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附件: 1 (仅以英文提供)

- 主题: (1) WMO 第十五届教育培训专题讨论会 (2026 年 12 月 7 至 9 日)
(2) WMO 教育培训合作伙伴联盟第四次会议 (2026 年 12 月 10 至 11 日)
(3) WMO 区域培训中心主任会议 (2026 年 12 月 11 日)

尊敬的先生/女士,

WMO 会员提供高质量天气、气候、水与相关环境服务的能力,根本上取决于其工作人员的知识、技能和胜任力。科技进步、数字化转型、人工智能、综合地球系统方法和社会期望值的不断提升正在深刻改变国家气象水文部门(NMHS)的工作。随着员工需求的不断演变,对教育、培训和员工发展的持续投资至关重要,以确保会员有能力应对当前和未来的挑战。

在此背景下,我谨通知您,WMO 第十五届教育培训专题讨论会(**SYMET-15**)将于 2026 年 12 月 7 至 9 日以混合形式在中国南京信息工程大学(NUIST)举行。**SYMET-15** 将是为期一周的综合活动的一部分。该周还将于 2026 年 12 月 10 和 11 日举办 WMO 教育培训合作伙伴联盟第四次全体会议(**CONNECT-4**)、于 2026 年 12 月 11 日下午举办 WMO 区域培训中心(**RTC**)主任会议。这三项活动构成联合活动。

SYMET-15 的主题是“**教育培训转型, 打造面向未来的天气、气候与水服务队伍**”。会议将汇聚来自 NMHS、WMO RTC、大学、教育培训机构、发展伙伴、国际组织和其他利益相关方的代表。讨论会将为交流知识和经验,确定新兴优先事项,展示创新做法、加强全球教育培训界的合作提供平台,以支持面向未来的天气、气候、水与相关环境服务。

SYMET 将首次纳入 WMO 全系统致力于教育培训和员工发展的综合活动周。此次联合活动将为审视教育培训和员工队伍发展的未来演变提供战略论坛,使面向未来的员工队伍做好准备,以满足 WMO 会员不断变化的需求。它将审议科学、技术、组织和社会的发展如何重塑 NMHS 内部的员工需求,以及教育培训如何通过开发未来所需的能力、胜任力和领导力来做出响应。

讨论会将审议学习和持续专业发展的创新方法,同时审查会员如何加强员工队伍发展,以此作为一项战略组织职能。本次联合活动还将探讨全球教育培训界如何通过 WMO 全球校园倡议和强化协作与伙伴关系,更好地支持会员,并将共同的优先事项转化为协调一致的实际行动。

本次联合活动的日程安排正在 **SYMET-15** 国际咨询委员会(IAC)和 WMO 教育培训合作伙伴联盟管理组(**CONNECT-MG**)指导下编制。预计将包括主旨演讲、专家和全会讨论、互动环节、工作组、海报和创新展示以及交流机会。**SYMET-15** 的成果将为 **CONNECT-4** 期间的合作讨论奠定基础,并为 RTC 主任审议实施优先事项提供信息。活动安排和进一步信息将在 **SYMET-15 网站**上公布。

致: WMO 会员常任代表

抄送: 水文顾问

我谨希望您能将此函在贵国相关机构和潜在与会者中广泛散发。望您能支持相关专家参会并积极参与此次联合活动。关于临时日程安排、注册、提交墙报摘要和实际安排等信息详见附件。

我相信，此次联合活动对于会员和合作伙伴是一个重要契机，以共同塑造教育培训和员工发展的未来，加强 **WMO** 全球校园倡议下的合作，推动培养面向未来、能够提供高质量天气、气候、水与相关环境服务的员工队伍。

期待贵机构专家积极参与此次联合活动。

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**Fifteenth WMO Symposium on Education and Training
7–9 December 2026**

