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Subject: Eighteenth session of the Regional Association I

Action required: (1) To nominate delegates to participate in the session and arrange for their credentials
(2) To pre-register delegates in the Event Registration System (ERS)

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to inform you that the eighteenth session of the Regional Association I (RA I-18) of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) will be held online through a virtual multilingual platform from 18 to 19 March 2021.

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 also be made available on the session website and participants will be required 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 RA I-18. 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 **16 March 2021**. For further information concerning the online pre-registration, please do not hesitate to contact the WMO Secretariat by email at: registration@wmo.int.

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

In view of the limited time during the online session to discuss documents, 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, preferably one week before the session.

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

A copy of this letter is being sent to the Permanent Representative and Hydrological Adviser of your country with WMO, as well as to Permanent Missions to the United Nations.

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



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Secretary-General