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Geneva, 9 July 2024

Subject: Apply for In-person Participation to the Drought Resilience +10 Conference (Geneva, Switzerland; 30 September to 2 October 2024) Deadline 26 July 2024

Dear Colleagues,

The Drought Resilience +10 Conference aims to scale up and accelerate drought action on the ground by “Integrating Knowledge & Practice for Drought Resilience”. It will bring together countries, experts and practitioners to review progress and lessons learnt in drought management, and to explore and define a joint way forward towards a more drought resilient world.

Many countries have established drought policies and methods of drought risk management like the three-pillar approach of Integrated Drought Management (IDM) and other approaches have successfully helped to mitigate drought risk in many places around the world. Still, overall, the impacts of droughts on communities, livelihoods, economies and ecosystems are increasing in most regions, particularly in developing countries.

In 2013, several UN agencies, international and regional organizations and key national agencies organized the High-Level Meeting on National Drought Policy (HMNDP) in Geneva. The conference was a watershed moment for drought management and helped to shift the focus from crisis management to pro-active drought management in many countries around the world.

In 2024, more than 10 years after this landmark event for drought management, partners of the Integrated Drought Management Programme (IDMP) are organizing a follow-up Drought Resilience +10 Conference to find new ways to tackle this challenge. IDMP is co-sponsored by the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) and the Global Water Partnership (GWP). Please see Annex 1 for the list of organizations involved in the International Organizing Committee (IOC) of the conference.

The Drought Resilience +10 Conference will take place at WMO Headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland, from 30 September to 2 October 2024.

Since, there is limited space for in-person participation, we would like to request you to apply to attend the Drought Resilience +10 Conference at the following link: <https://www.droughtmanagement.info/hmndp10/registration/>.

Please apply by 26 July 2024 so that IOC can select the in-person participants.

This will be a hybrid conference with in-person and virtual participation.

To: Permanent Representatives of Members with WMO
Hydrological Advisers of Members with WMO
Permanent Missions to the United Nations Office at Geneva
Permanent Missions of non-Member countries
Intergovernmental Organizations in Geneva

The conference will be a platform to engage on the following:

- Reflect on successes and challenges of 10 years of drought risk management since 2013 to learn how to achieve and accelerate drought resilience in the next decade;
- Consolidate and plan jointly how drought resilience can be brought to scale to respond to the accelerating impacts of climate change in the next decade by applying systems thinking; and
- Work with political leaders to strengthen awareness, mobilize resources, prioritize drought risk management and increase commitments to building drought resilience and to implement Integrated Drought Management.

We welcome all partners in assisting IOC in making this conference a success.

Additional information on the Drought Resilience +10 is available at this website: <https://www.droughtmanagement.info/hmndp10/>.

The contact persons for organizing this conference are Mr Robert Stefanski (rstefanski@wmo.int) and Mr Valentin Aich (valentin.aich@gwp.org).

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Yours faithfully,



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Annex 1: Composition of the International Organizing Committee (IOC) of the Drought Resilience +10 Conference

- Ministry of Ecological Transition and Demographic Challenge of the Government of Spain (MITERD)
- European Commission (EC)
- Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
- Global Water Partnership (GWP)
- International Drought Resilience Alliance (IDRA)
- International Organization for Migration (IOM)
- International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN)
- International Water Management Institute (IWMI)
- Meteorological Service of Morocco
- United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD)
- United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR)
- United States Department of State
- United States National Drought Mitigation Center (NDMC)
- United States National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)
- United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)
- World Meteorological Organization (WMO)
- World Bank