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Annex: 1

The Secretariat of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) presents its compliments to the Permanent Missions to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva and has the honour to refer to the invitations to the extraordinary session of the World Meteorological Congress (Cg-Ext(2025)) from 20 to 23 October 2025 and the extraordinary session of the Executive Council (EC-Ext(2025)) on 24 October 2025, which will be held in Geneva, Switzerland.

The Secretariat has the further honour to request the Permanent Mission's kind assistance in the transmission of the attached letter from the Secretary-General, Professor Celeste Saulo, to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The WMO Secretariat avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Permanent Missions to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva the assurances of its highest consideration.



18 July 2025

To: Permanent Missions to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva



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18 July 2025

Annexes: 2

Subject: Notification of the date of the extraordinary session of the World Meteorological Congress (Cg-Ext(2025)), 20–23 October 2025 and the extraordinary session of the Executive Council (EC-Ext(2025)), 24 October 2025, Geneva, Switzerland

Action required: Inform on your participation

Your Excellency,

On behalf of the President of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO), I have the honour to inform you that the extraordinary session of the World Meteorological Congress (Cg-Ext(2025)) is scheduled to take place from 20 to 23 October 2025 at the WMO headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland, preceded by the virtual extraordinary session of the Financial Advisory Committee (FINAC-Ext(2025)) on 14 October 2025 and followed by the extraordinary session of the Executive Council (EC-Ext(2025)) on 24 October 2025 also at the WMO headquarters in Geneva. The extraordinary sessions of Congress and the Executive Council will be conducted as in-person meetings with the possibility of online participation.

Executive Council members are invited to attend the extraordinary session of the Executive Council (EC-Ext(2025)) on Friday 24 October 2025 with one agenda item, adoption of the supplementary budget for the 2026–2027 biennium. WMO Members are welcome to attend the session as observers, in accordance with [Rule 3.4](#) of the *Rules of Procedure for the Executive Council and for the Bodies Reporting to the Executive Council* (WMO-No. 1256) which does not provide for participation in the discussions. Further information on EC-Ext(2025) is available under the [EC tab](#) on the official Cg-Ext(2025) [session website](#).

This extraordinary session of the World Meteorological Congress (Cg-Ext(2025)) has been convened pursuant to [Resolution 63 \(Cg-19\)](#) - Date and place of next sessions of Congress, focusing on progress with the Early Warnings for All (EW4All) initiative and other urgent matters as determined by the Executive Council. The provisional agenda, as developed by the Executive Council in Decision 15 (EC-79) (in session no. 11/1) - Extraordinary session of the World Meteorological Congress in 2025 (Cg-Ext(2025)), and its annotation is enclosed herewith as [Annex I](#). The explanatory memorandum of the Secretary-General on the conduct of the session is enclosed as [Annex II](#). In accordance with [General Regulation 110](#) (*Basic Documents No. 1 (Convention, General Regulations, Staff Regulations, Financial Regulations and Agreements)* (WMO-No. 15), the agenda for an extraordinary session of Congress shall be limited strictly to the items for which the session was convened. As decided by the seventy-ninth session of the Executive Council, the extraordinary session of Congress will feature a high-level segment on the implementation of the EW4All initiative.

To: Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Members of WMO

cc: Permanent Missions to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva
Permanent Representatives of Members with WMO
Hydrological Advisers

[Article 7\(b\)](#) of the Convention states that each Member shall designate one of its delegates, who should be the Director of its Meteorological or Hydrometeorological Service, as its principal delegate. Furthermore, the Executive Council invited Members to include in their national delegations the Hydrological Advisers of Members, in accordance with [General Regulation 5\(b\)](#), and other representatives of National Hydrological Services or other national hydrological agencies as designated by Members. The widest possible representation of Members of the Organization is highly desirable, and it is sincerely hoped that your Government will find it possible to designate a delegation to the session. I should be grateful if in compliance with [Regulation 20](#) of the General Regulations, you would inform me of the names of the persons composing the delegation which will represent your country, and the capacity in which each person will attend.

As established by [Decision 17 \(EC-78\)](#) - Extraordinary session of Congress in 2025 (Cg-Ext(2025)), Cg-Ext(2025) will be held at the WMO headquarters in Geneva. A separate letter containing logistical details regarding participation and practical arrangements will be sent to Permanent Representatives with WMO in due course.

All session-related documentation will be made accessible on the [official session website](#).

Permanent Representatives with WMO are kindly requested to act as focal points for the online registration of their respective delegations to Cg-Ext(2025). Executive Council members are kindly requested to act as focal points for the registration of their alternates and advisers to EC-Ext(2025). The link to the [online Event Registration System \(ERS\)](#), as well as the previously provided username and password, remain valid for all upcoming WMO meetings. Please note that separate registrations will be required for EC-Ext(2025) and Cg-Ext(2025). Kindly note that the online registration system will close on **6 October 2025**. For any further enquiries regarding registration, please contact the WMO Secretariat via email at registration@wmo.int.

