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Subject: WMO Community Platform moves to operational phase

Action required: Activate user accounts, review contact information, update member information in the new WMO Community Platform

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am pleased to announce the launch of the operational phase of the WMO Community Platform.

Following my letter 07212/2019/CLW/WMO-CPDB of 16 May 2019, a good number of you logged into the Community Platform, nominated experts and updated Member information. This is an important first step towards full implementation of the powerful new tools that make up the Platform. The “Expert Database” module launched last year has already become the primary tool for maintaining contact information and is being used to identify and select experts for the work of the new WMO technical commissions.

For those of you that have not yet done so, it is not too late to activate your account. For all of us to benefit from the new platform, you, and your designated agency approvers and nominated experts will need to activate their accounts and to update the information contained in the new database platform.

Once all Members are regularly working with the Community Platform, we will move to a new level of collaboration among Members and the Secretariat. Up-to-date information combined with the new analytic tools offered by the system will open tremendous possibilities to cross-analyse information and visualize results in interactive user-specific dashboards and maps. It will also open the door to targeted and coordinated capacity-development assistance to developing National Meteorological and Hydrological Services. Establishing baselines using this Platform will allow objective monitoring and evaluation of WMO activity with regard to the WMO Strategic Plan, greatly improving evidence-based decision-making and accountability. Also, through your unique account you will get access to information designed to help Permanent Representatives and their agency approvers.

To assist you we have organized a number of resources.

The WMO Community Platform can be accessed at: <https://community.wmo.int>

Guidelines on the use of the WMO Community Platform training materials are available at the WMO home page: <https://public.wmo.int/en/community-platform>

A feedback tool, where you may submit questions/suggestions or issues online is available at: <https://wis.wmo.int/page=cpdb>

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

cc: Hydrological Advisers to Permanent Representatives

We are also in the process of hiring a Country Profile Database Regional Coordinator who will work with our regional officers to ensure you are able to access and benefit from the Community Platform.

The Community Platform can only be as good as the data that it contains and for this, we depend on you.

I wish to thank you for your cooperation.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a long horizontal stroke followed by a small loop and a final flourish.

(P. Taalas)
Secretary-General