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Annex: 1

Subject: Thirty-sixth session of the Data Buoy Cooperation Panel (DBCP-36),
Virtual meeting, 5 – 8 October 2020

Action required:

- (1) To notify the Secretariat whether your country will participate in the virtual session and if so, whether your country will make a National Report presentation, by **15 August 2020**;
- (2) To submit abstracts for the S&T workshop to the workshop coordinators by **15 August 2020**;
- (3) To provide national reports on current and planned buoy programmes to the Secretariat by **15 September 2020**;
- (4) To check the list of national focal points for buoy programmes and notify required changes to the Secretariat.

Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) and the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO), I am pleased to announce that the thirty-sixth session of the Joint WMO-IOC Data Buoy Cooperation Panel (DBCP-36) will take place as a virtual session from 5 to 8 October 2020.

Due to the various restrictions imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic, the DBCP Executive Board decided to commence the DBCP-36 virtual session at 12 noon UTC for 2.5 to 3 hours daily from 5 to 8 October 2020. The Draft Agenda and other documents for the DBCP-36 virtual session will be available on the event website at www.jcomm.info/DBCP-36. As decided by the Panel, the session will be conducted in English only.

The expected outcome of this meeting is to better connect and engage with the buoy data user community. Four virtual sessions will include, but are not limited to, a Science and Technology (S&T) workshop, national reports session, discussions on environmental stewardship, impact of COVID-19 and mitigation measures, DBCP contribution to the United Nations Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development (2021-2030) and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

As in previous sessions, all participants are requested to provide input on their national implementation status, in the form of a brief report following guidance provided in the [Annex](#), and return it to the Secretariat by **15 September 2020**.

To: Permanent Representatives (or Directors of Meteorological or Hydrometeorological Services) of Members of WMO

cc: Hydrological Advisers to Permanent Representatives
DBCP Chairperson, OCG Chairperson, Chairpersons of GOOS and GCOS Steering Committees, and JCB Co-presidents

Please note that there will be National Report presentations on 6 October 2020 starting at 12 noon UTC. If your country is planning to present a National Report, please notify the Secretariat by **15 August 2020**. An information document and Call-for-papers for the S&T workshop on the theme of "Moored and Drifting Buoy Science, Technology, Data Management and Emerging Technologies" will be available on the meeting website through the link indicated below. Abstracts for the S&T workshop should be submitted to the workshop coordinators by **15 August 2020**.

I request you to check the list of National Focal Points for buoy programmes, available at: <http://www.jcomm.info/dbcp-nfp> and report any discrepancies, or nominate a National Focal Point in case your country does not have one yet.

I would like to remind you that the Panel membership is open to all Members of WMO and Member States of IOC. Interested organizations and programmes are also welcome to participate in the sessions. I should be grateful if you could inform the Secretariat by **15 August 2020** whether your country will participate in the DBCP-36 virtual session. Upon confirmation, please provide us with the name(s) and contact details of the representative(s).

I should appreciate it if notifications concerning participation at DBCP-36, updates to the list of National Focal Points, electronic copies of the brief reports mentioned above as well as your plans to present national reports, could be sent to the WMO Secretariat with a copy to Ms Champika Gallage, Scientific Officer, Earth System Monitoring Division, Infrastructure Department (cgallage@wmo.int).

I wish to take this opportunity to thank you for your support to marine activities.

Yours faithfully,



Dr Wenjian Zhang
for the Secretary-General

DATA BUOY CO-OPERATION PANEL (DBCP)

**FORMAT FOR NATIONAL REPORTS ON CURRENT AND
PLANNED BUOY PROGRAMMES**

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A template of the form can be downloaded from the following SharePoint site:

https://wmoomm.sharepoint.com/:w:/s/wmocpdb/EQetWM6WBqdBuQLz3FET6aABCNttxnMVv3yU_wpSbRlxgA

It is recommended that this form is filled in electronically and returned to the Secretariat to the following email address in electronic format: cgallage@wmo.int.