Additionally, please be reminded that submission of information through the online ERS does not absolve Members of the obligation to provide valid credentials for their participating delegations to Cg-Ext(2025). For EC-Ext(2025), EC members are kindly requested to inform the Secretariat of their participation and to provide the names of any alternates and/or advisers through a signed letter.

A copy of this communication is being transmitted to the Permanent Representative and Hydrological Adviser of Members with WMO, as well as to the Permanent Missions of Member States to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva.

Accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.



Prof. Celeste Saulo
Secretary-General

**PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA OF THE EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF THE
WORLD METEOROLOGICAL CONGRESS IN 2025 (Cg-EXT(2025))**

Geneva, WMO headquarters, 20–23 October 2025

Item	Title	References	Documents
1	Agenda and organization of the session		
		General Regulations 110 and 111 <i>Basic Documents No. 1</i> (WMO-No. 15)	Doc. 1 INF. 1(1) INF. 1(2) INF. 1(3)
2	WMO contribution to the Early Warnings for All (EW4All) initiative and other strategic priorities		
2.1	Amendments to the Technical Regulations concerning early warning systems <u>Purpose:</u> To establish clear standards and recommended practices, as well as a minimum set of core and common requirements essentially needed for all Members to provide effective warning services as the single official and authoritative voice, avoiding any unnecessary conflicts with their national legislations. Also, to strengthen capacity-development activities and building trust among development partners and donors in support of the EW4All. <u>Draft Resolution 2.1/1:</u> Adopts the amendment to the <i>Technical Regulations, Volume I, General Meteorological Standards and Recommended Practices</i> (WMO-No. 49).	Resolution 4 (Cg-19) Recommendation 1 (SERCOM-Ext(2025)) Resolution 1 (EC-79)	Doc. 2.1 INF. 2.1
2.2	Global Greenhouse Gas Watch (G3W) <u>Purpose:</u> To provide guidance to the WMO bodies and the Secretary-General on the implementation of the goals of the G3W. <u>Draft Resolution 2.2/1:</u> (1) Decides to advance the goals of the G3W by mainstreaming them into existing programmes, including the expanded World Weather Watch and the Global Atmosphere Watch Programme, as appropriate, without adversely impacting the workplans of these programmes; (2) Requests the Secretary-General to further strengthen collaboration and coordination with relevant United Nations agencies and other international partners engaged in atmospheric track gas monitoring and modelling activities.	Resolution 5 (Cg-19) Resolution 3 (EC-78) Recommendation 1 (EC-79)	Doc. 2.2 INF. 2.2

Item	Title	References	Documents
2.3	<p>WMO Integrated Processing and Prediction System (WIPPS), including consideration of cryosphere high-level ambitions, and non-traditional sources including artificial intelligence</p> <p><u>Purpose:</u> To 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 HydroMeteorological and Environmental Industry (HMEI), define a framework to forge closer working relationships with the private sector on the use of AI for forecasting methods and applications.</p> <p>In addition, to 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.</p> <p><u>Draft Resolution 2.3(1)/1:</u></p> <p>(1) Tasks INFCOM, in consultation with SERCOM and the Research Board to develop a new WIPPS strategy to replace the WIPPS Collaborative Framework and WIPPS Road map (2022–2026), taking into account AI developments and considering the technical guidelines on the use of Artificial Intelligence-based Earth System Prediction (AI-ESP) to be developed.</p> <p>(2) Requests the Secretary-General to secure adequate resources for supporting the development of the strategy within the Biennial Budget 2026–2027.</p> <p>(3) Invites Members to support the implementation through projects, events and voluntary contributions.</p> <p><u>Draft Resolution 2.3(2)/1:</u></p> <p>(1) Adopts the Congress Statement entitled “WMO Call to All Stakeholders to Collaborate on the Development of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML) Environmental Monitoring and Prediction Technologies, Tools and Applications”.</p> <p>(2) Urges Members to explore the application of emerging AI/ML technologies and collaborate by providing assistance to developing countries.</p> <p>(3) Requests the technical commissions, the regional associations and the Research Board to make use of the WMO Call in their work.</p>	<p>Recommendation 2 (EC-79)</p> <p>Recommendation 3 (EC-79)</p> <p>Geneva Declaration 2019 (Resolution 80 (Cg-18))</p> <p>Guidelines for Public-Private Engagement (WMO-No. 1258)</p> <p>Code of Ethics between WMO and HMEI (Resolution 27 (EC-78))</p> <p>Future Integrated, Seamless Global Data Processing and Forecasting System Collaborative Framework (Cg-18, INF. 6.3(1))</p>	<p>Doc. 2.3(1)</p> <p>Doc. 2.3(2)</p>

