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Annex: 1

Subject: Notification of the date of the Nineteenth World Meteorological Congress (Cg-19) and pre-registration for Cg-19

Your Excellency,

On behalf of the President of the World Meteorological Organization, I have the honour to inform you that the Nineteenth World Meteorological Congress (Cg-19) will be held from 22 May to 2 June 2023 at the International Conference Centre of Geneva (CICG). The opening ceremony will take place on 22 May at 10 a.m. Congress will be preceded by the session of the Financial Advisory Committee (FINAC, 19 and 20 May 2023), open to all WMO Members, which will be held at the WMO headquarters.

[Article 7\(a\)](#) of the Convention of the Organization (*Basic Documents No. 1* (WMO-No. 15)) states that “the Congress is the general assembly of delegates representing Members and as such is the supreme body of the Organization”. The ordinary sessions of Congress are convened once every four years, when decisions of the highest importance to the Organization are taken. The widest possible representation of Members of the Organization is therefore highly desirable, and it is sincerely hoped that your government will find it possible to send a delegation to the forthcoming Congress. It will be recalled that [Article 7\(b\)](#) of the Convention (*Basic Documents No. 1* (WMO-No. 15)) 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 at Congress”.

The provisional agenda for Cg-19 developed by the Executive Council is provided in the [annex](#). In accordance with [Regulation 26](#), (General Regulations, *Basic Documents No. 1* (WMO-No. 15)) the WMO Hydrological Assembly shall be convened, as an open committee of Congress and should be attended by the Hydrological Advisers of Members (in accordance with [Regulation 5\(b\)](#)) and by other representatives of National Hydrological Services or other national hydrological agencies as designated by Members.

I should be grateful if in compliance with [Regulation 20](#) of the General Regulations, you would inform me of the names of the participants forming the delegation which will represent your country, and the capacity in which each person will attend.

In due course, all documentation related to Congress will be accessible on the [session website](#). Other documents and information on the material arrangements will be accessible as they become available. In this connection, I would like to draw your attention to [Regulation 108](#) of the General Regulations of the Organization, which states that any Member may propose the addition of items to the provisional agenda before the opening of the session, provided that such proposals are accompanied by an explanatory memorandum.

In view of their official status with WMO, Permanent Representatives are kindly invited to act as focal points for the online registration of their delegation to Cg-19. The [link](#) to the online Event Registration System (ERS), the username and password that were sent to Permanent Representatives by email remain valid for all upcoming WMO meetings.

To: Ministers of Foreign Affairs of Member States of the World Meteorological Organization

Please note that the online registration will close on **15 May 2023**. For further information concerning online pre-registration, please do not hesitate to contact the WMO Secretariat by email at: registration@wmo.int.

Please also note that the submission of information through the online ERS does not exempt Members from the need to provide valid credentials for the participating delegation.

A copy of this letter is being sent to the Permanent Representative and Hydrological Adviser of Members with WMO, as well as to Permanent Missions of Member States with WMO to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva; presidents of technical commissions and presidents of regional associations.

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



Prof. Petteri Taalas
Secretary-General

Provisional agenda for the Nineteenth World Meteorological Congress

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- 1. Agenda and organization of the session**
 - 2. Reports**
 - 2.1 Report by the President of the Organization
 - 2.2 Report by the Secretary-General
 - 2.3 Reports by presidents of regional associations
 - 2.4 Reports by presidents of technical commissions
 - 2.5 Reports by the chairs of other bodies established by Congress
 - 3. Strategic plan and budget 2024–2027**
 - 4. Technical strategies supporting long-term goals**
 - 4.1 Services for societal needs
 - 4.2 Earth system observations and predictions
 - 4.3 Targeted research
 - 4.4 Capacity development
 - 4.5 Realignment of WMO programmes and equal, effective and inclusive participation
 - 5. Governance reform evaluation and constituent body structures**
 - 6. General, legal, policy, regulatory, financial and administrative matters**
 - 6.1 Amendments to the General, Technical, Financial and Staff Regulations
 - 6.2 Policy matters
 - 6.3 Financial matters
 - 6.4 Legal and administrative matters
 - 7. Elections and appointments**
 - 7.1 Election of the President and Vice-Presidents of the Organization
 - 7.2 Election of members of the Executive Council
 - 7.3 Appointment of the Secretary-General
 - 8. Review of previous resolutions of Congress**
 - 9. Date and place of the next Congress**
 - 10. Closure of the session**
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