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Subject: Your contribution for the preparation of the WMO Strategic Plan 2020-2023

Action required: Online Survey to be completed **by 25 August 2017**

Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of the President of WMO, I have the pleasure to request your contribution to the WMO Strategic Plan 2020-2023 prepared by the Executive Council Working Group on Strategic and Operational Planning, together with the WMO Secretariat. It is intended to place emphasis within these plans on concrete actions that address the needs of the WMO Members and ensure that WMO Secretariat resources are prioritized according to the needs of Members.

We consider that it would be very useful at this stage of the process to have your input from the perspective of the Regions and Technical Commissions to help in identifying specific deliverables, with related milestones, that might be outlined in the Plan, to a level of detail appropriate to the document and in line with Long-Term Goals (LTGs) and Strategic Objectives.

Therefore, an online survey is being launched through a link from this letter. The outcome of this survey will be a valuable input into the further drafting of the Strategic Plan and the future Operating Plan, and into resource allocation plans and the WMO Budget. It will also be very useful in any consideration of the future of WMO constituent bodies and their work programmes.

The questions set out in the Survey aim to collect your views on a variety of topics relevant to the planning process.

One issue that receives special attention in the later part of the Survey is that of public/private activity and partnerships. Private sector actors are increasingly interested in providing weather, climate and hydrological services. There is also private sector activity in weather observation programmes which poses a challenge from the perspective of WMO data policy. The information collected from this section will be used as a basis for planning WMO public/private partnership strategy which would take into account the diversity of the current and future practices of the Members.

In making your responses, it should also be remembered that the content of the Strategic Plan will be governed by priorities and guidance that the EC has already established.

As the Strategic Plan is a high-level document, it is expected that there will be a balance between broad objectives, priorities and activities, and concrete actions.

Mr Declan Murphy, former Permanent Representative of Ireland with WMO, has been contracted to help develop the Survey, to analyse the results and to present a report to me. He will be assisted by the WMO Strategic Planning Office. Please email dmurphy@wmo.int, if you have any queries or if you encounter any difficulties in completing the Survey.

To: Presidents of Technical Commissions and Presidents of Regional Associations

cc: President of WMO

The link to the online Survey is www.wmo.int/planningprocesssurvey

In filling in the Survey, please indicate your Region or Technical Commission in the "Country" field instead of your national affiliation.

It would be useful for you to consult the [Draft WMO Strategic Plan \(2020-2023\)](https://www.wmo.int/pages/about/documents/Decision65_EC-69_PreparationofWMOStrategicPlan2020-2023.pdf) (https://www.wmo.int/pages/about/documents/Decision65_EC-69_PreparationofWMOStrategicPlan2020-2023.pdf) which is under development by the EC Working Group on Strategic and Operational Planning.

A deadline of 25 August has been set for receipt of replies.

I urge you to engage with this Survey and to provide your responses before the deadline as I firmly believe that your inputs will add significant value to the planning process.

Yours faithfully,



for (P. Taalas)
Secretary-General