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**Subject:** Notification of the date and place for Part II of the first session of the Commission for Weather, Climate, Water and Related Environmental Services and Applications, SERCOM-1(II), 22-26 February 2021

**Action required:** To nominate delegates with relevant expertise to participate in the session and arrange for their credentials

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to inform you that Part II of the first session of the Commission for Weather, Climate, Water and Related Environmental Services and Applications (SERCOM) of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) will be held online through a virtual multilingual platform from 22 to 26 February 2021. Part I of the session is regarded as the consultation of the Commission by correspondence that took place in April and May 2020, and established Standing Committees and Study Groups, appointed their leadership, and adopted their work programme.

I have the pleasure to invite you to nominate delegates to participate in the SERCOM session. I would like to bring to your attention the fact that the new technical commissions established by Congress are multidisciplinary in nature and their modus operandi will differ significantly from the previous commissions which were focussed on specific subject-matters. In this regard, I would like to encourage you to include in your delegation, experts from relevant fields of expertise that are of particular importance for your country/territory and to pay specific attention to the needed expertise in hydrology, weather and climate domains.

The provisional agenda and the explanatory memorandum for the session will be accessible on the [session website](#). Instructions and guidelines on the use of the online platform will be made available on the website and participants will have the possibility to test the videoconferencing tool prior to the session.

In addition, Regulation 20 of the WMO General Regulations (*Basic documents No. 1 (WMO-No. 15)*) requests Members to provide credentials for their delegations for the session with clear indication of the principal delegate and his/her alternate. In this connection, I should welcome in due course the credentials of your delegation, signed by, or on behalf of, an appropriate governmental authority of the Member.

In view of their official status with WMO, Permanent Representatives are kindly invited to act as focal points for the online registration of their delegation to the SERCOM-1(II). The link to the online Event Registration System (ERS), the username and password that were sent to Permanent Representatives by email remain valid for all upcoming WMO meetings (<https://eventregistration.wmo.int/register/>).

Please note that the online registration will close on 19 February 2021. For further information concerning the online pre-registration, please do not hesitate to contact the WMO Secretariat by email at: [registration@wmo.int](mailto:registration@wmo.int).

To: Ministers of Foreign Affairs of Member States of the World Meteorological Organization

cc: Permanent Missions of WMO Members to the United Nations Office in Geneva, Permanent Representatives of Members with WMO and Hydrological Advisors

Please also note that the submission of information through the online event registration system does not exempt Members from the need to provide valid credentials for the participating delegation.

In view of limited time during the online session to discuss documents, and in order to facilitate discussion, Permanent Representatives and session delegates are invited to provide their comments and proposed changes to the documents in advance of the session via [plenary@wmo.int](mailto:plenary@wmo.int), preferably one week before the session.

I take this opportunity to inform you that the third part of the first session of the other WMO technical commission, the Commission for Observation, Infrastructure and Information Systems (INFCOM) will be held several weeks after the SERCOM session. The exact dates will be notified as soon as they become available.

A copy of this letter is being sent to the Permanent Representative and Hydrological Adviser(s) of your country with WMO, as well as to Permanent Missions to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva.

Accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.



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