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28 February 2025

Annexes: 2

Subject: Seventy-ninth session of the Executive Council (EC-79)

Action required: Inform on participation and pre-register for the EC-79 session

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to inform you that the seventy-ninth session of the Executive Council (EC-79) will take place in Geneva, Switzerland, from 16 to 20 June 2025.

Members and non-Members of WMO interested in following the discussions of the above-mentioned Executive Council session may register their representatives to the session. In accordance with [Resolution 40 \(Cg-XVI\) - Increased transparency and involvement of Members in Governance Issues of WMO between Congresses](#), these WMO Members and non-Members shall not be entitled to take the floor. Governmental and non-governmental international organizations are also invited to follow the session as observers.

The provisional agenda prepared by the President of the Organization in consultation with the Bureau is provided in [Annex I](#).

The explanatory memorandum of the Secretary-General is provided in [Annex II](#).

Please note that the provisional annotated agenda, documents for the session, as well as information on the videoconferencing arrangements, will be posted on the [session website](#) in due time.

For registration to the session, the link to the online [Event Registration System \(ERS\)](#), the username and password that were sent by email to the Permanent Representatives with WMO, remain valid for all upcoming WMO meetings. To pre-register for the meeting, non-Members and international organizations should send their letters of representation to [registration@wmo.int](mailto:registration@wmo.int) and Members can use the ERS for pre-registration. Please note that the online registration is now open and will close on **11 June 2025**.

The submission of information through the online ERS does not exempt participants from the need to inform the Secretariat of their participation through a signed letter by an appropriate government official or competent authority of the relevant organization or by Note Verbale to be sent by email to: [registration@wmo.int](mailto:registration@wmo.int).

To: Permanent Representatives of Members with WMO (limited distribution)  
Permanent Missions to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva  
Invited governmental and non-governmental international organizations (limited distribution)  
Permanent Missions of Non-Members of WMO which are Members of the United Nations (limited distribution)

cc.: Hydrological Advisers (limited distribution)

For all communications and further information concerning online registration, please contact the WMO Secretariat by email at: [registration@wmo.int](mailto:registration@wmo.int).

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'C. Saulo', written over a horizontal line.

Prof. Celeste Saulo  
Secretary-General

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA OF THE SEVENTY-NINTH SESSION OF THE  
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (EC-79)**

**Geneva, WMO Headquarters, 16–20 June 2025**

Ref.: 01615/2025-15 GS

<i>Item</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>References</i>	<i>Documents</i>
<b>1.</b>	<b>AGENDA AND ORGANIZATION OF THE SESSION</b>		
<b>1.1</b>	<b>Opening of the session</b>		
<b>1.2</b>	<b>Adoption of the agenda</b> <u>Draft Decision 1/1</u> : adopt the agenda of the session.	Regulations 122(a), 126 and 128 of the General Regulations	Doc. 1 INF. 1(1) INF. 1(2)
<b>1.3</b>	<b>Establishment of committees</b>	Regulation 24 of the General Regulations	
<b>2.</b>	<b>CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS</b> <u>Purpose</u> : consider progress and gaps in the activities of the Organization reported since the last session. <u>Draft Decision 2/1</u> : take note of the reports by the President of the Organization, the Secretary-General and other reports, confirming the actions of the President on behalf of the Council and providing, as needed, statements on the recommendations contained in the reports.	Regulation 126 of the General Regulations	Doc. 1
<b>2.1</b>	<b>Report by the President of the Organization</b>	Regulations 8(6) and 8(7) of the General Regulations	INF. 2.1
<b>2.2</b>	<b>Report by the Secretary-General</b>	Regulation 153(3) of the General Regulations	INF. 2.2
<b>2.3</b>	<b>Other reports</b>	Regulations 134(5) and 145(6) of the General Regulations	INF. 2.3(1) INF. 2.3(2) INF. 2.3(3) INF. 2.3(4) INF. 2.3(5) INF. 2.3(6) INF. 2.3(7) Abridged final reports of sessions of regional associations and technical commissions since the last session of the Executive Council
<b>3.</b>	<b>STRATEGIC PRIORITIES</b>		
<b>3.1</b>	<b>Early Warnings for All (EW4All) initiative</b> <u>Purpose</u> : consider progress with WMO contribution to the EW4All Initiative and further developments. <u>Draft Recommendation 3.1/1</u> : take note of progress with the WMO EW4All Road Map and provide observations and recommendations to Cg-Ext(2025) concerning Recommendation 1 (SERCOM-Ext(2025)).	Resolution 4 (Cg-19) Resolution 1 (EC-78) Decision 3 (SERCOM-3) Decision 2 (EC-78)	Doc. 3.1 INF. 3.1

