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Subject: Invitation to Permanent Representatives and Hydrological Advisors to the launch of  
**WMO's State of Global Water Resources Report 2022.**

Dear Sir/Madam,

First of all, World Meteorological Organization (WMO) thanks all the Members for their support and active participation in the preparation of the State of the Global Water Resources. It is a pleasure to invite you to the launch of our second State of Global Water Resources 2022 Report, to be held **on Thursday, 12 October 2023, from 12:00–13:00 CET** at the WMO Headquarters (Salle Obasi) in Geneva in a **Hybrid event**, followed by a **second launch on the same day from 19:00 – 20:00 CET (online only)**. To attend the launch **in-person**, please register [here](#). For online participation, kindly find the Zoom links and agenda of the events below.

This milestone report is designed to gather key hydrological information about changes in our water environment. The WMO's 2022 State of Global Water Resources report, building on its successful pilot from the previous year, is an annual WMO initiative that provides an independent, comprehensive, quantitative assessment of the global water resources. This report, a key commitment of WMO's UN 2023 Water Conference Water Action Agenda, has expanded its scope to include groundwater, evapotranspiration, soil moisture, reservoirs, and extreme hydrological disasters in addition to the components from last year's report. It relies on a combination of in-situ data, modeling systems, and remote sensing to bridge data gaps globally. Although there's been increased data sharing, uniform global hydrological observations remain our goal, which requires more investment in monitoring and data sharing. The report offers practical utility and policy guidance for global decision-makers, aligning with the UN's vision for an early warning system and supporting Sustainable Development Goals related to water and climate. It also quantifies environmental and anthropogenic impacts on hydrological conditions and complements the State of the Climate Report, aiding integrated water and climate action planning globally.

The Secretariat of the WMO looks forward in welcoming you at the launch of this crucial report and thanks you for your continued support to produce this report.

**Agenda and Zoom links**

**Launch 1:** 12 October 2023, **12:00 – 13:00 CEST**, Salle Obasi – WMO HQs Geneva – (Hybrid)

**Zoom link:** [Here](#), Meeting ID: 816 8237 6884, Passcode: 005144

12:00 – 12:05 Welcome by the Master of the Ceremony, Dr Johan Stander (Director, Services WMO)

To: Permanent Representatives of Members with WMO

cc: Hydrological Advisors

12:05 – 12:10 Introduction, Dr Stefan Uhlenbrook (Director, Hydrology, Water and Cryosphere WMO)

12:10 – 12:25 Launch of the State of Global Water Resources Report, Secretary-General of WMO Prof. Petteri Taalas

12:25 – 12:45 Panel Discussion – Country Voices

12:45 – 12:55 Q and A with the audience – Dr Sulagna Mishra (Scientific officer/HWC)

12:55 – 13:00 Closing Dr Elena Manaenkova (Deputy Secretary-General WMO)

13:00 – 14:00 Networking event with Refreshments (Lobby outside Salle Obasi)

**Launch 2:** 12 October 2023, **19:00 – 20:00 CEST**, (Online)

**Join Zoom:** [Here](#), Meeting ID: 847 9242 8785, Passcode: 740990

19:00 – 19:05 Welcome by the Master of the Ceremony, Dr Johan Stander (Director, Services WMO)

19:05 – 19:10 Introduction, Dr Stefan Uhlenbrook (Director, Hydrology, Water and Cryosphere WMO)

19:10 – 19:25 Launch of the State of Global Water Resources Report, Deputy Secretary-General WMO Dr Elena Manaenkova

19:25 – 19:45 Panel Discussion – Country Voices

19:45 – 19:55 Q and A with the audience – Dr Sulagna Mishra (Scientific officer/HWC)

19:55 – 20:00 Closing Dr Johan Stander (Director Services WMO)

Yours faithfully,



Dr Elena Manaenkova  
for the Secretary-General