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Subject: Notification of the second phase of the nineteenth session of the Regional Association VI (Europe) (RA VI-19)

Action required: (1) Inform on participation  
(2) Pre-register for the RA VI-19 session and associated side events

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to inform you that the second phase of the nineteenth session of the Regional Association VI (Europe) (RA VI-19) will take place from 30 September to 1 October 2026, in Bucharest, Romania.

The provisional agenda is provided in [Annex I](#). Please note that the provisional annotated agenda as well as documents for the session will be posted on the [RA VI-19 session website](#) in due course.

I would further like to recall that elections of RA VI officers are constitutionally due to be held during the session, based on the provisions of [General Regulations 10](#) and [62](#). In this respect it is recommended that, should voting be required under the agenda item concerning the election of officers, representatives of Members of the Association with voting rights be physically present in Bucharest. Members who will not be able to send delegations to Bucharest, should for the purpose of voting, consider arrangements for representation through their respective diplomatic representation (i.e. Embassies or Consulates) in Bucharest, or if this is not feasible, through the delegation of vote by proxy.

Further details regarding the organization and conduct of this session, including the election process are provided in the Explanatory Memorandum of the Secretary-General which is included as [Annex II](#) to this letter. A template for the delegation of vote by proxy is also included as [Annex III](#). Pursuant to [General Regulation 22](#), all proxy forms and credentials must be submitted to the Credentials Committee for examination and validation to ensure compliance with [WMO Basic Documents](#).

In view of the limited time available during this session to discuss documents, Permanent Representatives and delegates are invited to submit comments and proposed amendments on the documents posted on the RA VI-19 session website in advance of the session via [plenary@wmo.int](mailto:plenary@wmo.int), preferably at least one week prior to the session.

To: Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Members of the World Meteorological Organization

cc: Permanent Missions to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva  
Permanent Representatives of Members with WMO  
Hydrological Advisers

The second phase of the session will be preceded by the Regional Conference on 29 September 2026 and by an RA VI Workshop on the Hydrological Status and Outlook System (HydroSOS), which will take place on 28 September 2026 in Bucharest, Romania. Information on the Regional Conference and the RA VI Workshop on the Hydrological Status and Outlook System (HydroSOS) will be posted on the RA VI-19 session website as it becomes available.

In view of their official status with WMO, Permanent Representatives are kindly invited to act as focal points for the online registration of their delegation for the RA VI-19 and the associated side events. The link to the online [Event Registration System \(ERS\)](#), the username and password that were sent to the Permanent Representatives by email, remain valid for all upcoming WMO meetings. The online registration will remain open until 18 September 2026 and, for further information concerning the online pre-registration, please do not hesitate to contact the WMO Secretariat by email at [registration@wmo.int](mailto:registration@wmo.int).

Please also note that the submission of information through the online ERS does not exempt Members from the need to provide valid credentials for the participating delegation. Regulation 20 of the WMO General Regulations (Basic documents No. 1, 2025 edition (WMO-No. 15)) requests Members to provide credentials for their delegations for the session with a clear indication of the principal delegate. I should welcome in due course the credentials of your delegation, signed by, or on behalf of, an appropriate governmental authority of the Member.

A copy of this letter is being sent to the Permanent Representative and Hydrological Adviser of your country with WMO, as well as to Permanent Missions to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva, presidents of regional associations and technical commissions and chairs of other WMO bodies.

Please accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.



Prof. Celeste Saulo  
Secretary-General

**RA VI-19 – Phase II Session  
(Bucharest, 30 September–1 October 2026)**

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Title</b>
1	Agenda and organization of the session
2	Reports
3	Scientific and technical matters
3.1	<i>Design and implementation of Global and Regional Basic Observing Networks</i>
3.2	<i>RA VI Regional Climate Centre (RCC) Network Operations</i>
3.3	<i>Regional prioritization for 2026–2027</i>
3.4	<i>Consideration of the draft WMO Strategic Plan 2028–2031 and Regional Programme</i>
4	Review of the previous decisions, resolutions and recommendations
4.1	<i>Review of previous Regional Association VI decisions, resolutions and recommendations</i>
4.2	<i>Review of the Executive Council resolutions related to the Association</i>
5	RA VI Operation Plan for 2026–2027 and subsidiary bodies
6	Election of officers
7	Date and place of next session
8	Closure of the session

*Note:* The Hydrological Assembly will convene as a sessional committee to consider and collect views from Hydrological Advisers of RA VI on those documents that might be related to hydrological matters

## EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

### I. Introduction

1. The Secretary-General places before Regional Association VI (RA VI-Europe) for its consideration, the following observations and information regarding the organization and conduct of Phase II of the nineteenth session of the Regional Association (RA VI-19(II)) and the adoption of the agenda.

### II. Organization of the session

#### *Elections*

2. The Secretary-General draws the attention of RA VI to the convening of the session in a physical format as outlined in the session notification. Elections of RA VI officers are constitutionally due to be held during this phase of the session, further to the provisions of [General Regulations 10](#) and [62](#). These elections follow the Extraordinary session of Regional Association VI held on 22 May 2023 which established the current term of the Association's officers.

3. In this respect and in the event that a vote is required at RA VI-19 (II), it will take place through a paper ballot process. It is therefore recommended that for the purpose of voting if required, delegates of RA VI with voting rights are physically present in Bucharest. Members who will not be able to send delegations to Bucharest, should for the purpose of exercising their voting rights, consider the following arrangements:

#### *Diplomatic Representation:*

Representation through their respective diplomatic missions (Embassy or Consulate) in Bucharest.