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<b>3.2</b>	<b>Progress of the implementation plan for the Global Greenhouse Gas Watch</b> <u>Purpose</u> : review the progress of the implementation of the plan and performed activities, including timelines and resourcing by Members, and recommend Congress to provide guidance to WMO bodies. <u>Draft Recommendation 3.2/1</u> : having considered the progress of the implementation plan and performed activities, including timelines and resourcing by Members, recommend Congress to provide guidance to INFCOM, RB and the Secretary-General as appropriate.	Resolution 5 (Cg-19) Resolution 3 (EC-78)	Doc. 3.2 INF. 3.2
<b>3.3</b>	<b>Cryosphere high-level ambitions</b> <u>Purpose</u> : consider the opportunity for active WMO engagement in the preparatory work for the fifth International Polar Year (IPY) in 2032–2033. <u>Draft Resolution 3.3/1</u> : consider and adopt recommendations of PHORS on the WMO involvement and the engagement of Members in the organization and the preparation and of the fifth IPY 2032–2033 including the consultations with Members on global impacts of changes in the polar regions and the role of WMO in Antarctica.	Resolution 6 (Cg-19) Resolution 28 (EC-78)	Doc. 3.3
<b>4.</b>	<b>SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL MATTERS</b>		
<b>4.1</b>	<b>Artificial intelligence: road map to evolve WIPPS and public private engagement</b> <u>Purpose</u> : present the short-term plan to promote the integration of AI into WIPPS and, in light of Geneva Declaration 2019, the Guidelines for PPE (WMO-No. 1258) and the Code of Ethics between WMO and HMEI, define a framework to forge closer working relationships with the private sector on the use of AI for forecasting methods and applications. In addition, adopt policy guidance to facilitate the contributions of non-traditional sources to the WIPPS for the support of public weather, hydrological, marine and climate services. <u>Draft Resolution 4.1/1</u> : consider and adopt the policy guidance prepared by PAC on the contribution of non-traditional source to WIPPS. <u>Draft Recommendation 4.1/1</u> : recommend Cg-Ext(2025) to adopt (1) Establishment of a Joint Study Group of TCs and RB on AI and (2) AI road map for WIPPS. <u>Draft Recommendation 4.1/2</u> : a statement to express the intention to work more intensively with the private sector on artificial intelligence for the benefit of Members.	Resolution 1 (EC-78) Resolution 80 (Cg-18) Resolution 21 (EC-78) Resolution 26 (EC-78) Resolution 27 (EC-78)	Doc. 4.1 INF. 4.1(1) INF. 4.1(2)
<b>4.2</b>	<b>Recognition of WMO Centennial Observing Stations</b> <u>Purpose</u> : recognize centennial observing stations to promote sustainable observational standards and best practices that facilitate the generation of high-quality time series data. <u>Draft Resolution 4.2/1</u> : recognize the updated list of Centennial Observing Stations.	Resolution 29 (Cg-19) Resolution 23 (EC-78) <a href="#">WMO website on Centennial Observing Stations</a> <a href="#">WMO recognition mechanism for long-term observing stations</a>	Doc. 4.2

