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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 invite the latter to the curtain raiser of the launch of the International Year of Glaciers' Preservation (IYGP 2025), to be held on 21 January 2025. The event is co-organized by WMO and the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), in collaboration with the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Tajikistan to the United Nations in Geneva.

The International Year of Glaciers' Preservation (IYGP 2025), as declared by the United Nations General Assembly Resolution A/RES/77/158, aims: to raise awareness about the critical importance of glacier preservation; to stimulate coordinated action; and to attract funding for global initiatives. While background work towards the implementation of IYGP 2025 has already begun, this launch event marks the official kick-off of a year-long campaign to engage the scientific community, policymakers, data centres, society and funders in addressing the urgent challenges related to glaciers and their ecosystems. The IYGP 2025 is co-facilitated by WMO and UNESCO.

The high-level event will take place at the WMO Secretariat in Salle Obasi on 21 January 2025, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., followed by a networking reception. The objectives are: to inform Members and partners about the preparatory work completed for the International Year; to present the road map; to introduce participants to the task forces (with over one hundred and thirty (130) organizations involved) actively contributing to the initiative; and to facilitate a dialogue to understand the expectations and commitments of Members. It should be noted that this official launch day will also feature a series of online events organized by Members and partners on various glacier-related topics.

The WMO Secretariat has the further honour to invite the Permanent Missions to confirm their participation in the curtain raiser event by registering [here](#).

The draft agenda (available in English only) can be found [online](#). The event will be interpreted in all United Nations languages.

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.



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