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Subject: Registration of new experts to the Experts Database, update of the existing experts' data and the nomination to the Experts Network for the selection of technical experts to serve on technical commissions' subsidiary bodies established for the next intersession period, to be completed by **4 March 2024**

Action required:

- (1) Register new experts to the Experts Database
- (2) Nominate them to the Experts Network
- (3) Remove experts who are no longer available for the work of the commissions from the Experts Network
- (4) Ensure that the biographical data and time availability of all registered experts in the Experts Database are up to date

Dear Sir/Madam,

Reference is made to the invitation letters to 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 (ref.: [21384/2023/GS/LCC/CNF/SERCOM-3](#), dated 12 October 2023) and the third session of the Commission for Observation, Infrastructure, and Information Systems, INFCOM-3, Geneva, Switzerland, 15–19 April 2024 (ref.: [25591/2023/GS/LCC/CNF](#), dated 11 December 2023).

During these sessions, the two commissions will establish subsidiary bodies for the work of the commissions in the next intersessional period. During each session, the commission may select the chairs, and if necessary, the vice-chairs, of those subsidiary bodies, or authorize the president to do so. It is anticipated that each session will perform this selection of chairs and vice-chairs. Technical experts to serve on these bodies will be selected from the [Experts Network](#) by the president of the commission assisted by the respective Management Group and Secretariat, in accordance with the [Rules of Procedure for Technical Commissions](#) (RoP-TC) (WMO-No. 1240).

In this regard, I would kindly request you to register new experts to the [Experts Database](#), including experts in hydrology in consultation with the Hydrological Advisers, as well as other qualified experts from the private sector and academia, and to nominate them for the work of the technical commissions to the Experts Network of the WMO Community Platform. I would also invite you to remove experts who are no longer available for the work of the commissions from the Experts Network (and from the Experts Database in case there is no future possibility for them to contribute to the work of the commissions).

To: Permanent Representatives of Members with WMO

cc: Hydrological Advisers

All those changes should be made by your agency approvers. You may wish to designate agency approvers by yourselves, using the database, or by sending us a letter indicating their name and email address. More information regarding the Community Platform and nominating experts using the Experts Database can be found at the [WMO Community Platform](#) page.

I would like to highlight the importance of having the biographical data in the Experts Database up to date, including their competencies and time availability, for the process of selecting experts to serve in the commissions' activities during the next intersessional period. In this regard, I would encourage you to ensure that the biographical data of already registered experts are up to date, as well as their time availability.

For the commissions' activities, including the participation in relevant physical and online meetings, please be aware that committing a nominated expert for his/her potential involvement as chair of a subsidiary body would require an availability of 30 days of their time per year, and that committing an expert who could serve as a member of relevant groups would require 20 days per year. If you consider your experts to be competent to act as chairs or as members of the commissions' subsidiary bodies, please ensure that relevant commitments are reflected in the Experts Network.

In order to facilitate the selection of chairs and vice-chairs of the subsidiary bodies that will be established by the sessions, it would be appreciated that experts who would be willing to take those demanding roles, inform the Secretariat of their interest.

Referring to [Resolution 40 \(Cg-19\)](#) - Measures to Foster Inclusive, Transparent and Environmentally Sustainable Governance, Table 1 and 2 of [Cg-19/INF. 4.5\(2a\)](#) and the statistics of the registered experts to the Experts Network, with respect to gender, region and expertise available [here](#), show a clear need for additional female experts and experts from developing countries to make the subsidiary bodies composition more balanced and inclusive. I would highly appreciate your particular attention to these aspects in nominating experts, in addition to their expertise and the level of experience. I would like to highlight the recommendation of the INFCOM Management Group that Permanent Representatives should be advised to target the ratio of female experts to be designated that is double of the ratio of the women in their own organization, giving an incentive to look for candidate experts of the younger generation (in general, the women ratio is higher in the younger generation) and in other organizations.

May I take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support to WMO technical commission activities.

Yours faithfully,



Prof. Celeste Saulo
Secretary-General