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<b>4.3</b>	<b>World Climate Research Programme (WCRP)</b> <u>Purpose:</u> follow up to the WCRP Strategic Plan (2019–2028) with the endorsement of WCRP Science and Implementation Plan. <u>Draft Resolution 4.3/1:</u> consider and adopt recommendations of RB concerning the endorsement of WCRP Science and Implementation Plan.	Decision 3 (EC-71) WCRP Strategic Plan (2019–2028) Draft WCRP Science and Implementation Plan	Doc. 4.3 INF. 4.3
<b>4.4</b>	<b>World Weather Research Programme (WWRP)</b> <u>Purpose:</u> (1) follow up to the WWRP Implementation Plan 2024–2027 with four new Project Plans and (2) consider WMO Statement on Weather Modification. <u>Draft Resolution 4.4(1)/1:</u> consider and adopt recommendations of RB on four Project Plans for WWRP new projects according to the WWRP Implementation Plan 2024–2027. <u>Draft Resolution 4.4(2)/1:</u> consider and adopt recommendations of RB on the WMO Statement on Weather Modification prepared by WWRP.	Resolution 32 (Cg-19)	Doc. 4.4(1) Doc. 4.4(2) INF. 4.4(1)
<b>4.5</b>	<b>Designation and reconfirmation of WMO Regional Training Centres (RTCs)</b> <u>Purpose:</u> maintain up to date the list of RTCs. <u>Draft Resolution 4.5/1:</u> designate and reconfirm the list of RTCs.	Resolution 24 (EC-78)	Doc. 4.5
<b>5.</b>	<b>COOPERATION WITH THE UNITED NATIONS AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS</b> <u>Purpose:</u> establish the closest cooperation between the Organization and other international organizations. <u>Draft Decision 5/1:</u> take note of the agreements with United Nations and other international organizations signed by the Secretary-General in 2024 and relevant updates; requests the Secretary-General to issue a revised edition of WMO-No. 60 and to present the updated list of agreements at the twentieth session of World Meteorological Congress (Cg-20).	Resolution 19 (Cg-I) WMO-No. 60 Article 26 (a) of the Convention	Doc. 1
<b>6.</b>	<b>STRATEGIC AND OPERATIONAL PLANNING</b>		
<b>6.1</b>	<b>Major Programmes and programme-based approach</b> <u>Purpose:</u> update the descriptions of the Regional Programme and Capacity Development Programme and clarify the scope of information regarding WMO programmes within the planning and budgeting processes. <u>Draft Resolution 6.1/1:</u> consider and adopt recommendations of PAC and TCC on the Major Programmes and programme-based approach.	Resolution 62 (Cg-19) Resolution 7 (EC-77) Resolution 25 (EC-78)	Doc. 6.1
<b>6.2</b>	<b>Approach to the Strategic Plan 2028–2031</b> <u>Purpose:</u> consider a methodology and consultation process for the development of the Strategic Plan 2028–2031. <u>Draft Resolution 6.2/1:</u> consider and adopt recommendations of PAC on the proposed approach to the Strategic Plan for 2028–2031.	Regulation 126 of the General Regulations	Doc. 6.2 INF. 6.2 INF. 2.3(4)
<b>6.3</b>	<b>Extension of the WMO-IOC Collaborative Strategy 2022–2025</b>	Resolution 9 (Cg-18) Resolution 28 (EC-73)	Doc. 6.3