Item	Title	References	Documents
	(4) Requests the Secretary-General to publish and circulate the WMO Call.		
3	General, legal, policy and regulatory matters		
3.1	<p>Election and appointment procedures, including WMO Code of Conduct</p> <p><u>Purpose:</u> To strengthen governance, enhance procedural clarity, and align the election and appointment processes with best practices and organizational needs.</p> <p><u>Draft Resolution 3.1/1:</u> Adopts amendments to (a) Regulations 63, 149, 150 and 151 of the General Regulations, (b) Regulation 153 of the Staff Regulations and Rules, (c) the Contract of the Secretary-General and the WMO Code of conduct for officers of the Organization and members of the Executive Council including its committees and for delegates at constituent body meetings, and (d) introduces Standards of conduct for staff members competing for elected positions within WMO.</p> <p><u>Draft Resolution 3.1/2:</u> Adopts amendments to Regulation 4.2 of the Staff Regulations and Rules concerning procedures governing the appointment process of the Deputy Secretary-General and Assistant Secretary-General.</p> <p><u>Draft Resolution 3.1/3:</u> Adopts amendments to Regulations 68, 69, 70 and 71 of the General Regulations concerning procedures governing the election process of Members of the Executive Council.</p> <p><u>Draft Resolution 3.1/4:</u> Adopts amendments to Regulations 40 and 64 of the General Regulations concerning procedures governing the use of Electronic and Proxy Voting during the sessions of the constituent bodies.</p> <p><u>Draft Resolution 3.1/5:</u> Adopts amendments to Regulation 66 of the General Regulations concerning the policy governing the election of the President and three Vice-Presidents.</p> <p><u>Draft Resolution 3.1/6:</u> Confirms the current policy governing the role of hydrological advisers within WMO decision-making process.</p>	<p>Resolution 61 (Cg-19)</p> <p>Decision 5 (EC-77)</p> <p>Resolution 30 (EC-78)</p> <p>Decision 2 (EC-78)</p> <p>Decision 12 (EC-78)</p> <p>Recommendation 4 to Recommendation 9 (EC-79)</p>	Doc. 3.1

Item	Title	References	Documents
3.2	WMO Youth Action Plan <u>Purpose:</u> To align with and contribute to the United Nations Youth Strategy. <u>Draft Resolution 3.2/1:</u> (1) Requests the Secretary-General to arbitrate the discussions and actions necessary to carry forward the implementation of the Action Plan and report on the status of implementation at Cg-20 in 2027. (2) Further requests the Secretary-General to provide the resources and support for the implementation of the Youth Action Plan.	Decision 14 (EC-78) Recommendation 10 (EC-79) Youth 2030: The United Nations Youth Strategy	Doc. 3.2 INF. 3.2
4	Financial situation of the Organization and programme and budget		
	<u>Purpose:</u> To consider the results of the strategic analysis on the prioritization and Secretariat structure prepared by the Secretary-General, with particular emphasis on the identified impact of the analysis on the implementation of the WMO Strategic Plan and Operating plans during the 2026–2027 biennium. <u>Draft Resolution 4/1:</u> To adopt any decisions related to the programme and budget arising from the consideration of the strategic analysis prepared by the Secretary-General and updated information on the financial landscape of support to international organizations.	Resolution 17 (EC-79)	Doc. 4 INF. 4

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I. Introduction

1. The Secretary-General has the honour to place before the consideration of the World Meteorological Congress, the following observations and proposals regarding the organization and conduct of the extraordinary session of Congress (Cg-Ext (2025)).

II. Organization of the session

2. The Secretary-General wishes to draw the attention of Congress to the convening of the extraordinary session in physical format with online participation as outlined in the notification of the session.

3. The presence of delegates of a majority of the Members shall be required to constitute a quorum for meetings of Congress.

4. Decisions in Congress shall be taken by a two thirds majority of the votes cast for and against, except in the case of elections of individuals to serve in any capacity in the Organization, which shall be taken by a simple majority of the votes cast. In a vote in Congress, each Member shall have one vote. The detailed provisions for voting at Congress and further information on how voting is conducted at constituent body sessions are provided in [Article 11](#) of the WMO Convention and General Regulations [40 to 46](#) (*Basic Documents No. 1* (Convention, General Regulations, Staff Regulations, Financial Regulations and Agreements) (WMO-No. 15)). In the event that a vote is required during Congress, the vote would be conducted in accordance with the provisions of General [Regulation 42](#), by standing, by a show of hands or by electronic voting.

5. The Secretary-General wishes to draw the attention of Congress to the naming convention that will be employed to facilitate the participation of online participants in the session. Details may be found in the [appendix](#) to this Explanatory Memorandum.

