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Subject: Notification of the date and place for Part III of the first session of the Commission for Observation, Infrastructure and Information Systems, INFCOM-1(III), 12 to 16 April 2021

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

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to inform you that Part III of the first session of the Commission for Observation, Infrastructure and Information Systems (INFCOM) of the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) will be held online through a virtual multilingual platform from 12 to 16 April 2021.

I have the pleasure to invite you to nominate delegates to participate in the INFCOM-1(III) 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 focused on particular subject matter. 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 session website and participants will be required to test the video conferencing 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 INFCOM-1(III) session. 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 9 April 2021. For further information concerning the online pre-registration, please do not hesitate to contact the WMO Secretariat by email at: registration@wmo.int.

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

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 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.

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 Office in Geneva.

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



Prof. Petteri Taalas
Secretary-General