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	<p><u>Purpose:</u> extend the scope of the Strategy until 2027, for reconsideration by Cg-20 and the thirty-fourth IOC Assembly.</p> <p><u>Draft Resolution 6.3/1:</u> consider and adopt the recommendation of the JCB to extend the WMO-IOC Collaborative Strategy 2022–2025 to 2027, tasking the JCB of the revision and inviting IOC to concur with this resolution.</p>		
<b>7.</b>	<b>GENERAL, LEGAL, POLICY AND REGULATORY MATTERS</b>		
<b>7.1</b>	<p><b>International Meteorological Organization (IMO) Prize and other WMO awards</b></p> <p><u>Purpose:</u> recognize and celebrate outstanding contributions in meteorology or related fields.</p> <p><u>Draft Decision 7.1/1:</u> award the seventieth IMO Prize; invite [Name] to give a lecture at the eightieth session of the Executive Council (EC-80); request the Secretary-General to publish the lecture in the WMO Bulletin and on the WMO website; award the 2025 WMO Research Award for Young Scientists.</p>	Rule 7 of the Rules of Procedure	Doc. 1 INF. 7.1(1) INF. 7.1(2) (C)
<b>7.2</b>	<b>Efficient, open and transparent governance</b>		
<b>7.2.1</b>	<p><b>Procedures for elections and appointments</b></p> <p><u>Purpose:</u> strengthen governance, enhance procedural clarity, and align the election and appointment processes with best practices and organizational needs.</p> <p><u>Draft Recommendation 7.2.1/1:</u> consider the recommendations of the Task Force on Elections and Appointments (TF-EA) and submit them to Cg-Ext(2025).</p>	Resolution 61 (Cg-19) Decision 5 (EC-77) Resolution 30 (EC-78) Decision 2 (EC-78) Decision 12 (EC-78)	Doc. 7.2.1
<b>7.2.2</b>	<p><b>Criteria for the location and resourcing of the regional offices</b></p> <p><u>Purpose:</u> conduct a comprehensive review of the WMO regional offices and structures to enhance their efficiency and effectiveness.</p> <p><u>Draft Recommendation 7.2.2/1:</u> consider the recommendations of TF-CRRMA and submit them to Cg-Ext(2025).</p>	Resolution 40 (EC-76) Decision 13 (EC-78)	Doc. 7.2.2
<b>7.2.3</b>	<p><b>Terms of reference of the external evaluation of WMO bodies and structures</b></p> <p><u>Purpose:</u> commission an external evaluation of the effectiveness and efficiency of WMO bodies and structures to inform the decisions of the twentieth session of the World Meteorological Congress (Cg-20).</p> <p><u>Draft Resolution 7.2.3/1:</u> consider and adopt recommendations of PAC on the terms of reference of the external evaluation of the effectiveness and efficiency of WMO bodies and structures.</p>	Resolution 41 (Cg-19)	Doc. 7.2.3
<b>7.2.4</b>	<p><b>Unified rules of procedure for subsidiary bodies of the Executive Council</b></p> <p><u>Purpose:</u> improve methods of work and procedural processes needed to support the work of the constituent bodies.</p> <p><u>Draft Resolution 7.2.4/1:</u> consider and adopt the unified rules of procedure for subsidiary bodies of EC as an amendment proposal to WMO-No. 1256, to</p>	Resolution 34 (Cg-19) Resolution 41 (Cg-19) Resolution 29 (EC-78) Resolution 31 (EC-78)	Doc. 7.2.4

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	improve the necessary procedural processes to support the work of EC. <u>Draft Resolution 7.2.4/2</u> : adopt adjustments to the ToR for the concerned subsidiary bodies of EC (CDP, HCP, PHORS, RB, SAP), with the aim of aligning them with the unified Rules of Procedure, as well as to those of the Climate Policy Advisory Group under PAC.		
<b>7.2.5</b>	<b>Hydrological matters: procedures</b> <u>Purpose</u> : ensure distribution of all information addressed to Permanent Representatives from the WMO Secretariat also to Hydrological Advisers. <u>Draft Decision 7.2.5/1</u> : request the Secretary-General to copy Hydrological Advisers on all information related to technical matters addressed to Permanent Representatives from the WMO Secretariat.	Resolution 8 (Cg-19) Decision 2 (EC-78)	Doc. 1
<b>7.2.6</b>	<b>Specific responsibilities for the Vice-Presidents of the Organization</b> <u>Purpose</u> : enhance inclusive, transparent and environmentally sustainable governance, as requested by Congress and in line with the mandates of the Bureau, through the clarification of the responsibilities of the Vice-Presidents. <u>Draft Resolution 7.2.6/1</u> : consider and adopt the specific responsibilities of the Vice-Presidents as detailed in the present resolution.	Annex IV to the Abridged Final Report of the Fifteenth World Meteorological Congress (WMO-No. 1026) Resolution 40 (Cg-19)	Doc. 7.2.6 INF. 7.2.6
<b>7.3</b>	<b>Theme of World Meteorological Day 2026</b> <u>Purpose</u> : adopt the theme for the established Annual World Meteorological Day, celebrated each year on 23 March. <u>Draft Decision 7.3/1</u> : adopt the theme for the World Meteorological Day in 2026.	<a href="#">Resolution 6 (EC-XII)</a> <a href="#">Decision 63 (EC-69)</a>	Doc. 1
<b>7.4</b>	<b>WMO Youth Action Plan</b> <u>Purpose</u> : align with and contribute to the United Nations Youth Strategy. <u>Draft Recommendation 7.4/1</u> : consider the proposed Youth Action Plan and recommend it to Cg-Ext(2025) for consideration and adoption.	Decision 14 (EC-78) <a href="#">Youth 2030: The United Nations Youth Strategy</a>	Doc. 7.4 INF. 7.4
<b>7.5</b>	<b>Fourth World Climate Conference</b> <u>Purpose</u> : through the organization of a World Climate Conference, strengthen and enhance the established leadership role of WMO and the NMHSs in the critical climate science and action arena. <u>Draft Decision 7.5/1</u> : request the Secretary-General to establish an ad hoc exploratory committee to assess funding, venue, and the science programme of this conference, seek guidance from Cg-Ext(2025), and report progress at EC-80.	<a href="#">World Climate Conference – Declaration and supporting documents</a>  <a href="#">World Climate Conference – extended summaries of papers presented at the conference</a>	Doc. 1 INF. 7.5
<b>7.6</b>	<b>Designation of acting member(s) of the Executive Council</b> <u>Purpose</u> : designate acting members of EC to fill seats. <u>Draft Decision 7.6/1</u> : designate as acting member(s) of the EC: <i>[Name, Member]</i>	Regulation 116 of the General Regulations Rule 6.1 of the Rules of Procedure for the Executive Council and for the Bodies Reporting to the Executive Council	Doc. 1



