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Subject: 2nd WMO-IMO Symposium on Extreme Maritime Weather:
Bridging the Knowledge Gap Towards Safer Shipping,
23–26 September 2024, London, United Kingdom of Great Britain and
Northern Ireland

Action required: To disseminate the announcement to interested parties and confirm
registration as soon as possible, but no later than **18 September 2024**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I have the honour to extend an invitation for participation in the *2nd International Symposium on Extreme Maritime Weather: Bridging the Knowledge Gap Towards Safer Shipping*, jointly organized by WMO and the International Maritime Organization (IMO). The Symposium will take place at IMO Headquarters in London, UK, from 23 to 26 September 2024, coinciding with the World Maritime Day 2024 'Navigating the future: safety first!'. It is an endorsed activity of the [UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development](#) and contributes to the United Nations Early Warning for All initiative (EW4All).

The Symposium builds on outcomes of the successful [first WMO-IMO Symposium in 2019](#) and will advance the dialogue on these critical issues and help determine how the metocean and maritime communities can improve working together to minimize risks of extreme and hazardous weather to ships and infrastructure at sea and along the coast.

The Symposium is an in-person event and will be conducted in English only.

Provisional themes of the Symposium are:

- Opening session and welcome remarks
- Impacts of extreme weather on safety at sea
- Weather and ocean observations and data collection to improve safety at sea
- Digitalization of metocean information and its dissemination of information to ships
- Enhancing knowledge opportunities for seafarers and forecasters
- Improved weather warnings and forecasts through better products and services
- Strengthening collaboration
- Bridging the knowledge gap towards safer shipping: Summary report and closing.

Members are invited to disseminate, nationally and regionally, the information about this Symposium to the metocean and maritime communities, as well as other relevant stakeholders, and to encourage their participation.

To: Permanent Representatives of Members with WMO

cc: Hydrological Advisers

Participants from National Meteorological Hydrological Services (NMHSs) are encouraged to register as soon as possible by filling in the [WMO registration form](#) but no later than **18 September 2024**.

Please note that for some countries, visas may be required for entry into the UK, for which the application is the responsibility of the attendee and will need to be through the standard visa process for your country. Alternatively, participants may register through their maritime administration, following their procedures. For any additional information on the programme, logistics and hotels, please go to the [WMO event website](#) where details will be made available in due course. For any further questions please contact the WMO Marine Services Division (mmo@wmo.int).

I strongly encourage participation at this significant and exciting event which brings together the metocean and maritime communities. I also thank you and your agency for the continued support to the WMO marine activities.

Yours sincerely,



Prof. Celeste Saulo
Secretary-General