**Fourth Plenary Meeting of the Consortium of WMO Education and Training
Collaborating Partners
10–11 December 2026**

**Meeting of Directors of WMO Regional Training Centres
11 December 2026**

Nanjing University of Information Science and Technology, Nanjing, China
7–11 December 2026 – Hybrid (in-person and online)

Information Note

1. Introduction

The World Meteorological Organization (WMO) organizes the Symposium on Education and Training (SYMET) approximately every four years as part of its Education and Training Programme. As the Organization's flagship global event on education, training and workforce development, SYMET brings together representatives of National Meteorological and Hydrological Services (NMHSs), WMO Regional Training Centres (RTCs), universities, technical commissions, development partners, international organizations, and other education and training institutions from around the world. It provides a forum for exchanging experiences, identifying emerging priorities, showcasing innovative practices and strengthening collaboration across the global education and training community. Since the first Symposium in 1975, SYMET has played an important role in shaping WMO policies, initiatives and partnerships in education and training.

In 2026, the fifteenth SYMET session (SYMET-15) will, for the first time, form part of an integrated week of events that will also include the fourth Plenary Meeting of the Consortium of WMO Education and Training Collaborating Partners (CONNECT-4). This integrated approach is designed to connect the strategic dialogue of the Symposium with strengthened collaboration and coordinated action across the WMO Global Campus initiative.

The Joint Event will conclude with the Meeting of Directors of WMO RTCs, providing an opportunity to consider the outcomes and priorities emerging from SYMET-15 and CONNECT-4, and identify practical actions for the RTC network in support of Members' workforce development.

Together, these three events will provide a coherent progression, from understanding the future context and transforming education and training, to strengthening workforce development systems, enhancing collaboration across the global learning ecosystem, and advancing implementation through the RTC network.

2. The Joint Event: SYMET-15 / CONNECT-4 / Meeting of Directors of WMO RTCs

SYMET-15 will be held under the theme “***Transforming Education and Training to Build Workforces for Future-Ready Weather, Climate and Water Services***”.

SYMET-15 will take place from 7 to 9 December 2026. It will be followed by CONNECT-4, to be held on 10 and 11 December 2026. Participation in both **SYMET-15 and CONNECT-4 are open to all interested participants.**

The afternoon of 11 December 2026 will be dedicated to the **Meeting of Directors of WMO RTCs, which is by invitation only**.

The Joint Event will be hosted by the Nanjing University of Information Science and Technology (NUIST), Nanjing, China, and conducted in a hybrid format, enabling both in-person and online participation from across the WMO community.

3. Goals

SYMET-15 aims to provide a global forum to examine how education, training and workforce development can evolve to prepare future-ready workforces that meet the changing needs of WMO Members. The Joint Event will be organized around the following strategic questions:

- How are scientific, technological, organizational, societal and economic developments reshaping weather, climate, water and related environmental services?
- How can education and training evolve to prepare current and future professionals to adapt and thrive in this changing environment?
- How can WMO Members strengthen workforce development as a strategic organizational function to support future-ready services?
- How can the global education and training community, through the WMO Global Campus initiative, collaborate more effectively to address shared challenges and priorities?
- How can the network of WMO RTCs collectively advance implementation of the priorities emerging from SYMET-15 and CONECT-4?

4. Provisional Programme

The provisional programme for the Joint Event is being developed by the WMO Secretariat under the guidance of the SYMET-15 International Advisory Committee (IAC) and the CONECT Management Group (CONECT-MG). It is expected to combine keynote presentations, plenary and panel discussions, interactive sessions, working groups, poster and innovation showcases, and networking opportunities.

The programme is designed to provide a coherent progression over the five days, moving from understanding the future context, to transforming education and training, strengthening workforce development systems, fostering collaboration across the WMO Global Campus, and advancing implementation through the network of WMO RTCs. The proposed daily themes are:

- Day 1 – The Future Context for Weather, Climate and Water Services
- Day 2 – Transforming Education and Training for Future-Ready Workforces
- Day 3 – Building Future-Ready Workforce Development Systems
- Day 4 – Strengthening Collaboration for a Future-Ready Global Learning Ecosystem
- Day 5 – From Strategy to Implementation: Advancing the RTC Network

The programme will continue to evolve as preparations progress. Updated information on the programme, registration and logistical arrangements will be made available on the [SYMET-15 website](#).