#### *Delegation of Vote by Proxy:*

If diplomatic representation is not feasible, a Member may utilize a proxy voting arrangement. Where a vote by proxy is utilized, Members must adhere to the following requirements to ensure the validity of the vote:

- (a) **Accredited proxy:** The proxy representative must be a member of an accredited Member delegation that itself possesses voting rights within the Regional Association.
- (b) **Delegation composition:** The Member acting as proxy must have a delegation comprising more than one representative.
- (c) **Conflict of interest:** A delegation of proxy should not be given to a Member delegation that has submitted a candidate nomination for the specific office for which the proxy representative will cast a vote.

4. Pursuant to [General Regulation 22](#), all proxy forms and credentials must be submitted to the Credentials Committee for examination and validation to ensure compliance with WMO Basic Documents.

5. A template for the delegation of vote by proxy is attached for your attention as an [annex](#) to this memorandum. Further details regarding the election procedures and conduct of the vote process, if required, will be available on the [RA VI-19 \(II\) session website](#).

### **Quorum**

6. A quorum of the simple majority of Members with voting rights belonging to the Association, will be established at the beginning of the session and confirmed at each plenary meeting.

7. In accordance with the provisions of [General Regulation 140](#), if a quorum is not obtained at a session, the decisions other than elections, adopted by a simple majority vote of those Members present shall be referred by correspondence to all Members of the Organization belonging to the Association.

### **Opening and closing dates**

8. In accordance with the provisions of [General Regulation 138\(a\)](#), the president of RA VI, in agreement with the President of the Organization and the Secretary-General, have decided that Phase II of RA VI-19 will take place from 30 September to 1 October 2026.

### **Plenary and committees**

9. The president of RA VI will invite the Association to work in plenary throughout the session. Committees for the session will be established and will include:

- (a) Credentials Committee
- (b) Nomination Committee
- (c) Drafting Committee (if required)
- (d) Coordination Committee

10. The Association may wish to nominate a Rapporteur on Previous Resolutions and Recommendations of the Association and relevant Resolutions of the Executive Council, and establish, for the duration of its session, other committees as it deems necessary.

### **Rationalization of work**

11. To optimize discussions of documents and facilitate a balanced treatment of agenda items during the session, Members of the RA are encouraged to submit comments on documents to [plenary@wmo.int](mailto:plenary@wmo.int) prior to the session, preferably one week before the opening of the session.

### **Schedule of meetings**

12. The Secretary-General draws the attention of RA VI to the tentative workplan which is available through the [session website](#) at RA VI-19 (II) - Tentative Workplan.

### **Conduct of business**

13. The Secretary-General draws the attention of RA VI to the relevant regulations regarding the conduct of business in meetings of constituent bodies, namely General Regulations [77](#) to [91](#).

14. The Secretary-General further draws attention to the practice of taking the floor whereby Members represented in the Regional Association (principal delegates or their alternates/advisers/delegates on their behalf) intervene first, followed by observers.

15. Individual statements are normally limited to three minutes.

16. Participants are encouraged to submit written comments on documents following their intervention to [plenary@wmo.int](mailto:plenary@wmo.int).

### ***Records of meetings***

17. In accordance with the provisions of [General Regulation 95\(c\)](#), audio recordings of plenary meetings shall be made and retained for record-keeping purposes.

### ***Resolutions, decisions and recommendations***

18. The Secretary-General draws the attention of RA VI to the provisions of [General Regulation 94](#) on the recording of resolutions, decisions and recommendations of the Association.

19. Pursuant to the provisions of [General Regulation 95\(a\) and \(b\)](#), after the sessions of a constituent body, the resolutions, decisions and recommendations shall be recorded in the final report of the session and published by the Secretariat. Information documents and statements shall be included in the final report.

20. In addition, summarized minutes of the discussion at plenary meetings of constituent bodies shall be prepared by the Secretariat only where there is a specific request from the plenary.

### ***Languages***

21. In accordance with the provisions of [General Regulation 97](#), the Secretary-General, following consultation with the president, has determined that Arabic, English, French, Russian and Spanish will be the working languages of the session.

### ***Documentation***

22. Documents for the session will be made available and managed following normal practice through the RA VI-19 website.

23. In addition and in accordance with the provisions of [General Regulation 92](#), any document shall be made available in sufficient time, before the opening of the plenary meeting at which it will be discussed. The time should be specified by the constituent body concerned.

24. Other international organizations with which the Organization has concluded arrangements or agreements may submit documents to sessions of constituent bodies or subsidiary bodies on agenda items of direct interest to them within the time fixed for the different bodies. In this case, such documents should be made available to the Secretary-General for circulation in accordance with the Regulations.

## **III. Adoption of the agenda**

25. In accordance with the provisions of [Rule 6.11](#) the provisional agenda for the RA VI-19(II) has been prepared by the president of the Association, in consultation with the Secretary-General.

26. The Secretary-General draws the attention of the Regional Association to [Rule 6.11.4](#) that the provisional agenda should be submitted for approval by the Association as soon as possible after the opening of the session. In the course of the session, the agenda may be amended at any time.

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**DELEGATION OF VOTING RIGHTS**

during the

**SECOND PHASE OF THE NINETEENTH SESSION OF  
REGIONAL ASSOCIATION VI (EUROPE)**

**30 September–1 October 2026,  
Bucharest, Romania**

**(Name of Member 1)** hereby delegates its voting right at **RA VI-19 (II)** to  
**Dr/Mr/Ms .....** **(Name of Member 2)**.

Signed by the Permanent Representative of **(Name of Member 1)** with WMO

**Name:**

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**Date:**

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**Signature:**

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**Permanent Representative of ..... with WMO**

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