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Subject: Invitation to the Fourth High-Level Session of the Open Consultative Platform

(OCP-HL-4)

Dear Sir/Madam,

I have the pleasure of inviting you to the forthcoming Fourth High-Level Session of the Open Consultative Platform (OCP) of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO). The OCP was established on the occasion of the Eighteenth session of the World Meteorological Congress (Cg-18) in 2019 as a consultative mechanism for WMO to engage all stakeholders in weather, climate and water service. An annual thematic High-Level Session is conducted, with the participation of the public, private and academic sectors, as part of the programme of the WMO Executive Council or Congress sessions.

The said High-Level Session (OCP-HL-4) will be held at the International Conference Centre of Geneva (CICG), 1700–1815 (CEST) on 26 May 2023, during the Nineteenth World Meteorological Congress (Cg-19) which will be held from 22 May to 2 June 2023 in Geneva. The OCP-HL-4 will be a hybrid event, allowing both physical and online participation. The event will be open to audiences from Members, private companies, academia, civil societies and other sectors.

The OCP-HL-4 will discuss how to engage multiple stakeholders in delivering on the Early Warnings for All initiative (EW4All) goal, focused on mapping the strengths and potential contribution from the private sector to the early warning-related capacity gaps in the least developed countries (LDCs) and Small Island Developing States (SIDS). The outcome of the panel discussion at OCP-HL-4 is anticipated to inform the planning and technical implementation of EW4All in the first batch of 30 LDCs and SIDS selected for initial implementation.

Please note that registration on the Event Registration website is required to participate in the OCP-HL-4, whether physically or virtually. Permanent Representatives (PRs) of Members with WMO, as focal points for registration of the delegations to Cg-19, are urged to register their delegates for this event. The OCP-HL-4 will be open to all stakeholders from the public, private, and academic sectors. PRs may therefore wish to consider advising their Foreign Ministers on including representatives from the private and academic sectors in their delegation (Reference: WMO circular letter 19635-2022-GS-CNF-Cg-19_en.pdf). PRs are also encouraged to share the above registration link with their contacts in private and academic sectors who may be interested in the event.

To: Permanent Representatives of Members with WMO

cc: Hydrological Advisers

Association of the Hydro-Meteorological Industry (HMEI)

Please do not hesitate to contact the Public-Private Engagement Office (ppe@wmo.int) of the WMO Secretariat should you have any questions or need further information.

I look forward to your participation and take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support of WMO Programmes and activities.

Yours faithfully,

Prof. Petteri Taalas Secretary-General