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Subject: Extraordinary session of Regional Association VI (Europe),
RA VI-Ext. (2023), 23 May 2023Actions required: (1) To nominate delegates to participate in the session and arrange for
their credentials
(2) To pre-register delegates with the online Event Registration System
(ERS)

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to inform you that the Executive Council at its seventy-sixth session (EC-76), which was held from 27 February to 3 March 2023, authorized WMO Regional Association VI (Europe) to hold an extraordinary session in 2023, through [Resolution 7.1\(7\)/1 \(EC-76\)](#) – Authorization for Extraordinary session of Regional Association VI (Europe). This extraordinary session was approved in order to enable the Regional Association to hold elections for the offices of president and vice-president.

The aforementioned extraordinary session will be held on 23 May 2023 in Geneva, Switzerland, at the International Conference Centre Geneva (CICG), with a possibility of online participation.

The terms of office for the elected president and vice-president of the association will run from the end of the extraordinary session on 23 May 2023 until the end of the next ordinary session of the association, at which an election of officers is to be held in accordance with [General Regulation 10](#) of the WMO General Regulations (*Basic Documents No. 1* (WMO-No. 15)).

[General Regulation 20](#) requests Members to provide credentials for their delegations for the session with a clear indication of the principal delegate and the alternate. I should welcome in due course the credentials of your delegation, signed by, or on behalf of, an appropriate governmental authority of the Member.

In view of the convening of this extraordinary session in the margins of the Nineteenth World Meteorological Congress (Cg-19), on an exceptional basis, the credentials for delegations attending Cg-19 will be valid for participation at the extraordinary session of the association.

In view of their official status with WMO, Permanent Representatives are kindly invited to act as focal points for the online registration of their delegation to the Extraordinary session of Regional Association VI (Europe) (RA VI-Ext. (2023)). The link to the online [Event Registration System \(ERS\)](#), the username and password that were sent to the Permanent Representatives by email, remain valid for all upcoming WMO meetings.

I have the further honour to inform you that the online registration will close on **15 May 2023**. For further information concerning the online pre-registration, please contact the WMO Secretariat by email at: registration@wmo.int.

To: Ministers of Foreign Affairs of Members of the World Meteorological Organization

In view of the very limited duration of the session and its specific nature, a Nomination Committee shall be established in accordance with [General Regulation 25](#) to prepare and submit to the Regional Association a list of nominees for each office for which an election is to be held. As a meeting of the Nomination Committee will be required to be held in advance of the session, representatives of Members interested in comprising the Nomination Committee are invited to contact the acting president of the Region, Dr Roar Skålin, no later than **16 May 2023**, to express their interest in participation. Details on the Committee membership will eventually be provided on the [session website](#).

To facilitate the work of the Nomination Committee, advanced nominations for the offices of the president and vice-president of the Regional Association may be sent to the attention of the Secretary-General by **16 May 2023**.

A copy of this letter is being sent to the Permanent Representative and Hydrological Adviser of your country with WMO, as well as to Permanent Missions of Member States of WMO to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva; presidents of regional associations and technical commissions and chairs of WMO bodies.

Please accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.



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