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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 seventy-first International Meteorological Organization (IMO) Prize that will be awarded by the WMO Executive Council in Geneva in June 2026.

The Secretariat has the further honour to kindly request the Permanent Missions' assistance in transmitting the attached letter from the Secretary-General, Professor Celeste Saulo, to the Minister 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.



9 January 2026

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



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9 January 2026

Annexes: 2

Subject: Invitation for nominations for the seventy-first International Meteorological Organization (IMO) Prize

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to invite WMO Members to submit nominations for the seventy-first IMO Prize, giving due consideration to the need to pursue the organizational goal of gender equality through a greater gender diversity of candidates.

The prestigious IMO Prize is awarded annually to individuals for outstanding work achievements in the field of meteorology or in any other field referred to in [Article 2](#) of the WMO Convention (*Basic Documents No. 1*, 2023 edition ([WMO-No. 15](#))), with a focus on the most recent five years in at least one of the following: (i) advancing weather, climate and water science and/or its applications to society; (ii) leadership of the international weather, climate and water community, with a particular emphasis on furthering the purpose of WMO; communicating weather, climate and water science and/or increasing public engagement in the field of weather, climate and water science and its application.

Detailed information on the IMO Prize and the nomination procedures are available in [Annex 1](#). The Nomination Form is available in [Annex 2](#).

The seventy-first IMO Prize will be awarded by the WMO Executive Council in June 2026. The deadline for submission of nominations is **Friday, 22 May 2026 at 23:59 UTC**, a month in advance of the eightieth session of the Executive Council (EC-80), to enable due consideration. Nominations received after the deadline will not be considered for the seventy-first IMO Prize but will be retained for subsequent awards during the nineteenth financial period (2024–2027). The seventy-first IMO Prize will be the third one in this financial period.

The number of candidates submitted by a Member for a given prize should not exceed three. In the case of three candidates, at least one of them shall be a woman.

A list of previous winners is available on the [WMO website](#).

I have the further honour to invite you to send the nomination form with the required attachments to the following email address: IMOPrize_nominations@wmo.int.

To: Ministers of Foreign Affairs of Members of the World Meteorological Organization

This letter is being sent to Permanent Missions to the United Nations Office for transmission and a copy is being sent to the Permanent Representatives of Members with WMO and Hydrological Advisers.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'C. Saulo', written in a cursive style.

Prof. Celeste Saulo
Secretary-General



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INFORMATION AND NOMINATION PROCEDURES

INTERNATIONAL METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION (IMO) PRIZE

The International Meteorological Organization (IMO) Prize is the most prestigious prize awarded by the World Meteorological Organization (WMO), a specialized agency of the United Nations. The title for this Prize originates from the non-governmental International Meteorological Organization, which was established in 1873; IMO was the predecessor of the intergovernmental WMO, which came into being in 1950.

The IMO Prize consists of:

- (a) *A fourteen-carat gold medal 57 mm in diameter. On one side, it bears the official WMO emblem and, on the other side, the Latin inscription "Pro singulari erga scientiam meteorologicam merito" appears;*
- (b) *A monetary award of CHF 10 000;*
- (c) *A parchment scroll.*

ELIGIBILITY

The IMO Prize is awarded annually to individuals for achievements and for outstanding work in the field of meteorology or in any other field referred to in Article 2 of the WMO Convention, which appears on page two of this form, with a focus on the most recent five years in at least one of the following: (i) advancing weather, climate and water science and/or its application to society; (ii) leadership of the international weather, climate and water community, with a particular emphasis on furthering the purpose of WMO; communicating weather, climate and water science and/or increasing public engagement in the field of weather, climate and water science and its application.

NOMINATION PROCEDURES

The number of candidates considered for the Prize in any given year should not exceed three, submitted by one Member. In the case of three candidates, at least one of them shall be a woman. Members are invited to give due consideration to the need to pursue the organizational goal of gender equality through greater gender diversity and may nominate qualified male and female individuals from any Member State or Territory.

A nomination received after the deadline indicated in the circular letter (one month prior to the opening of the Executive Council session) shall not be considered at that year's Executive Council session but shall be taken into consideration for all subsequent Prizes during that financial period.

The name of candidates presented by Members (Minister of Foreign Affairs, Permanent Mission of Member State with WMO or the Permanent Representative of Member State/Territory with WMO) will be referred to the IMO Prize Selection Committee, if they do not fall into any of the following categories:

- (a) Members of the Executive Council who, as electors, are not eligible for the award during their term of office as members of the Executive Council;*
- (b) Candidates who are no longer alive on the date of their nomination. The award may nevertheless be made posthumously to a candidate who passed away between the date of nomination and the award of the Prize.*

Nominee

*Include name, professional and home mailing address, present occupational title and institutional affiliation. Please attach to your nomination email along with the signed Nomination Form a curriculum vitae or résumé, a **list** of publications (all scanned as PDF) and a summary of accomplishments (MS Word file).*

Summary of accomplishments and video presentations

Provide a brief statement (1 to 2 pages) of the individual's achievements in the fields for which the award is proposed as indicated in the Eligibility section. This statement — kindly use MS Word to facilitate translation — should be precise and factual and should follow the guidance provided in the Nomination Form.