Opening and closing dates

6. Through [Resolution 63 \(Cg-19\)](#) – Date and place of next sessions of Congress, adopted at the nineteenth session of Congress (Cg-19), Congress decided to convene an extraordinary session in 2025. In accordance with the provisions of [General Regulation 102\(b\)](#) and through adoption of Decision 15 (EC-79), the seventy-ninth session of the Executive Council confirmed the dates of the extraordinary session from 20 to 23 October 2025.

Plenary and committees

7. The President shall invite Congress to work in plenary except for committees that may be established in accordance with the provisions of [General Regulation 24](#). 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.

8. In accordance with the provisions of [General Regulation 22\(a\)](#), each constituent body, except the Executive Council, may establish a Credentials Committee. This committee shall examine the credentials of delegates and observers as well as any observation which may be submitted to it by the representative of the Secretary-General. It shall report thereon as

soon as possible to the constituent body. Final decisions regarding credentials shall rest with the constituent body.

Rationalization of work

9. Through its Decision 15 – Extraordinary session of the World Meteorological Congress in 2025 (Cg-Ext(2025)), the seventy-ninth session of the Executive Council established the revised provisional agenda of the extraordinary session, attached to the notification of the session.

10. In order to optimize discussion of documents and facilitate a balanced treatment of agenda items during Congress, representatives of Members are encouraged to submit comments on documents to plenary@wmo.int prior to the session, preferably one week before the opening of the session.

Schedule of meetings

11. The Secretary-General wishes to draw the attention of Congress to the tentative workplan for the session which is available through the Cg-Ext(2025) [session website](#).

Conduct of business

12. The Secretary-General wishes to draw the attention of Congress to the relevant regulations regarding the conduct of business in meetings of constituent bodies, namely [General Regulations 77 to 91](#).

13. The Secretary-General further draws attention to the practice for taking the floor whereby representatives of Members (principal delegates or their alternates/advisers/delegates on their behalf) intervene first, followed by observers.

14. Online participants should signal their wish to speak using the videoconference system, as indicated in the Cg-Ext(2025) [session website](#).

15. Individual statements are normally limited to three minutes.

16. Participants are encouraged to submit written comments on documents following their intervention to plenary@wmo.int.

Records of meetings

17. The Secretary-General wishes to remind Member representative of Congress that 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.

18. When requested from the plenary, in accordance with [Regulation 95 \(b\)](#), summarized minutes of the discussion at plenary shall be prepared by the Secretariat only when there is a request from the plenary.

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

Implementation of decisions

20. The provisions regarding the implementation of decisions requiring implementation by Members are detailed in [General Regulations 100 and 101](#).

21. The Secretary-General reminds representatives of Members that documents for the session will be made available and managed following normal practice through the Cg-Ext(2025) [session website](#).

22. In addition and in accordance with the provisions of [General 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.

23. Based on the provisions of [General Regulation 93](#), 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.

24. 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

25. In accordance with [Resolution 40 \(Cg-19\)](#) - Measures to Foster Inclusive, Transparent and Environmentally Sustainable Governance, 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

26. In accordance with the provisions of [General Regulation 110](#), the agenda for an extraordinary session of Congress, shall contain only the items for which the session was convened.

27. The provisional agenda shall be submitted for approval by Congress as soon as possible after the opening of the session. The agenda may be amended by Congress at any time.

APPENDIX

NAMING CONVENTION FOR ONLINE PARTICIPANTS AT CG-EXT(2025)

WMO Members: Principal Delegate (PD), Alternate (Alt), and Delegate (Del)

- Principal Delegate (Principal): **Member name/PD/Surname**
- Alternate: **Member name/Alt/Surname**
- Delegate: **Member name/Del/Surname**

President, Vice-Presidents of WMO

- President of WMO: **P/WMO**
- Vice-Presidents of WMO: **1st VP/WMO; 2nd VP/WMO; 3rd VP/WMO**

Presidents and vice-presidents of regional associations, presidents and vice-presidents of technical commissions, Chairs of WMO bodies, Regional Hydrological Advisers and Invited Experts

- Presidents of regional associations: **P/RA I** (II, ..., VI) for presidents (acting presidents)
- Vice-presidents of regional associations **VP/RA I** (II, ..., VI)
- Presidents of technical commissions: **P/INFCOM, P/SERCOM**
- Vice-presidents of technical commissions: **VP/INFCOM/Surname, VP/SERCOM/Surname**
- Chair, body acronym: **C/HCP**
- Regional Hydrological Advisers: **HA/RA I** (II, ..., VI)
- Invited Experts: **Expert/Surname**

Representatives of International Organizations/Non-Members

- **Organization name/Surname**
- **Non-Member name/Surname**

Secretariat

- **Secretariat/Surname**

NAMING CONVENTION FOR ONLINE PARTICIPATIONS AT EC-EXT(2025)

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