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Annex: 1

Subject: Nomination of the national focal points for the WIGOS Data Quality Monitoring System (WDQMS) in relation with the Regional WIGOS Centres (RWC)

Action required: To nominate a national focal point for WDQMS for your country by **31 October 2019**

Dear Sir/Madam,

According to the Pre-operational Plan of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) Integrated Global Observing System (WIGOS) and recalling Resolution 37 of the World Meteorological Congress (Cg-18) on the WIGOS transition to operational status commencing in 2020, the establishment of Regional WIGOS Centres (RWCs) is progressing in all WMO Regions. For your information, each WMO Regional Association (RA) is establishing their RWCs with different regimes and various geographic and linguistic scopes - Annex to Resolution 37 (Cg-18) provides more details on the status and plans within each RA.

To allow all Members to be prepared to work with and to respond to requests by RWCs' operations in terms of the WIGOS Data Quality Monitoring System (WDQMS) which is a mandatory function of RWCs, there is a need that each country/territory nominates a national focal point (NFP) for WDQMS, whose Terms of Reference (ToRs) are reproduced in the Annex.

You are, therefore, kindly requested to nominate a NFP for WDQMS from your country or territory, to the WMO Secretariat, with a copy to the WIGOS Project Officers: Mr Luis Nunes (lfunes@wmo.int) and Mr Igor Zahumensky (izahumensky@wmo.int), at your earliest convenience, but not later than **31 October 2019**.

I wish to thank you for your continued support to the Programmes and activities of WMO.

Yours faithfully,

(W. Zhang)

for the Secretary-General

To: Permanent Representatives (or Directors of Meteorological or Hydrometeorological Services) of Members of WMO

cc: Hydrological Advisers to Permanent Representatives

World Meteorological Organization**Terms of Reference of the National Focal Point for the
WIGOS Data Quality Monitoring System**

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The National Focal Point (NFP) for the WIGOS Data Quality Monitoring System (WDQMS) provides operational linkages between the Member country/territory and the Regional WIGOS Centre (RWC) to which the country/territory is linked. The basic responsibility of the NFP/WDQMS is to ensure that adequate and timely feedback is provided to the respective RWC about all issues and incidents identified by that RWC in relation with observations exchanged internationally by the Member country/territory.

In this respect, the NFP/WDQMS will:

1. Liaise with the OSCAR/Surface NFP in the country/territory to ensure that metadata from all stations exchanging data internationally are available and updated in OSCAR/Surface;
 2. Provide timely answers to all queries and tickets sent by the respective RWC related to issues and incidents with observations from the country/territory;
 3. Initiate and coordinate actions that need to be performed at a national level, related to issues and incidents with observations from the country/territory, in order to solve them as quickly as possible;
 4. Promulgate nationally the WDQMS related practices and procedures specified in the WMO technical regulations, with support of any related guidance and training material;
 5. Follow all the procedures agreed at a regional/sub-regional level in the context of the respective RWC;
 6. Liaise with other relevant WMO Regional Centres of the Region, particularly with Regional Instrument Centres and Regional Training Centres, as appropriate to find sustainable solutions for the issues and incidents identified by the WDQMS.
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