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<b>7.7</b>	<b>Membership of the bodies reporting to the Executive Council</b> <u>Purpose:</u> review the membership of EC subsidiary bodies. <u>Draft Decision 7.7/1:</u> terminate TF-CRRMA and TF-EA and establish the membership of all the active bodies reporting to EC.	Regulation 126 of the General Regulations Rule 12 of the Rules of Procedure for the Executive Council and for the Bodies Reporting to the Executive Council Decision 16 (EC-78) Resolution 7 (EC-77) Resolution 3 (EC-78)	Doc. 1
<b>8.</b>	<b>FINANCE AND OVERSIGHT</b>		
<b>8.1</b>	<b>Budget for the next biennium (2026–2027)</b> <u>Purpose:</u> align with the financial framework for the nineteenth financial period. <u>Draft Resolution 8.1/1:</u> consider and approve the budget for the next biennium (2026–2027).	Regulation 126 of the General Regulations Article 6 of the Financial Regulations Resolution 3 (Cg-19)	Doc. 8.1 INF. 8.1 INF. 2.3(3)
<b>8.2</b>	<b>Scales of assessment for the years 2026 and 2027</b> <u>Purpose:</u> consider and adjust the scales of assessment for the years 2026 and 2027. <u>Draft Resolution 8.2/1:</u> adopt the scales of assessment for 2026 and 2027.	Article 24 of the Convention Article 8 of the Financial Regulations Resolution 50 (Cg-19)	Doc. 8.2 INF. 2.3(3)
<b>8.3</b>	<b>Financial statements for the year 2024</b> <u>Purpose:</u> ensure sound financial oversight and compliance with WMO Regulations and policies. <u>Draft Resolution 8.3/1:</u> consider and approve the financial statements for the year 2024. <u>Draft Resolution 8.3/2:</u> authorize the transfers shown in EC-79/INF. 8.3(4) – Proposed transfers between appropriation parts for the nineteenth financial period (2024–2027).	Article 22(a) of the Convention Regulation 154(1) of the General Regulations Article 4, 8.9, 13, 14 of the Financial Regulations	Doc. 8.3 INF. 8.3(1) INF. 8.3(2) INF. 8.3(3) INF. 2.3(3)
<b>8.4</b>	<b>Use of cash surplus from the eighteenth financial period</b> <u>Purpose:</u> ensure the effective allocation of financial resources in alignment with organizational priorities. <u>Draft Resolution 8.4/1:</u> review the preliminary calculation of the cash surplus arising from the eighteenth financial period (2020–2023) and the proposed utilization during the nineteenth financial period (2024–2027) of the preliminary cash surplus.	Resolution 3 (Cg-19)	Doc. 8.4 INF. 2.3(3)
<b>8.5</b>	<b>Consideration of oversight reports</b> <u>Purpose:</u> consider recommendations of oversight bodies since the last session. <u>Draft Decision 8.5/1 – Draft Decision 8.5/4:</u> take note of the report of AOC, External Auditor, IOO and endorse the response to JIU Recommendations.	Regulation 126 of the General Regulations	Doc. 1 INF. 8.5(1) INF. 8.5(2) INF. 8.5(3) INF. 8.5(4) INF. 8.5(5) INF. 2.3(3)
<b>9.</b>	<b>HUMAN RESOURCES</b> <u>Purpose:</u> consider progress with the implementation of the HR strategy and other HR matters, including ethics.	Decision 20 (EC-75) Decision 14 (EC-76)	Doc. 1 INF. 9(1) INF. 9(2) INF. 9(3) INF. 9(4) INF. 2.3(3)



