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Subject: Sixth International Port Meteorological Officers (PMO-6) Workshop,
Virtual session, 16 and 18 March 2021Action required: To register online to participate in PMO-6 **before 30 January 2021**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to inform you that the Sixth International Port Meteorological Officers Workshop (PMO-6) will take place virtually through an online platform on 16 and 18 March 2021.

You will recall that as part of the activities of the Ship Observations Team (SOT), the international network of Port Meteorological Officers provides a way to ensure that standard procedures proposed by the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) are followed throughout the whole Voluntary Observing Ship (VOS) fleet in every country, and that the data produced are homogenous and comply with WMO standards. PMOs also provide marine meteorological services, or information on such services, to shipping companies and port authorities.

At its tenth session, held in Hong Kong, China, April 2019, the SOT (SOT-10) reinforced the view that the work of PMOs was crucial for voluntary ship observations. The VOS Panel at SOT-10 recommended that a sixth international PMO workshop would therefore be held in 2020. However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, SOT decided to organize a virtual session to discuss a selected number of topics which are vital for PMO operations. The PMO-6 virtual session will take place on 16 March 2021 from 1500 to 1730 UTC and on 18 March 2021 from 1700 to 1930 UTC.

You are kindly requested to register experts to join the PMO-6 workshop through the event website indicated below or send your expert registration requests with contact, position, organization information to the WMO Secretariat to Ms C. Gallage, Scientific Officer, Earth System Monitoring Division, Infrastructure Department, (cgallage@wmo.int) **before 30 January 2021**. Information about the workshop, the programme, and documents will be made available in due course through the event [website](#).

I wish to thank you for your continuous support and active participation to WMO activities.

Yours faithfully,

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for the Secretary-General

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