5. Registration and Participation

Participation in the Joint Event require completion of the relevant registration procedures. Depending on the nature of their participation, participants may also be requested to complete one or more of the additional forms described below. Participants are kindly requested to observe the applicable submission deadlines to facilitate the timely processing of registrations, poster abstracts submissions, requests for financial support and visa documentation.

Action	Form / Contact	Deadline
Register for SYMET-15, CONECT-4, or the Meeting of RTC Directors (<i>by invitation only</i>) (required for both online and in-person participation)	Registration Form	30 November 2026
Submit a poster abstract (<i>optional</i>)	SYMET-15 Poster Abstract Submission Form	15 October 2026
Request an Invitation Verification Letter (TE Letter) (<i>for in-person participants only, if required</i>)	Registration Form	15 September 2026
Request financial support (<i>subject to the availability of very limited funds for a small number of invited contributors and representatives of RTCs</i>)	Email to: tra@wmo.int	15 September 2026

5.1 Registration

Participation in the Joint Event is subject to registration. Prospective participants are kindly requested to complete the Joint Event [Registration Form](#) by **30 November 2026**. Registration is free of charge for online and in-person participants.

5.2 Poster abstract submission

Participants are invited to contribute to SYMET-15 by submitting poster abstracts showcasing innovative practices, experiences, research, partnerships, educational resources, technologies and capacity development initiatives relevant to the Symposium theme and daily programme.

Poster sessions, offered in both in-person and virtual formats, will provide opportunities for participants to share their work, exchange knowledge and experiences, and engage in discussions with colleagues from across the global education and training community. Accepted posters will be displayed on the Symposium website throughout the event, and appropriate venue arrangements will be also made to facilitate interaction between poster authors and participants attending in person.

Participants wishing to propose a poster are kindly requested to submit their abstracts using the [SYMET-15 Poster Abstract Submission Form](#) no later than **15 October 2026**.

Authors will be notified of the outcome of the review process shortly after the submission deadline.

Please note: Submission of a poster abstract does not constitute registration for SYMET-15. All poster presenters must also complete the Joint Event [Registration Form](#).

5.3 Visa Invitation Verification Letter (TE Letter) for in-person participants only

Participants intending to attend the Joint Event in person are advised to determine whether they require a visa to enter China before making their travel arrangements. Information on China's visa policy, including visa-free arrangements, is available on its [national immigration administration website](#).

Participants requiring a visa should contact the Chinese Embassy or Consulate responsible for their place of application to confirm the applicable visa requirements, including whether an Invitation Verification Letter (TE Letter) issued by the Chinese authorities is required.

Participants requiring a TE Letter are kindly requested to indicate this in the Joint Event [Registration Form](#) and submit their registration no later than **15 September 2026**. As additional processing time is required to obtain the TE Letter, requests submitted after the deadline may not be accommodated.

Participants who do not require a TE Letter are nevertheless encouraged to allow sufficient time to complete any necessary travel formalities before departure.

5.4 Financial support

Participants planning to attend the Joint Event in person are expected to secure financial support for their participation from their respective institutions or other sources. Subject to the availability of very limited funds, however, WMO may consider providing financial assistance to a small number of invited contributors and RTC representatives. Requests for financial support should be submitted to WMO (tra@wmo.int) no later than **15 September 2026**. Requests received after this date may not be considered.

6. Further information

Further information, including updated programme details, registration, accommodation, visa information and other practical arrangements, will be made available on the Symposium webpage.

Enquiries concerning the Joint Event may be addressed to:

Division of Capacity Development (CD)

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