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	<u>Draft Decision 9/1</u> : take note of HR report, reports of the Ethics Office, Staff Association and procurement report.		
<b>10.</b>	<b>REVIEW OF PREVIOUS RESOLUTIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL</b> <u>Purpose</u> : ensure the relevance and efficiency of WMO governance by reviewing the resolutions currently in force. <u>Draft Resolution 10/1</u> : review the list of Executive Council resolutions currently in force and confirm those that should remain in force.	Regulation 126(7) of the General Regulations Rule 12 of the Rules of Procedure for the Executive Council and for the Bodies Reporting to the Executive Council	Doc. 10 INF. 10
<b>11.</b>	<b>EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF THE WORLD METEOROLOGICAL CONGRESS IN 2025 (CG-EXT(2025))</b> <u>Purpose</u> : adjust the provisional agenda of Cg-Ext(2025) based on emerging needs. <u>Draft Decision 11/1</u> : establish the revised provisional agenda of Cg-Ext(2025), decide that the session will feature a High-level segment on the implementation of EW4All, determine by drawing lots the Member to occupy the first seat.	Article 14 of the Convention Regulation 109 of the General Regulations Decision 17 (EC-78)	Doc. 1 INF. 11
<b>12.</b>	<b>DATE AND PLACE AND PROVISIONAL ITEMS ON THE AGENDA OF NEXT SESSIONS</b> <u>Purpose</u> : provide clear and consistent guidance for organizing sessions of EC, additional bodies and EC subsidiary bodies. <u>Draft Decision 12/1</u> : decide the dates and places of the next sessions of EC, agree on a provisional list of items to be on the agenda of EC-80, take note of the updated programme of sessions of additional bodies and EC subsidiary bodies.	Decision 25 (EC-78)	Doc. 1 INF. 12

**EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL**

Ref.: 01615/2025-15 GS

**I. Introduction**

1. The Secretary-General has the honour to place before the consideration of the Executive Council, the following observations and proposals regarding the organization and conduct of the seventy-ninth session of the Executive Council.

**II. Organization of the session**

2. The Secretary-General wishes to draw the attention of the Executive Council to the convening of the seventy-ninth session in physical format with online participation as outlined in the notification of the session.

3. Where a vote is required by an indication of preference as outlined in the provisions of [Rule 5](#) of the *Rules of Procedure for the Executive Council and for the Bodies Reporting to the Executive Council* (WMO-No. 1256), a vote procedure will be organized through a real-time email vote organized by the Secretariat, in order to facilitate online participation. The process is described in detail in EC-79/INF. 7.1 if a real-time voting session turns out not to be feasible, EC will consider voting by correspondence.

4. The Secretary-General wishes to draw the attention of the Executive Council that a naming convention will be employed to facilitate the participation of online participants in the session. Details may be found in the [annex](#) of this explanatory memorandum.

*Opening and closing dates*

5. In accordance with provisions of Article 15 of the WMO Convention, the President in consultation with the members of the Executive Council decided that the seventy-ninth session of the Executive Council will take place from 16 to 20 June 2025.

*Plenary and committees*

6. The President shall invite the Executive Council to work in plenary except for the selection committees or other committees that may be established in accordance with the provisions of [Regulation 24](#) of the General Regulations (*Basic Documents No. 1* (WMO-No. 15)). Committees shall meet separately and may include an online platform if needed to facilitate online participation. All matters to be discussed by the committees shall be determined by the plenary.

7. In accordance with [Rule 2.4](#) of the Rules of Procedure for the Executive Council, members of the Council or their alternates should be present during plenary meetings to ensure the required two thirds majority quorum for decision making at any time. The quorum for the session will be calculated based on EC members physically present combined with any participating members online.

