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Subject: Celebration of World Meteorological Day 2021

Action required: (1) Appropriate arrangements to be made for the celebrations
(2) Support for communication activities to raise awareness among national media and on social media using the #WorldMetDay hashtag

Dear Sir/Madam,

Since 1961 World Meteorological Day has commemorated the coming into force on 23 March 1950 of the Convention establishing the World Meteorological Organization (WMO). The theme for 2021 will be "The Ocean, our climate and weather."

The theme celebrates WMO's focus in connecting the ocean, climate and weather within the Earth system. It also marks the launch of the United Nations Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development (2021-2030) aimed at galvanizing efforts to gather ocean science – through innovative and transformative ideas – as the basis of information to support sustainable development. WMO, as the United Nations specialized agency for climate, weather and water, strives to support society's understanding of the inextricable link between ocean, climate and weather. This helps us understand the world in which we live, including the impacts of climate change, and reinforces the ability of Members to keep lives and property safe, by reducing the risk of disaster, and to maintain viable economies.

This year the traditional ceremony at WMO headquarters will be virtual, because of the restrictions in place due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. All Members are invited and encouraged to participate in the event from 1300 to 1500 CET via the Zoom platform. Interpretation will be available in all official UN languages. Further details of the programme will be forthcoming on the World Meteorological Day website (<https://worldmetday.wmo.int/>).

The World Meteorological Day website develops the theme and provides outreach materials to support Members in their celebrations. The Secretary-General's World Meteorological Day message will soon be uploaded to the website. Should you require any assistance with accessing, using or adapting these materials, please contact our Strategic Communications office at ipa@wmo.int.

To: Permanent Representatives of Members with WMO

cc: Hydrological Advisers

I would welcome the opportunity to post any related activities, news, photos, videos and other material that you may produce on the WMO public website or via social media. WMO will be promoting all activities using the English-language hashtag #WorldMetDay.

I wish you every success with your celebration of World Meteorological Day 2021.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a long, sweeping horizontal line that curves downwards at the end, with a smaller, more complex flourish underneath.

Prof. Petteri Taalas
Secretary-General