Please also submit two short video recordings supporting the candidate: one video by the Permanent Representative or the relevant nominating authority; and the other video by the candidate themselves. The videos should last no longer than 5 minutes each and be in one of the official WMO languages.

Length of candidacy

The length of candidacy spans the four-year financial period of the World Meteorological Organization. A candidate submitted for a given Prize but not chosen for the award of that year is retained on the list of candidates for subsequent prizes during that financial period. The current financial period of WMO for which the nomination is to be considered is from 2024 to 2027.

WMO CONVENTION ARTICLE 2 "PURPOSES"

The purposes of the Organization shall be:

- (a) To facilitate worldwide cooperation in the establishment of networks of stations for the making of meteorological observations as well as hydrological and other geophysical observations related to meteorology, and to promote the establishment and maintenance of centres charged with the provisions of meteorological and related services;*
 - (b) To promote the establishment and maintenance of systems for the rapid exchange of meteorological and related information;*
 - (c) To promote standardization of meteorological and related observations and to ensure the uniform publication of observations and statistics;*
 - (d) To further the application of meteorology to aviation, shipping, water problems, agriculture and other human activities;*
 - (e) To promote activities in operational hydrology and to further close cooperation between Meteorological and Hydrological Services;*
 - (f) To encourage research and training in meteorology and, as appropriate, in related fields and to assist in coordinating the international aspects of such research and training.*
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NOMINATION FORM

NOMINATION FOR THE INTERNATIONAL METEOROLOGICAL ORGANIZATION (IMO) PRIZE

NOMINEE

(name in full):

**DATE AND PLACE
OF BIRTH:**

NATIONALITY:

ADDRESS:

- **Telephone No.**
- **Email:**

**EDUCATIONAL
HISTORY:**

HONOURS RECEIVED:

**RELEVANT
PUBLICATIONS AND
SCIENTIFIC PAPERS:**

(Please attach to your
nomination email a **list
of publications** in PDF
but not the publications
themselves)

**RELEVANT
INTERNATIONAL
ACTIVITIES:**

CURRICULUM VITAE

(Please attach a CV in
PDF to your nomination
email)

SUMMARY OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS

(Please attach to your email a 1-to-2-page summary of the nominee's significant contributions in the fields relevant to the Prize with a focus on the most recent five years, in at least one of the following:

- (i) advancing weather, climate and water science and/or its application to society;*
- (ii) leadership of the international weather, climate and water community, with a particular emphasis on furthering the purpose of WMO; communicating weather, climate and water science and/or increasing public engagement in the field of weather, climate and water science and its application. The submission should be made in MS Word following the template provided in the [annex](#) to the nomination form for the IMO prize.)*

NOMINATOR (*Minister of Foreign Affairs, Permanent Mission of Member State with WMO, or Permanent Representative of Member State/Territory with WMO*)

**NAME OF WMO
MEMBER STATE/
TERRITORY:**

**NAME OF
NOMINATOR
(in full):**

Address

Telephone

Email:

POSITION/TITLE:

DATE:

**SIGNATURE OF
NOMINATOR:**

IMPORTANT GUIDELINES FOR SUBMISSION OF NOMINATIONS

Please send your nominations to: IMOPrize_nominations@wmo.int

The words "IMO nomination" must appear in the subject line of the email. The email must also have as attachments:

- (1) *a completed nomination form signed by the appropriate person (in PDF)*
- (2) *the nominee's curriculum vitae or résumé*
- (3) *a list of the nominee's relevant publications*
- (4) *a 1-to-2-page summary of his/her accomplishments (in MS Word)*

Two short video recordings presenting the candidatures (lasting no longer than five minutes in one of the official WMO languages), one video from the Permanent Representative or other nominating authority and the other video from the candidate, would be an advantage in the selection process.

ANNEX TO THE NOMINATION FORM FOR THE IMO PRIZE

TEMPLATE

**SUMMARY OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS (NAME OF NOMINEE)
FOR THE IMO PRIZE**

Brief description of 1 to 2 pages of recent achievements, particularly attained within the last five years, in at least one of the following areas:

- (i) Advancing weather, climate and water science, and/or its applications to society;
 - (ii) Leadership of the international weather, climate and water community, with a particular emphasis on furthering the purpose of WMO; communicating weather, climate and water science and/or increasing public engagement in the field of weather, climate and water science and its application.
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