8. Confidential matters should be discussed in camera confined to the members of the Council or their duly designated alternates, to additional such persons as may be agreed by the President and to the Secretariat staff designated by the Secretary-General.

9. In accordance with [Rule 2.9](#) of the Rules of Procedure for the Executive Council, the Secretary-General will designate senior officials of the Secretariat to act in the capacity of Secretary in plenary meetings and committees.

*Rationalization of work*

10. Based on [Annex IV](#) to the *Abridged Final Report of the Fifteenth World Meteorological Congress* (WMO-No. 1026) and [Resolution 40 \(Cg-19\)](#) - Measures to Foster Inclusive, Transparent and Environmentally Sustainable Governance, the nineteenth World Meteorological Congress confirmed the role of the Bureau and its primary role in the planning, organization and coordination of the work of Congress and the Executive Council. In this latter respect, the Bureau will recommend documents for the approval of the Council without debate.

11. In order to optimize discussion of documents and facilitate a balanced treatment of agenda items during the Council session, members of the Executive Council are encouraged to submit comments on documents to [plenary@wmo.int](mailto:plenary@wmo.int) prior to the session, preferably one week before the opening of the session.

*Seating arrangements*

12. In accordance with established practice, ex officio members of the Executive Council, that is presidents of regional associations, will be seated in the first row in Salle Obasi, in chronological order of their regional association. Regional Hydrological Advisers (RHAs) will be seated next to the respective ex officio members. The seating order will then follow the surname alphabetical order of members of the Executive Council. It shall be recalled that EC members are participating in the Council in their individual capacities and not as representatives of particular Members therein.

13. In accordance with established practice the President, Vice-Presidents, the Secretary-General and members of the Executive Management will occupy the seats at the podium during formal plenary meetings.

14. Following the seating for EC members, designated seating will also be available for specially invited participants including presidents of technical commissions, Chairs of WMO bodies and invited experts.

15. Observers and Members of WMO representatives will be seated towards the back of the room, on the basis of available seating. In the event of a greater number of observer participants, additional seating arrangements will be available in Salle C1, with video conference and interpretation facilities to follow proceedings.

*Schedule of meetings*

16. The Secretary-General wishes to draw the attention of the Executive Council to the tentative workplan for the session which is available through the [EC-79 session website](#).

*Conduct of business*

17. The Secretary-General wishes to draw the attention of the Executive Council to the relevant regulations regarding the conduct of business in meetings of constituent bodies, namely [Regulations 77 to 91](#) and [119 to 129](#) of the General Regulations.

*Records of meetings*

18. The Secretary-General wishes to remind members of the Executive Council that in accordance with the provisions of [Rules 4.3](#) and [4.4](#), approved documents posted on the session website constitute the provisional report of the session. In accordance with [Regulation 95 \(a\)](#), adopted resolutions, decisions and recommendations are recorded in the final report of the session and after the session published by the Secretariat. Information documents and statements are also included in the final report.

19. When requested from the plenary, in accordance with [Regulation 95 \(b\)](#), summarized minutes of the discussion at plenary or in camera meetings will be prepared after the session and adopted by correspondence.

20. In addition and in accordance with the provisions of [Regulation 95 \(c\)](#), audio recordings of plenary meetings of constituent bodies shall be made and retained for record purposes.

#### *Resolutions, decisions and recommendations*

21. In accordance with the provisions of [Regulation 126 \(7\)](#) of the General Regulations, and [Rule 12](#) of the Rules of Procedure for the Executive Council resolutions in force should be reviewed at each ordinary session of the Council.

22. Past resolutions should be incorporated as far as possible in any subsequent resolution adopted on the same subject. Resolutions thus incorporated will not be kept in force. Resolutions which are partly obsolete should be replaced by revised texts containing only those parts which are maintained. When the date on which a resolution ceases to be in force is not specified, that resolution should be cancelled on the date on which the session closes.

23. As far as appropriate, the substance of the Executive Council resolutions should be included in an appropriate WMO publication, such as Technical Regulations, Working Arrangements, Rules of Procedure and Staff Rules, provided that the publication has the required status.

