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Subject: Nominations for participation in the first meeting of the Consortium of WMO Education and Training Collaborating Partners (CONNECT) to be held in Geneva, 17–21 April 2023

Action required: Nominations must be sent to tra@wmo.int by **15 February 2023**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I refer to the Executive Council [Decision 8 \(EC-75\)](#) - Concept note on the Consortium of WMO Education and Training Collaborating Partners, held in 2022, regarding the endorsement of the Consortium of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) Education and Training Collaborating Partners (CONNECT). To ensure effective implementation of the decision, the first meeting of CONNECT is scheduled to take place in Geneva, 17–21 April 2023.

The overall objective of CONNECT is to strengthen the coordination and sustainability of education and training efforts on Earth Systems, including weather, climate, water and related environmental disciplines, being a formal mechanism to achieve the goals of the WMO Global Campus initiative. CONNECT shall be an open membership community, composed of experienced members from education and training stakeholders worldwide who recognize, endorse, and/or have an active interest in WMO capacity development, education and training goals and strategy on Earth System Sciences, including meteorology, hydrology, and related environmental disciplines.

The first meeting will provide the strategic development direction of CONNECT in close alignment with the WMO Strategic Plan and Long-Term Goals and adopt the CONNECT strategic plan and annual activities. The agenda of the meeting will be forwarded to you in due course. In the meantime, I would recommend that your nominee refers to [Decision 8 \(EC-75\)](#), which highlights the purpose of this initiative ahead of the meeting. In line with the EC decision, participation in the Consortium will be on a voluntary basis.

I am pleased to invite you to recommend representatives of viable and internationally recognized education and training institutions in your country to participate in the first meeting. The nominations should be sent to tra@wmo.int to the attention of Dr Paul Bugeac, Coordinator, Learning and Development, no later than **15 February 2023**.

I thank you for your continued cooperation in the delivery of WMO education and training.

Yours faithfully,

Prof. Petteri Taalas
Secretary-General

To: Permanent Representatives of Members with WMO

cc: Hydrological Advisers