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Subject: Webinar on graphical product services from World Meteorological Centres

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to inform you that WMO plans to organize a series of webinars on graphical product services from World Meteorological Centres (WMCs). WMCs are WMO Integrated Processing and Prediction System (WIPPS) Centres providing short to long-range global numerical weather prediction (NWP) products including those of ensemble prediction.

Access to high-quality, high-resolution Earth system analysis and prediction products is essential for all National Meteorological and Hydrological Services (NMHSs) to forecast weather conditions including high-impact phenomena and issue warnings on hazardous weather, water and climate events to their public. The improvement in access to Earth system prediction products will enhance national early warning systems, resulting in saving more lives and better protecting properties.

While the demand for digital products of Earth system analysis and prediction is very high, many NMHSs, especially those in developing countries, also expressed their needs to access graphical products. In fact, many WMCs produce graphical products and make them available to Members, and some of them also provide the Web Map Service (WMS).

I have recently been informed by the Director General of the European Centre for Medium Range Forecasts (ECMWF) that the ECMWF Council approved a single free-of-charge access to their ecCharts and WMS Layers for all NMHSs for their internal forecasting purposes.

Taking this opportunity, WMO has decided to organize a series of online webinars to introduce the up-to-date graphical product services from WMCs. The first webinar will be held on 12 December 2024 to introduce the aforementioned graphical product service of ECMWF. The webinar will be held twice on that day from 0800 to 0930 UTC and from 1400 to 1530 UTC with the same content presented in English, French and Spanish. More detailed information will be provided on the [website](#).

Registration is requested to attend the webinar. I therefore recommend that you strongly encourage your staff to register their email addresses through the registration link provided through the above website. WMO will also send you the information about the series of webinars by email ([wipps@wmo.int](mailto:wipps@wmo.int)).

I take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support to WMO activities.

Yours faithfully,

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for the Secretary-General

To: Permanent Representatives of Members with WMO

cc: Dr Florence Rabier, Director General of ECMWF