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Annex: 1

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 of drawing attention to the WMO circular letter: 21385/2023/GS/LCC/CNF/SERCOM-3 – Third session of the Commission for Weather, Climate, Hydrological, Marine and Related Environmental Services and Applications (SERCOM-3) and the Gender Conference, to be held in Bali, Indonesia from 4 to 9 March 2024.

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 Petteri Taalas, to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

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



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

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**Subject:** The third session of the Commission for Weather, Climate, Hydrological, Marine and Related Environmental Services and Applications (SERCOM-3) and the Gender Conference, Bali, Indonesia, 4–9 March 2024

**Action required:** (1) To nominate delegates to participate in the sessions and arrange for their credentials  
(2) To pre-register delegates to the Online Event Registration System (ERS)

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to inform you that, at the kind invitation of the Government of Indonesia, the third session of the Commission for Weather, Climate, Hydrological, Marine and Related Environmental Services and Applications (SERCOM-3) and the Gender Conference will be held in Bali, Indonesia, from 4 to 9 March 2024.

The scope of SERCOM-3 is to bring together technical experts from all around the world and to facilitate their collaboration in developing standards for methods, procedures, techniques and practices, and to ensure that their recommendations are provided to the WMO Congress and Executive Council. The Gender Conference, planned to be held on 7 March 2024, is aiming to share knowledge and facilitate exchanges on promoting Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment and Leadership through the Early Warnings for All initiative.

Both events, will be held face-to-face with the possibility of online participation. In this regard, I would like to encourage you to include in your delegation(s) experts from relevant fields of expertise that are of particular importance to your country/territory and to pay specific attention to the necessary expertise in the weather, climate, hydrology, marine and related environmental domains.

In addition, [General Regulation 20](#) of the WMO General Regulations (*Basic documents No. 1* (WMO-No. 15)) requests Members to provide credentials for their delegations for the session with a clear indication of the principal delegate and the alternate, noting that for technical commission sessions, the Secretary-General may accept the credentials of persons who are part of the Member's delegation provided that those credentials have been signed by the Member's Permanent Representative with WMO (in consultation with the Member's Hydrological Adviser in the case of hydrological experts). In this connection, I should welcome in due course the credentials of your delegation, signed by, or on behalf of, an appropriate governmental authority of the Member.

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

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

I would like to draw your attention to the fact that, following [Resolution 43 \(EC-76\)](#) - Revised travel policy with regard to Audit and Oversight Committee members, "policy and rules governing the payment of travel expenses and subsistence allowances in respect of non-staff Members of WMO", a limited amount of funds is available for principal delegates from low-income and lower middle income economies, members of the commissions, for the reimbursement, upon request, of costs of transportation and/or for the payment of a subsistence allowance for the purpose of attending the session of the technical commission.

For administrative purposes, principal delegates, who are members of SERCOM and eligible for financial assistance, are kindly requested to inform the Secretariat via [sd-tasks@wmo.int](mailto:sd-tasks@wmo.int), at their earliest convenience, but not later than **2 February 2024**, if they need such financial assistance, and to indicate whether travel or daily subsistence allowance or both is required. If WMO meets the travel costs, the travel arrangements will be made by the Secretariat and details will be sent in due course.

The provisional annotated agendas for the SERCOM-3 session and the Gender Conference will be accessible on the [session website](#).

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 the SERCOM-3. The link to the online [Event Registration System \(ERS\)](#), the username and password that were sent to the Permanent Representatives by email, remain valid for all upcoming WMO meetings.

Please note that the online registration will close on **26 February 2024** and, for further information concerning the online pre-registration, please do not hesitate to contact the WMO Secretariat by email at: [registration@wmo.int](mailto: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, provided that those credentials have been signed by the Member's Permanent Representative (in consultation with the Member's Hydrological Adviser in the case of hydrological experts).

In view of the limited time during this session to discuss documents, Permanent Representatives and session delegates are invited to provide their comments and proposed changes to the documents in advance of the session via [plenary@wmo.int](mailto:plenary@wmo.int), preferably one week before the session.

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



Prof. Petteri Taalas  
Secretary-General