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The Secretariat of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) presents its compliments to the Permanent Missions of Members with WMO to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva and has the honour to invite the Permanent Missions or their representatives to "High Flows – Stories on Water", taking place on Wednesday, 4 December 2024 at 7.00 p.m. at Uptown Geneva, 2 Rue de la Servette, 1201 Geneva.

This event will showcase the critical role of operational hydrology and the power of effective communication in water-related disaster preparedness. Through inspirational speeches by international experts, this event will explore personal stories and insights that emphasize the human aspect behind the statistics and the importance of flood forecasting and early warnings.

Following the speeches, the Secretary-General would like to invite the Permanent Missions or their representatives to a networking reception with appetizers and refreshments, providing an opportunity to connect with WMO hydrological experts, representatives of UN agencies, academics, and other stakeholders in hydrology and climate science.

The Secretariat wishes to inform the Permanent Missions that the confirmation of participation should be made by reserving the tickets by **22 November 2024** via the website: [High Flows - Stories on Water Tickets, Wed, Dec 4, 2024 at 7:00 PM | Eventbrite](#)

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



14 November 2024

To: Permanent Missions of Members with WMO to the United Nations Office and other international organizations in Geneva

HIGH FLOWS – STORIES ON WATER**AGENDA**

Uptown Geneva, 2 Rue de la Servette, 1201 Geneva
19.00-21.00 PM CET / Wednesday, 4 December 2024

19:00–20:00	High Flows – Stories on Water
19:00–19:05	Welcome (5 minutes) <i>Prof. Stefan Uhlenbrook, Director of Hydrology, Water Resources and Cryosphere Division, World Meteorological Organization (WMO)</i>
19:05–19:10	Opening Remarks (5 minutes) <i>Prof. Celeste Saulo, Secretary-General, World Meteorological Organization (WMO)</i>
19:10–19:20	“Water without borders: Forecasting Floods and Saving People” (10 minutes) <i>Yuri Simonov, Deputy Director, Hydromet Centre of Russia</i>
19:20–19:30	“People behind the number” (10 minutes) <i>Milica Djordjevic, Head of Weather Watch, Hydrometeorological Institute of the Republic of Srpska</i>
19:30–19:40	“Let's get personal - how personalised flood alerts could save lives” (10 minutes) <i>Ilias Pechlivanidis, Associate Professor and Senior Researcher in Hydrology and Water Resources at the Swedish Meteorological and Hydrological Institute (SMHI) and the Project Leader of the Flooding Analytics and Dissemination Centre for the Copernicus Emergency Management Service</i>
19:40–19:50	“A dive under the surface of WMO” (10 minutes) <i>Maria Kosonen, Junior Professional Officer, Hydrology, Water Resources and Cryosphere Division, World Meteorological Organization (WMO)</i>
19:50–20:00	Closing (10 minutes) <i>Prof. Stefan Uhlenbrook, Director of Hydrology, Water Resources and Cryosphere Division, World Meteorological Organization (WMO)</i>
20:00–21:00	Networking Reception <i>Networking event with refreshments and appetizers</i>