24. In accordance with the provisions of [Regulation 118](#) and provided that the conditions of [Regulation 94\(c\)](#) have been satisfied, the Executive Council may adopt resolutions arising out of recommendations of associations and commissions, in accordance with [Article 14 \(c\)](#) or in application of the last paragraph of that article of the Convention.

25. Recommendations from constituent bodies and other bodies established by Congress or the Executive Council of a strategic and policy nature should normally be submitted to the Executive Council after consideration by the Policy Advisory Committee (PAC) accompanied by a draft recommendation.

#### *Documentation*

26. The Secretary-General reminds members that documents for the session will be made available and managed following normal practice through the [EC-79 session website](#).

27. In addition and in accordance with the provisions of [Regulation 92](#), any document shall be made available in sufficient time, before the opening of the plenary meeting at which it will be discussed. The time should be specified by the constituent body concerned.

28. Other international organizations with which the Organization has concluded arrangements or agreements may submit documents to sessions of constituent bodies or subsidiary bodies on agenda items of direct interest to them within the time fixed for the different bodies. In this case, such documents should be made available to the Secretary-General for circulation in accordance with the Regulations.

29. In accordance with the provisions of [Rules 4.1 to 4.3](#) of the Rules of Procedure for the Executive Council, the non-confidential documentation (decision documents, information documents, presentations and daily journals) are made available through the public WMO website.

30. Confidential documents should be distributed only to the members of the Council or their designated alternate in case of absence of members. Confidential documents are distributed either through the password protected section on the session website or in sealed envelopes.

31. Approved documents posted on the session website constitute the provisional report of the session. In accordance with [Regulation 95 \(a\)](#), adopted resolutions, decisions and recommendations are recorded in the final report of the session and after the session published by the Secretariat. Information documents and statements are also included in the final report.

#### *Webcasting*

32. In accordance with [Resolution 40 \(Cg-19\)](#), the session will be webcast live on a suitable platform. The webcasting will not allow any viewer to interact with the session. Such interaction will be possible only to registered participants through a dedicated platform for registered participants.

### **III. Adoption of the agenda**

33. In accordance with the provisions of [Rule 2.2](#) of the Rules of Procedure for the Executive Council, the provisional agenda for the seventy-ninth session has been prepared by the President in consultation with the Secretary-General in accordance with the provisions of [Regulations 126 to 128](#) of the General Regulations.

34. The provisional agenda shall be submitted for approval at the opening of the meeting. In the course of the session the agenda may be amended at any time.

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**ANNEX****NAMING CONVENTION FOR ONLINE PARTICIPANTS AT EC-79**

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<b>Executive Council (EC) members and accompanying participants identification</b>	<p>President, Vice-Presidents of WMO</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- President of WMO: <b>P/WMO</b></li> <li>- Vice-Presidents of WMO: <b>1st VP/WMO; 2nd VP/WMO; 3rd VP/WMO</b></li> </ul> <p>EC members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- EC member: <b>EC MEM/ Surname</b></li> <li>- Alternate/ Adviser: <b>Alternate or Adviser/Surname</b></li> </ul> <p>Presidents of regional associations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>P/RAI (II, ..., VI)</b></li> </ul>
<b>Regional Hydrological Advisers, president of Technical Commissions, Chairs of WMO bodies and Invited experts</b>	<p>Regional hydrological advisers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>HA/RA I (II, ..., VI)</b></li> </ul> <p>Presidents of technical commissions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>P/INFCOM, P/SERCOM</b></li> </ul> <p>Chairs of WMO bodies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>C/body acronym</b></li> </ul> <p>Invited Experts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Expert/Surname</b></li> </ul>
<b>Regional Association/Technical Commission vice-presidents</b>	<p>Vice-presidents of regional associations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>VP/RA (I, II....)</b></li> </ul> <p>Vice-presidents of technical commissions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>VP/INFCOM/Surname</b></li> <li>- <b>VP/SERCOM/Surname</b></li> </ul>
<b>Observers and representatives of WMO Members</b>	<p>Members: <b>Member name/Surname</b></p> <p>Representatives of international organizations/ non-Members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Organization name/Surname</b></li> <li>- <b>Non-Member name/Surname</b></li> </ul>
<b>WMO Secretariat</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Secretariat/Surname</b></li> </ul>