of both WMO and IOC, building on a long history of cooperation between the two organizations, and at the national level between meteorological and oceanographic institutions.

JCB at its meeting in September 2024 established four initial primary focus areas for its work:

- Defining ocean basic observing networks, including in the context of the WMO Global Basic Observing Network (GBON)
- Improving data management and interoperability
- Strengthening coastal and maritime resilience
- Enhancing capacity development through joint training and collaboration

Two subgroups have also been formed specifically to address the ocean basic observing networks and data management and interoperability aspects.

To: Permanent Representatives of Members with WMO


cc: Hydrological Advisers
SC-MMO Focal Points

We kindly request that you distribute the [survey](#) to the appropriate points of contact within your country, representing organizations that work at the intersection of meteorology and oceanography. The responses will be instrumental in helping us shape the future priorities and actions of JCB and in ensuring that the Board's priorities align with the evolving needs of WMO Members and IOC Member States.

We greatly appreciate your participation in this survey and we kindly ask that you share your input with us by **30 September 2025**.

Thank you for your time and valuable contribution.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ko Barrett', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Ms Ko Barrett
for the Secretary-General