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**Subject:** Nomination of Regional Specialized Meteorological Centres (RSMCs) conducting global numerical ocean prediction as specified in the *Manual on the Global Data-processing and Forecasting System (GDPFS)* (WMO-No. 485)

**Action required:** Consider nominating your service or your sister agency as an RSMC conducting global numerical ocean prediction

Dear Sir/Madam,

As you are aware, the WMO Global Data-processing and Forecasting System (GDPFS) encompasses all operating systems (including oceanographic services) run by Members and provides a framework for sharing products through the WMO Information System (WIS). At present, the GDPFS allows for Regional Specialized Meteorological Centres (RSMCs) conducting global numerical ocean prediction to be part of the System, however, none have been designated.

Given the importance of operational ocean prediction products and its benefit for Members towards an Earth system approach, I seek interest from Members with capability in global numerical ocean prediction, to nominate your service or your sister agency as a RSMC conducting global numerical ocean prediction, outlined in 2.2.1.9 in the *Manual on the GDPFS* (WMO-No. 485).

To proceed with the designation process, a formal application with supporting documentation should be sent to the WMO Secretariat (cc: [dpfsmail@wmo.int](mailto:dpfsmail@wmo.int) and [mmo@wmo.int](mailto:mmo@wmo.int)) for assessment no later than **1 July 2022**. Assessments that meet the criteria will be considered in the upcoming Commission for Weather, Climate, Water and Related Environmental Services and Applications (SERCOM) and the Commission for Observation, Infrastructure and Information Systems (INFCOM) sessions this October. If further guidance in preparing an application is needed, please do not hesitate to contact the Secretariat.

I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued cooperation and support to the WMO activities.

Yours faithfully,

Prof. Petteri Taalas  
Secretary-General

To: Permanent Representatives of Members with WMO  
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